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As required by the Council Tax Demand Notices Regulations.

Annual budget

Description	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000
Expenditure	425,636	446,291
Contributions and contingencies	1,713	3,373
Levies	452	453
Added to balances	4,720	4,501
Gross expenditure - Council services	432,521	454,618
Income	(370,737)	(389,375)
Contributions and contingencies	(3,366)	(3,862)
Taken from balances	(3,686)	(4,543)
Gross income - Council services	(377,789)	(397,780)
Council Tax requirement	54,732	56,838
Number of properties (Band D equivalent)	36,219	36,521

Blackpool Council Tax element	£1,401.51	£1,446.68
Adult Social Care functions tax element (see note)	£109.63	£109.63
Total Blackpool Council Tax element	£1,511.14	£1,556.31
Police and Crime Commissioner tax element	£177.45	£201.45
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority tax element	£67.46	£69.48
Total Council Tax for Band D	£1,756.05	£1,827.24

The council's annual budget sets out planned spending on services each year taking account of costs and income. Blackpool Council's budgeted gross expenditure, after taking account of grant funding, business rates income, and other income receivable, results in the level of Council Tax set for 2019/20 shown in the 'Annual Budget' table above.

Where your money goes

Service	Expenditure %	Expenditure £m
Children's services	24.6%	110.0
Housing	22.6%	101.1
Adult services	18.1%	80.6
Community and environmental services	12.4%	55.2
Resources	5.7%	25.4
Other *	5.6%	25.0
Public health	4.3%	19.2
Treasury management	3.5%	15.6
Communications and regeneration	3.2%	14.2
Expenditure totals	100.0%	446.3

* Includes the Chief executive's directorate, concessionary fares, governance and partnership services, parking services and subsidiary companies

How the costs have changed

Description	2019/20 £m
Blackpool Council General Fund estimate - net expenditure 2018/19	124.4
Pay-related pressures	3.1
Cost of inflation	3.3
Service developments and demand pressures	1.5

Budget savings	(9.0)
	123.3
Technical changes - special grants transfer into formula, contributions from reserves and contingencies	0.8
Blackpool Council General Fund estimate - net expenditure 2019/20	124.1

Council Tax bands

Property valuation	Property valuation band	Annual Council Tax £
£40,000 or below	A	1,218.16
£40,001 to £52,000	B	1,421.19
£52,001 to £68,000	C	1,624.21
£68,001 to £88,000	D	1,827.24
£88,001 to £120,000	E	2,233.29
£120,001 to £160,000	F	2,639.35
£160,001 to £320,000	G	3,045.40
Over £320,000	H	3,654.48

Precepting authorities

Further information about Blackpool's precepting authorities, including their Gross Expenditure and Council Tax Requirement, can be found on their websites:

- [Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire](#)
- [Lancashire Combined Fire Authority](#)

The increase in the Blackpool Council Tax element for 2019/20 (£45.17 at Band D) is based on 2.99% of the 2018/19 Total Blackpool Council Tax element (£1,511.14 at Band D). There is no increase in the Adult Social Care functions Tax element for 2019/20 because the authority has already increased the previous two years by the 6% limit. The Total Blackpool Council Tax element comprises the Blackpool Council Tax element plus the Adult Social Care functions Tax element. The overall increase in the Total Blackpool Council Tax element for 2019/20 (£45.17 at Band D) represents 2.99% of the 2018/19 Total Blackpool Council Tax element.

An adult social care authority is able to charge an additional "precept" on its council tax for financial years from the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging this "precept" at an appropriate level in each financial year up to and including the financial year 2019/20. An adult social care authority will now be able to increase its council tax by up to 3% in 2017/18 and 2018/19, but cannot exceed 6% in total over the three-year period to 2019/20. In relation to the financial year 2019/20 a referendum threshold of 3% applies to Blackpool because it has already increased its Adult Social Care precept by the maximum permissible percentage. Blackpool may therefore increase its relevant basic amount of council tax up to this percentage in 2019/20 without holding a referendum.

[footnote]. "Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014 ("adult social care functions"), namely county councils in England, districts 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.



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