



## For more information or advice

Visit the Customer First Centre,  
Corporation St, Blackpool.

### Call Centre

You can phone us on:  
**01253 478847**

### Opening Times

8.00 am to 6 pm  
on Monday, to Friday.  
9.00 am to 2.00 pm on Saturday

We issue last tickets for the enquiry service  
10 minutes before closing time.

### Customer First

Town Hall PO Box 50  
Corporation Street  
Blackpool  
FY1 1NF

Fax: 01253 478808  
Email: [revenues@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@blackpool.gov.uk)

### Dedicated to quality customer service Call: 01253 478847

This information is for guidance only. Please contact us to talk about your individual circumstances and we will be able to give you more information.

You can also get information from our website - [www.blackpool.gov.uk](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk)

Blackpool Council believes in Access for All

To ensure services provided by Blackpool Council are accessible information is available upon request in a variety of accessible formats including large print, Braille, on audio cassette or computer disk.

We can also provide help for British Sign Language users and provide information in languages other than English.

Please ask for details.

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## Council Tax

### Are you jointly responsible for payment?



# Jointly responsible?

## Joint responsibility for payment of Council Tax.

If you live in a property which is jointly owned, leased or rented by two or more people, you will be jointly responsible for paying Council Tax. There is only one Council Tax bill for each property.

In these cases, the name of everyone who is jointly responsible will appear on the bill.

If the bill is in joint names, you are all responsible for paying the whole Council Tax for the property. This applies as much to two owners who live in the property as it does to four joint tenants.

We cannot split the bill between the joint Council Tax payers. For example, if there are three joint leaseholders, we cannot issue three bills for a third of the Council Tax that is due to be paid for the property.

Joint responsibility also applies to husbands and wives or partners who live in the same property.

We cannot become involved in any arrangements you may have made with other people who are jointly responsible for paying the bill.

If we have to take legal action to get back the Council Tax you owe, we will contact each of you separately for full payment of the outstanding amount

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q. The Council's records only show me as being liable, but I am liable with someone else. Can my details be updated to show the other person?

**A. Yes, if you provide us with the details we can update your details to reflect this.**

Q. I am a joint owner with a friend. I also currently receive Income Support. Am I jointly and severally liable for payment of the Council Tax?

**A. Yes, as you are both joint owners, you are equally liable for the Council Tax. Although you receive Income Support and are probably entitled to Council Tax Benefit there will be an amount to pay at the property.**

You will have equal responsibility for paying the outstanding amount, even though you may consider the benefit you have already received has cleared your share of the liability. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our Customer First Centre where the staff are ready to help you. Details of our opening hours and contact telephone numbers are shown on the reverse of this leaflet.

Q. If I pay my share of the bill, will I still be held responsible if the other joint owners do not pay?

**A. Yes. As joint owners, you are all jointly and separately liable to pay any outstanding Council Tax bills.**

If you have any more queries please contact the addresses shown on the other side of this leaflet or look out for other leaflets in this series.

