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Chair of WYFRA,
Councillor Darren O'Donovan

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West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority (WYFRA) has agreed a minor precept increase of 1.99%. This equates to an increase in council tax of 2.4 pence per week for a Band 'D' property.

The Fire Authority has been prudent over a long period of time and is therefore pleased to be able to keep this increase extremely low, whilst still providing a first class fire and rescue service to the people of West Yorkshire.

West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (WYFRS) will maintain a balanced budget this year with no reductions to services.

In the coming year, WYFRS has plans to increase investment in its Fire Protection department, which oversees building inspections, legislations and regulation. This will enable greater capacity following recommendations from the Grenfell Inquiry report. There will also be extra funding for more on-call firefighters, allowing the Service to continue to provide a good level of fire cover across West Yorkshire.

Chief Fire Officer for WYFRS John Roberts said: "We were delighted to receive a rating of 'good' in all areas of our service from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), and this precept rise allows us to continue to provide a high level of service."



Chief Fire Officer
John Roberts,
West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

"We will be investing in our Fire Protection department and looking to increase the number on-call firefighters to maintain and improve on the 'good' level of cover.

"Despite the small precept increase we are still one of the lowest costing fire and rescue services-per-head-of-population in the country, so we hope the people of West Yorkshire agree that they receive good value for money for the service we provide."

Chair of WYFRA, Councillor Darren O'Donovan added: "Our grant from Central Government has been reduced by around £26m since 2010 so the small precept rise enables us to continue to do some of the things that government do not provide direct funding for.

"This includes responding to things like the increased risk of moorland fires and flooding.

"We are committed to continuing to provide the public of West Yorkshire with the high level of service they currently receive."

What will the Fire and Rescue Authority cost?

	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	Per head
Gross Expenditure	87,892	90,357	
Contribution to/from balances	-4	0	
Income	-2,745	-2,734	
Budget Requirement	85,143	87,623	£37.77
Revenue support grant	-13,339	-13,556	£5.84
Pension grant	-3,672	-4,286	£1.85
Top up grant	-17,791	-16,922	£7.29
Business rates	-7,960	-9,118	£3.93
Collection fund	-224	-108	£0.05
Council Tax Requirement	42,157	43,633	£18.81

What are the changes from last year?

	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000
Previous year's budget	79,912	85,143
Inflation	1,719	1,772
Changes in service provision	2,173	704
Changes in use of reserves	1,339	4
Budget Requirement	85,143	87,623



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Keeping our communities safe and feeling safe

Mark Burns-Williamson OBE
West Yorkshire's
Police and Crime
Commissioner

79% of those surveyed supported the increase

I am delivering for communities across West Yorkshire by:

- Recruiting more police officers, protecting PCSO numbers and strengthening frontline and neighbourhood policing.
- Improving services for victims and witnesses, including launching the first ever Victims Strategy for West Yorkshire and working with partners to create a new purpose built Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) facility.
- Awarding over £2.96m of recovered Proceeds of Crime money to community groups and organisations working to keep communities safe through my Safer Communities Fund.
- Working to tackle violent crime including successfully securing funding to create a West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit.
- Working with key partners to co-ordinate resources to tackle the priorities in the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan such as road safety, cyber-crime, child sex exploitation and domestic abuse.

- **PCSO numbers will be maintained.**
- **There will be 311 additional Police Officer recruits.**
- **More than of 100 police staff will be recruited.**

As your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) I want to continue to put resources into West Yorkshire to increase frontline visible policing to make sure our communities are safe and feel safe.

79% of respondents to my survey on the precept supported the 4.99% increase proposed which equates to no more than an extra £7.26 a year for most households in West Yorkshire.

This will allow PCSO numbers to be maintained, and an overall additional 311 Police Officer recruits as well as Police Staff recruitment in excess of 100. This means key areas of investment can be supported, such as specialist investigators using new digital and forensic techniques to improve criminal justice outcomes for victims and witnesses.

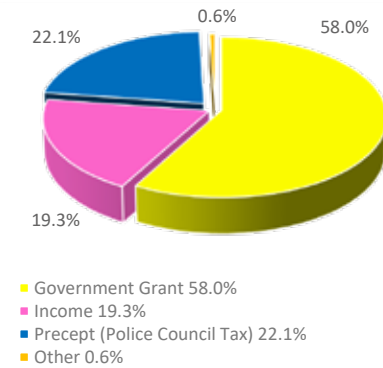
The 4.99% increase equates to no more than £7.26 a year for most households in West Yorkshire



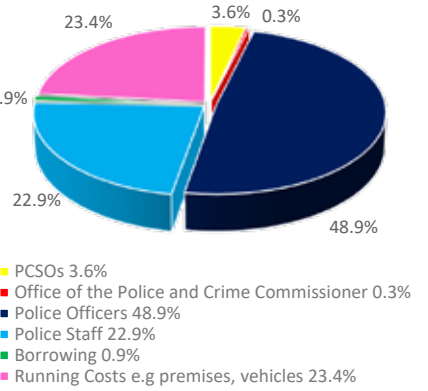
Budget 2020-2021

	2019/2020 £m	2020/2021 £m
Gross Expenditure	547.333	589.605
Council Tax Requirement	122.018	130.024

Where the money came from 2020/2021



Where the money is spent on 2020/2021



Summary: There will be a 4.99% increase to the annual police council tax

Council Tax Band	Current cost per year £	2020/21 cost £	Annual increase £	Per week increase £
A	124.63	130.85	6.22	0.12
B	145.40	152.66	7.26	0.14
C	166.18	174.47	8.29	0.16
D	186.95	196.28	9.33	0.18
E	228.49	239.90	11.40	0.22
F	270.04	283.51	13.47	0.26
G	311.58	327.13	15.55	0.30
H	373.90	392.56	18.66	0.36



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The West Yorkshire Combined Authority comprises of political leaders from the five West Yorkshire local authorities which are supported by officers. We work in partnership with local councils and businesses to ensure that everyone in our region benefits from a strong, successful economy and a modern, accessible transport network. We work with the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to help businesses in our region grow and become more productive. We also manage and run the Metro-branded network of bus stations, travel centres and public transport information across West Yorkshire. Our funding comes from Government, transport services income and a small amount of council tax.

In 2020/21 we are committed to...

Boosting Productivity by:



- Using our £1 billion Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Growth Deal funding to drive growth and job creation
- Creating 1700 jobs by attracting 30 new investors to the region
- Helping 1000 people to upskill and re-train in skills shortage areas
- Assisting 350 businesses to increase overseas trade

Enabling Inclusive Growth by:



- Connecting 44,000 homes and businesses with superfast broadband
- Providing free or discounted public transport to young, older and disabled people
- Engaging 800 businesses with skills initiatives
- Supporting small and medium sized enterprises to create more apprenticeship opportunities

Delivering 21st Century Transport by:



- Delivering £106 million of transport infrastructure projects that include road and rail improvements
- Supporting 20 million passenger bus journeys by subsidising services
- Managing over one million MCard sales and launching a mobile app
- Transforming passenger information and modernising travel centres

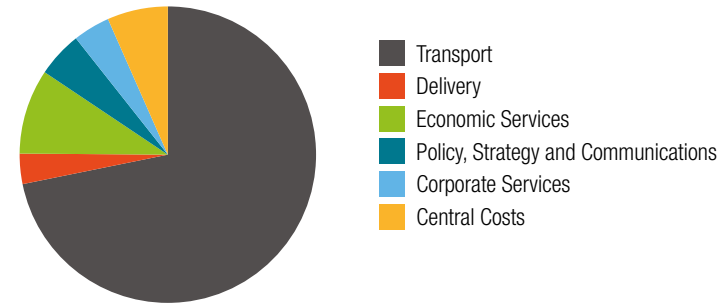
Tackling the Climate Emergency by:



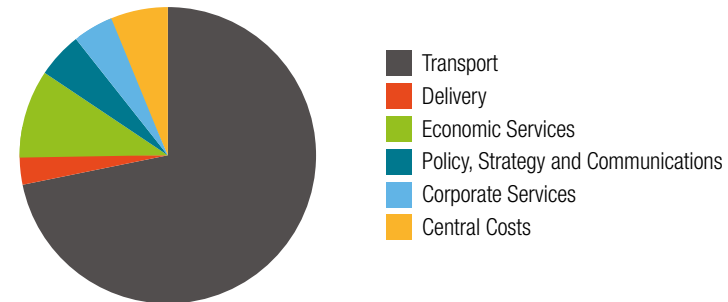
- Making progress towards reaching our 2038 zero-carbon target
- Supporting 150 businesses to reduce energy, waste and water
- Installing 88 electric vehicle charging points
- Delivering eight low carbon projects through the Energy Accelerator

Revenue income and expenditure of West Yorkshire Combined Authority and the Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership

2019/20 Gross Expenditure - £135 million



2020/21 Gross Expenditure - £133 million



Our income comes from a variety of sources, including successful, multi-million pound bids to central Government for funding. The largest portion of our annual revenue income (the income that covers our core running costs) comes from the transport levy, which our partner councils in West Yorkshire collect through Council Tax. This funds discounted travel and subsidised bus services for children, young people, older people and communities.

The amount we receive through the transport levy is decreasing by £1 million. To offset this reduction, we

are making savings across all our service areas. Small increases in discounted travel and bus station costs have been offset by making savings on subsidised bus services. We are also making savings to take into account unavoidable increases in our running costs due to rising inflation, business rates and energy costs for example. More information is available on our website: westyorks-ca.gov.uk or by calling 0113 251 7222. All information and/or documents will be provided in braille, large type or another language on request.

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2292 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion. The financial details are:

Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	2019/20 '000s	2020/21 '000s
Gross Expenditure	£94,611	£131,558
Levies Raised	£2,529	£2,593
Total Council Tax Base	1,501	1,524

The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, under the new Partnership Funding rule not all schemes will attract full central funding. To provide local funding for local priorities and contributions for partnership funding the Regional Flood and Coastal Committees recommend through the Environment Agency a local levy.

A change in the gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which you contribute. The total Local Levy raised by this committee has increased by 2.5%.

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £2,529,312 in 2019/2020 to £2,592,545 for 2020/2021



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Customer service line **03708 506 506**

Incident hotline **0800 80 70 60**

Floodline **0345 988 1188**

www.environment-agency.gov.uk



The information on this, and the following two pages, relate to Wakefield Council.

Revenue Spending Plans for 2020/21

The Council's Revenue Spending Plans are those which are for the day-to-day running of services. The 2019/20 figures have been adjusted to the same reporting basis as 2020/21, so that a like-for-like comparison can be made.

2019/20 Gross Expenditure Budget £000	2019/20 Adjusted Net Controllable Budget £000	Services Provided	2020/21 Gross Expenditure Budget £000	2020/21 Net Controllable Budget £000
170,830	90,094	Adults, Health & Communities	185,917	100,162
130,749	60,852	Children & Young People	140,236	63,878
112,043	26,118	Corporate Services	112,151	27,885
130,972	69,841	Regeneration and Economic Growth	139,450	75,240
76,104	-	Schools	78,656	-
148,421	(2,279)	Council Wide Budgets & Reserve Movements	141,132	(18,850)
769,119	244,626	Total spending on Services	797,542	248,315
		Funding Available to meet spending on Services		
	-	Revenue Support Grant		(14,305)
	(100,600)	Retained Business Rates		(68,976)
	(0.4)	Business Rates Top-up / Tariff		(14,624)
	(3,420)	Council Tax Collection Fund Surplus		(1,871)
	140,606	Amount to be met from Council Tax		148,539

In 2019/20, the council was part of the North and West Yorkshire business rates pool to pilot 75% business rates retention. Government has confirmed that the pilot will cease at the end of March 2020 meaning that the council will move to the general 50% business rates retention system in 2020/21. Under the general 50% business rates retention system the council will retain a reduced share of business rate income and once more receive Revenue Support Grant and an increase in the Business Rate Top-up.

Changes Impacting on the Amount to be met from Council Tax 2020/21

	£m
2019/20 Council Tax Requirement	140.6
Forecast cost and funding pressures 2020/21	30.6
Increase in Government Funding 2020/21	(9.7)
Amount met from Service Area Budget savings	(4.0)
Amount met from Transformation Programme generated savings	(2.6)
Amount met from Corporate savings	(2.4)
Increase in the use of reserves	(4.0)
2020/21 Council Tax Requirement	148.5
Increase in Council Tax Requirement 2019/20 to 2020/21	
Amount met from:	
Growth in the number of dwellings liable to pay Council Tax	2.2
Council Tax Increase of 1.99%	2.8
Adult Social Care Precept of 2% on Council Tax for 2020/21 *	2.9
	7.9
NB: The Council Tax Requirement for 2020/21 comprises the following	
Council Tax Income	135.5
Adult Social Care Precept	13.0
	148.5

*** The Council has applied an Adult Social Care precept of 2% to council tax for 2020/21. The additional council tax income raised from this precept will be used to reduce the impact of cost pressures on the provision of care locally - avoiding the need to close some care services and meeting the increased demand for our services.**

***Statement concerning Adult Social Care Precept**

'The Secretary of State made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer was the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional "precept" on its council tax without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care from the financial year 2016-17. It was originally made in respect of the financial years up to and including 2019-20. If the Secretary of State chooses to renew this offer in respect of a particular financial year, this is subject to the approval of the House of Commons.'

The implications of the 2020/21 Revenue Spending Plans for Council Tax Payers

The Council's 2020/21 Revenue Spending Plans are mainly funded by Council Tax, retained Business Rates, Revenue Support Grant & General Government Grant. The amount to be met from Council Tax also includes funds raised on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire and the West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

2019/20 £000		2020/21 £000	2020/21 £ per Band D dwelling
130,645	Wakefield Council (Excluding Adult Social Care Precept)	135,557	1,313.85
9,967	Wakefield Council (Adult Social Care Precept)	12,981	125.82
140,613	Wakefield Council Amount to be met from Council Tax	148,538	1,439.67
18,988	Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire Precept	20,251	196.28
6,560	West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority Precept	6,796	65.87
166,161	Total Amount to be met from Council Tax (excluding Parishes)	175,585	1,701.82

Other Precepts and Levies

The expenditure requirements of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire Authority are included separately in the Council Tax calculation. Levies from other outside bodies are funded directly by Wakefield Council and the effect of these are included in Wakefield's budget amount to be met from Council Tax, retained Business Rates, Revenue Support Grant & General Government Grant.

2019/20 Other Levies £000		2020/21 Other Levies £000
14,941	West Yorkshire Combined Authority Transport Levy	14,705
171	Environment Agency Levy	175
102	Internal Drainage Board Levy	107
15,214		14,987

Capital Investment

The Council's updated Capital Programme of 2019/20 to 2022/23 has £416m of Capital Investment.

Click here for full details of the Council's Capital Programme which was reported as Agenda Item 6 of the Wakefield MDC Council Budget meeting 26/02/2020.

The information on this and the following page relates to Town and Parish Councils.

Parish Precepts 2019/20 and 2020/21

Parish	Parish Precept 2019/20 £	Band D 2019/20 £	Parish Precept 2020/21 £	Band D 2020/21 £
Ackworth	202,830.00	74.43	209,000.00	74.43
Badsworth	11,655.00	33.49	11,500.00	32.67
Criggliestone	75,586.00	22.56	83,145.00	24.78
Crofton	55,250.00	28.07	76,125.00	37.76
Darrington	12,664.10	20.46	13,044.02	20.64
East Hardwick	939.00	11.59	969.00	12.27
Featherstone	138,000.00	28.65	138,000.00	27.82
Havercroft-with-Cold Hiendley	65,576.00	127.09	66,704.00	126.57
Hemsworth	749,386.00	206.50	758,888.00	206.50
Normanton	289,600.00	47.57	298,700.00	48.51
Nostell (Huntwick with Foulby & Nostell Hessle & Hill top & West Hardwick)	4,000.00	40.00	4,200.00	42.86
Notton	8,000.00	18.60	9,000.00	20.83
Ryhill	54,185.00	69.74	54,185.00	69.11
Sharlston	35,000.00	44.19	35,000.00	44.30
Sitlington	57,600.00	29.27	57,600.00	29.24
South Elmsall	362,000.00	188.15	365,500.00	188.60
South Hiendley	34,160.00	63.14	34,160.00	62.68
South Kirkby and Moorthorpe	842,000.00	299.96	827,800.00	293.96
Thorpe Audlin	10,000.00	33.90	10,136.00	33.90
Upton and North Elmsall	248,670.00	121.13	248,670.00	120.83
Walton	36,695.00	32.25	38,000.00	32.40
Warmfield-Cum-Heath	13,260.00	41.96	15,260.00	47.84
West Bretton	5,400.00	24.55	5,400.00	24.11
Winterset	-	-	-	-
Woolley	32,900.00	49.40	33,900.00	51.44
Total Parish Precept	3,345,356.10		3,394,886.02	

Parish Precepts exceeding £140,000

	Ackworth		Hemsworth		Normanton		South Elmsall		South Kirkby & Moorthorpe		Upton & North Elmsall	
	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000
Cemeteries & Crematoria	54	54	-	-	-	-	11	11	22	22	11	11
Sport & Recreation	10	14	50	43	-	-	60	60	-	15	15	13
Parks & Open Spaces	9	6	290	290	1	2	85	85	159	40	61	35
Allotments	5	4	18	9	12	12	5	8	-	3	15	33
Town Halls / Village Halls / Community Centres	40	41	121	88	71	67	85	85	389	111	55	55
Libraries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Markets	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Democratic Representation, Training & Promotion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72	-	-	-
Civic Expenses	-	7	56	-	7	7	-	-	21	-	-	-
Administration / Salaries / Wages	114	123	559	558	151	165	76	76	-	455	90	102
Events / Floral Displays	34	29	-	-	67	67	9	9	6	-	-	-
Local Transport Initiative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	-
Public Toilets	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	3	-	-	-
Pre-School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65	-	-	-
Contribution to Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-
Other	-	-	28	61	10	10	44	44	116	177	12	12
Total Expenditure	266	276	1,124	1,049	320	330	386	389	895	838	261	261
Less Income	(63)	(67)	(375)	(290)	(30)	(31)	(24)	(24)	(53)	(10)	(12)	(12)
Total Precept	203	209	749	759	290	299	362	365	842	828	249	249

Note: In 2019/20 South Kirkby & Moorthorpe Town Council opted to publish their budget with administrative, salary and wage costs apportioned over services delivered. For their 2020/21 budget summary, they have decided to publish these on their own budget heading, in line with other Parish/Town Councils.