

# Council Tax

## 2021/22



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## Key council phone numbers

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General enquiries

**0345 2000 101**

Use a key word to be put through to the correct service area. Some examples of key words are Council Tax, Benefits, Environment, Housing, Payments etc.



Emergencies (24 hour)

**(0191) 200 6800**



Fraud hotline

**0800 854440** or text **3280512**

Housing Benefit fraud is now dealt with by the Department for Work and Pensions.



You can report fraud online at

**[www.gov.uk/report-benefit-fraud](http://www.gov.uk/report-benefit-fraud)**

North Tyneside Council wants to make it easier for you to get hold of the information you need. We are able to provide our documents in alternative formats including Braille, audiotape, large print and alternative languages. For further information please call **0345 2000 101**.

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# Elected mayor's message

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Dear residents,

The last 12 months have been extremely challenging for us all, and I know that the pandemic has deeply affected the lives of many people across North Tyneside.

Throughout the crisis, the council has provided local leadership and taken action to maintain vital services for residents and businesses, support the NHS and wider health system, protect vulnerable people, and ensure the safety of our staff.

A new year has brought familiar challenges and we are doing everything we can to help families and businesses get through this. And when we do, the council will be there to lead the recovery and bring the borough back stronger than before.

Although the budget-setting process has been incredibly difficult this year, we believe we have come up with a budget that is fair and flexible and will help us manage the current pressures and continue to plan for the future.

We remain committed to making significant investments in all parts of our borough through things like our Ambition for North Tyneside plan and our commitment to tackle climate change and reduce our carbon footprint.

We will continue to support our businesses and invest in homes and jobs so that North Tyneside remains a great place to live, work and visit.

We will protect and improve the services that meet the needs and priorities of our residents and provide good value for money, while supporting our most vulnerable residents, tackling inequalities, and helping the economy to recover and grow.

Council budgets have come under extraordinary pressure for many years and we have had to save £127m since 2011 due to reductions in our Government grant, while continued delays in key reforms to local government funding have made our longer term financial planning even more difficult.

At the same time, demand for our services is constantly growing - especially the ones that our most vulnerable residents rely on. This year, around 40% of our budget will go on services that look after the elderly and the vulnerable.

The cost to the council of responding to the pandemic has put our resources under massive additional pressure and this will have an extended impact on this year's budget.

In 2021/2022 we face a funding shortfall of £6.3m – which could rise to £42m over the next four years.

In line with what the Government expects us to do, we will need to raise Council Tax by 1.99%, plus a 3% Adult Social Care Precept to help fund the care of the elderly and vulnerable.

We're doing this because we need to fill the gap in the loss of funding we have received from central Government and to continue providing the vital services our residents need.

Council Tax discounts will continue to be available for people on a low income or who meet other criteria and we have also agreed to set aside £600,000 to extend the Poverty Intervention Fund into 2021/2022. The fund was set up as part of last year's budget to support children, families and older people who may be struggling, and has been a vital lifeline for many people.

## Elected mayor's message (continued)

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As always, we will continue to drive down costs and deliver efficiencies in the coming year by reviewing the way goods and services are commissioned; improving services and enabling people to do more online through the digital strategy. We will invest in our buildings and facilities to reduce ongoing costs and improve their efficiency and make sure our staff have the skills and training they require to serve the people of North Tyneside now and in the future.

As a council that listens and cares, we know that we can't achieve our goals without working with our residents to address the needs and concerns you care greatly about and making this a council that works better for you.

It won't be easy, but we have a strong record of delivering on local people's priorities within the resources that are available, and we will be there to support our residents and businesses every step of the way on the road to recovery and towards an exciting new future for North Tyneside.

*Norma Redfearn.*

North Tyneside's Elected Mayor  
Norma Redfearn CBE



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# How we will use and share your information

## Data Protection

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The information held on your account by the council's Revenue and Benefit Service will be used for administering and collecting Council Tax and Business Rates and for the processing of Housing Benefit and Local Council Tax Support claims.

Other North Tyneside departments may use your Revenue and Benefit information to make sure you are receiving all the benefits, discounts and exemptions to which you are entitled and to ensure you are paying the correct amount of Council Tax.

This information might include name, address, contact telephone number, email address and information relevant on how we communicate with you, such as large print and any other contact arrangements you have specified.

Your information may be used to improve communication with you.

We will also use this information to identify hard to reach groups to promote benefit and discount take up and to improve access to our services.

Your information may also be passed to other departments within the council, where appropriate, to enable the council to effectively carry out its legal functions and services.

Information will be held on appropriate secure systems and may be used for the purposes of improving call centre and customer service centre waiting times and to resolve your query as quickly as possible. The council must protect the public money it handles and for this purpose we may pass your information to other parties who may use the information to detect and prevent crime and fraud.

These include:

**External agencies:** such as the Police, HM Revenue and Customs, and HM Inland Revenue.

**Government departments:** such as the Cabinet Office, for participation in the National Fraud Initiative data matching exercise (see [www.northtyneside.gov.uk/nfi](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/nfi) for more details), and the Department for Work and Pensions.

**Private sector companies:** such as debt collection agencies, system contingency bureau and data matching.

**Other organisations** responsible for auditing or administering public money, such as the National Audit Office.

For further information on how the council may use your information, how we maintain the security of your information and your rights to access the information we hold on you, please visit our website; [www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk)

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## What you will pay this year

Most homes are subject to Council Tax. There is one bill per home and it makes no difference if it is owner occupied or rented. The Valuation Office Agency, not the council, allocates a valuation band to every home in North Tyneside. The banding is based on the value of your home at April 1, 1991. The property is then placed into one of eight bands. The council uses the valuation banding to work out your Council Tax bill. Your bill shows which band applies to your home. The tax levels for 2020/21 are listed below.

Council Tax Bands					
Tax Band	Value Range	Proportion of Band D	Council Tax £	Single Adult Council Tax (25% Discount) £	Per cent Increase %
A	up to £40,000	6/9	1,294.30	970.72	4.85
B	£ 40,001 - £ 52,000	7/9	1,510.03	1,132.52	4.85
C	£ 52,001 - £ 68,000	8/9	1,725.74	1,294.30	4.85
D	£ 68,001 - £ 88,000	9/9	1,941.46	1,456.10	4.85
E	£ 88,001 - £120,000	11/9	2,372.88	1,779.66	4.85
F	£120,001 - £160,000	13/9	2,804.33	2,103.25	4.85
G	£160,001 - £320,000	15/9	3,235.76	2,426.82	4.85
H	Over £320,000	18/9	3,882.92	2,912.19	4.85

North Tyneside Council Valuation Bands (1.99% increase)							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1,013.47	1,182.39	1,351.30	1,520.21	1,858.03	2,195.86	2,533.68	3,040.42

North Tyneside Council Adult Social Care Precept (3% increase)							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
127.85	149.15	170.46	191.77	234.38	277.00	319.62	383.54

Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria Valuation Bands (4.99% increase)							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
95.89	111.88	127.86	143.84	175.80	207.77	239.73	287.68

Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Authority Valuation Bands (1.99% increase)							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
57.09	66.61	76.12	85.64	104.67	123.70	142.73	171.28

Total Council Tax (4.854% increase)							
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1,294.30	1,510.03	1,725.74	1,941.46	2,372.88	2,804.33	3,235.76	3,882.92



## **Adult Social Care**

# **Increase to Council Tax**

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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.



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# Where each £1 of our budget comes from



**70p - Council Tax**  
£104,756,687

**21p - Government Funding  
(Revenue Support Grant &  
Top Up Grant)**  
£31,947,907

**9p - Business Rates  
Retention**  
£13,449,485

**Total Funding -  
£150,154,079**

# How each £1 of your Council Tax is spent



**Adult Social Care**  
29p

**Children's Social Care**  
13p

**Waste Management, street cleansing, maintaining our parks**  
9p

**Cultural services**  
8p

**Maintaining our highways**  
8p

**Northumbria Police**  
7p

**Cost of free bus passes for over 65s and bus services**  
6p

**Statutory services to ensure the delivery of education across the borough, including adult education**  
6p

**Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service**  
4p

**Support to homeless and assessment of housing need across the borough**  
3p

**Internal Support Services (Finance, Human Resources, IT, Legal)**  
3p

**Cost of funding our capital investment (i.e. mortgage payments)**  
2p

**Property, regeneration and economic development**  
2p



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# North Tyneside Council budget

2020/21			2021/22			
Gross Expenditure £000s	Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s
7,353	-18,441	-11,088	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
406	0	406	Central Items	10,621	-36,011	-25,390
49,838	-37,326	12,512	Chief Executive Office	408	0	408
2,201	-481	1,720	Commissioning & Asset Management	49,222	-36,531	12,691
66,195	-23,930	42,265	Corporate Strategy	2,269	-433	1,836
145,694	-76,958	68,736	Environment, Housing & Leisure	67,929	-23,896	44,033
3,845	-774	3,071	Health, Education, Care & Safeguarding	150,360	-77,837	72,523
2,228	-1,022	1,206	Law & Governance	4,001	-665	3,336
81,100	-65,709	15,391	Regeneration & Economic Development	2,350	-984	1,366
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<b>358,860</b>	<b>-224,641</b>	<b>134,219</b>	<b>TOTAL SERVICE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>354,881</b>	<b>-228,343</b>	<b>126,538</b>
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		8,660	Capital Appropriations Account			6,482
		6,877	Contingencies			5,620
		11,605	Levies			11,514
		0	Contribution to/(from) Reserves			0
		-----	<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND NET EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>150,154</b>
		<b>161,361</b>				-----
		165,721	Dedicated Schools Grant			179,472
		-----	<b>TOTAL COUNCIL NET EXPENDITURE</b>			<b>329,626</b>
		<b>327,082</b>				-----
			<b>SOURCES OF FINANCE</b>			
		635	Collection Fund Adjustments			427
		100,886	Costs Borne by Council Tax Payers			104,330
		11,380	Revenue Support Grant			11,443
		165,721	Dedicated Schools Grant			179,472
		27,955	Retained Business Rates			13,449
		20,505	Business Rates Top-up			20,505
		-----	<b>TOTAL FINANCING</b>			<b>329,626</b>
		<b>327,082</b>				-----
			<b>ESTIMATED FINANCIAL RESERVES AT YEAR END</b>			
		24,972	General Fund reserves			22,788
		67,307	<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>			65,374
			<b>Levies</b>			
		11,186	Combined Authority Transport Levy			11,129
		200	Environment Agency			202
		56	Tyne Port Health Authority			58
		163	Northumberland Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority			125
		-----	<b>Total Levies</b>			<b>11,514</b>
		<b>11,605</b>				-----

# How to pay your Council Tax

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Please note payment must reach us on or before the instalment due date as shown on the bill. Payments made at a PayPoint Outlet can take up to 5 days to reach the council.

## By Direct Debit

To set up a **Direct Debit for Council Tax** visit [www.northtyneside.gov.uk/counciltax](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/counciltax) or telephone 0345 2000 101.

To set up a **Direct Debit for Business Rates** contact (0191) 643 2365.

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## By Personal Visit

Payment can be made in person at any of the council's Customer First Centres, through the self service payment kiosks (see back page).

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## By Debit or Credit Card

You can pay your bill by Maestro, Delta, MasterCard or Visa, either:

- online at [www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk) and search 'pay for it'
  - by telephoning 0345 2000 107 - please have your card details and Council Tax account number ready when you call.
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## At any PayPoint Outlet or Post Office

Simply take your bill with barcode on along to any PayPoint outlet or Post Office.

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## Other Methods

The council also accepts payment of Council Tax by weekly instalments at Customer First Centres through the self service payment kiosks.

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For more details about methods of payment  
telephone **0345 2000 101**  
email: [team.revenue@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:team.revenue@northtyneside.gov.uk)

# Benefits, exemptions and discounts

## How to claim them

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### Council Tax Support

People on low incomes may receive help to enable them to pay their bill.

You can claim support by completing an electronic application at [www.northtyneside.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/benefits)

Don't delay in making a claim. In normal circumstances, the council can only pay benefit from the Monday immediately following the day your claim is received.

### Appeals

You can appeal against your Council Tax bill if you consider that you are not liable to pay the amount you have been charged. This may be because you are not the owner or do not live in the property, or because the property is exempt, or the council has made a mistake when calculating your bill.

If you wish to appeal, you must write to the council so that it has the opportunity to reconsider your case.

Making an appeal does not allow you to withhold payment. If your appeal is successful any overpaid tax will be returned to you.

For more details on the appeals process, write to:

North Tyneside Council, Team Revenue,  
Quadrant, Cobalt Business Park,  
North Tyneside NE27 0BY.

or email:

[team.revenue@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:team.revenue@northtyneside.gov.uk)

## Benefit fraud

People caught making false claims for housing benefit and Council Tax Support may be fined or even jailed.

Anyone who suspects a person of making a false benefit claim can ring the hotline in confidence.

Don't ignore it,  
**REPORT IT**

Fraud hotline  
**0800 854440**  
or text  
**3280512**

# Benefits, exemptions and discounts

## How to claim them - continued

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### Exempt Dwellings

**Some dwellings are exempt from Council Tax. Exemption applies to properties which:**

- are vacant and owned by a charity (exempt for up to six months)
- are left empty by someone who has gone into prison, or who has moved to receive personal care in a hospital or a home or elsewhere
- are left empty by someone who has moved in order to provide personal care to another person
- are left empty by students
- are vacant following the death of the occupier and where relatives are waiting for probate or letters of administration to be granted (and for up to six months after)
- have been repossessed by a mortgagee
- are the responsibility of a bankrupt's trustee
- are empty because to live in them is forbidden by law
- are waiting to be occupied by a minister of religion
- are a pitch for a caravan or a mooring for a boat which has been left empty
- are occupied only by people under 18 years of age
- are unoccupied annexes which cannot be let separately from the main dwelling
- are occupied only by people who are severely mentally impaired or who are students
- are occupied by a person liable for Council Tax who benefits from diplomatic immunity
- are the home of a dependent relative of a person living in a dwelling within the same single property.

Forces barracks and married quarters are also exempt; their occupants contribute to the cost of local services through a special arrangement.

If you think your property may be exempt, download the appropriate application form from our website at:  
**[www.northyntside.gov.uk](http://www.northyntside.gov.uk)**

You can also contact any one of the council's Customer First Centres (see back page) or telephone **0345 2000 101**.

If your bill shows that an exemption has been allowed, you must tell the council of any change of circumstances which affects your entitlement. If you fail to do so, you may be required to pay a financial penalty.

# Benefits, exemptions and discounts

## How to claim them - continued

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### Discounts

The full Council Tax bill assumes that there are a minimum of two adults living in a dwelling. An adult is defined as a person aged 18 or over. If only one adult lives in a dwelling, the Council Tax bill is reduced by a quarter (25 per cent).

#### People in the groups listed below do not count towards the number of adults treated as living at a property:

- full-time students, non-British spouses of students, student nurses, apprentices earning no more than £195 per week and Youth Training trainees
- patients living in a hospital
- people who are being looked after in care homes
- people who are severely mentally impaired
- people staying in certain hostels or night shelters
- 18 and 19 year-olds who are at, or have just left, school
- careworkers working for no more than £44 per week
- people caring for someone with a disability who is not a spouse, partner, or child under 18
- members of visiting forces and certain international institutions
- diplomats, or people who benefit from diplomatic immunity
- discount may be available to a relative living in a self contained annex of the main dwelling
- members of religious communities (monks and nuns)
- people in prison (except those in prison for non-payment of Council Tax or a fine).

If you think you may be entitled to a discount, you can download the appropriate application form from our website at:  
**[www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk)**

You can also contact any one of the council's Customer First Centres (see back page) or telephone  
**0345 2000 101.**

If your bill shows that a discount has been allowed, you must tell the council of any change of circumstances which affects your entitlement. If you fail to do so you may be required to pay a financial penalty.



# Benefits, exemptions and discounts

## How to claim them - continued

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### People with Disabilities

If you or someone who lives with you needs a room, or an extra bathroom or kitchen, or extra space in your property to meet special needs arising from a disability, you may be entitled to a reduced Council Tax bill. This may apply, for example, to a room used to house a kidney dialysis machine or to store wheelchairs.

The bill may be reduced to that of a property in the band immediately below the band for your property.

Special rules extend this form of relief to properties in Band A, to ensure a similar level of relief is awarded.

For further details of this scheme, download the appropriate application form from our website at:

**[www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk)**

You can also contact any one of the council's Customer First Centres (see back page) or telephone **0345 2000 101**.

If your home has any special fixtures added for a disabled resident, which reduce the value of your home, and you do not think they have been taken into account in the valuation band given to your home, you should contact the Valuation Office Agency. Contact methods are set at **[www.gov.uk/contact-voa](http://www.gov.uk/contact-voa)**

# Empty Homes Premium

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## Empty Homes Premium

At its meeting on the 16 January 2020, it was determined by Council that, from 1 April 2020, the Authority would implement an Empty Homes Premium. This is an increase in the Council Tax charge and is applied when a property is empty and substantially unfurnished over a certain period of time. Over 330 properties in the Borough have currently been empty and substantially unfurnished for a period in excess of two years. This premium is being applied to encourage owners of long-term empty properties to bring them back into occupation and is in line with Government legislation. Using funding generated from this additional premium, the Authority will work with owners to assist them to bring them back into use. From 1 April 2020 the Empty Homes Premiums being applied are as follows:

- where a property has been empty and unfurnished for two years but less than five years an additional 100% Council Tax Premium will be applied; and
- where a property has been empty five years or more the Council Tax Premium is increased to 200%.

In addition, Council also determined on 16 January 2020 that from April 2021, where a property has been empty for ten years or more, the Council Tax Premium would increase to 300%.

# Financial help

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Council Tax is a priority debt and, like your rent or mortgage, should be paid before all other debts or spending.

There are a number of options available to make payment easy for you.

- 10 or 12 monthly instalments by direct debit on the 1st, 8th, 15th or 25th day of the month
- weekly or monthly payment using a barcode at any of our Customer First Centres, PayPoint outlets or Post Offices
- over the internet at our website [www.northtyneside.gov.uk](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk)
- via the telephone on **0345 2000 107**

If you have a low income, you may be entitled to Local Council Tax Support. There are also a number of Council Tax discounts available depending on your household circumstances. Make sure you claim all your entitlements to reduce the amount you have to pay.

We want to make payment as easy as possible for you. So if you are finding it difficult to pay, make sure you talk to us and get help as early as possible and before you incur additional fees and charges. For people who are struggling to pay we will offer as much help and support as we can. For those who are simply reluctant to pay we will use all the legal powers that are available to us to collect the money that is due.

- For Council Tax & Benefit enquiries, contact **0345 2000 101**
- To pay by direct debit, contact **0345 2000 101**
- To email us, send your message to [team.revenue@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:team.revenue@northtyneside.gov.uk)

**If you do need independent debt advice, please contact one of the free advice organisations listed below.**

<b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	0800 144 8848	<a href="http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk">www.citizensadvice.org.uk</a>
<b>Civil Legal Advice</b>	0345 345 4345	<a href="http://www.gov.uk/civil-legal-advice">www.gov.uk/civil-legal-advice</a>
<b>Step Change</b>	0800 138 1111	<a href="http://www.stepchange.org">www.stepchange.org</a>
<b>Money Advice Service</b>	0800 138 7777	<a href="http://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk">www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk</a>
<b>National Debt Line</b>	0808 808 4000	<a href="http://www.nationaldebtline.org">www.nationaldebtline.org</a>

# Querying your Council Tax band

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The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) values domestic properties for Council Tax. This valuation is used to set your Council Tax band. You might need to contact the VOA if you think your Council Tax band is wrong.

You can find out more about when you can challenge your band and what you need to do at **[gov.uk/challenge-council-tax-band](https://www.gov.uk/challenge-council-tax-band)**.

If you challenge your band, you must continue to pay Council Tax at your current band until your appeal is decided.

You can contact the **VOA at [gov.uk/contact-voa](https://www.gov.uk/contact-voa)**. If you are unable to use the online service, you can also contact the VOA on 03000 501 501.

If, after raising your query with the agency, you still believe your banding is incorrect you may be able to make a formal appeal but only under limited circumstances.

Generally you can only appeal within SIX MONTHS of:

- Becoming a new Council Tax payer for a property
- The agency notifying you that your banding has changed

You can also appeal at any time if:

- Your property has been demolished
- Physical changes have occurred in the proximity of the property, which have an effect on the April 1, 1991 market value
- Your property has been adapted to make the property suitable for someone with a disability.

For a full list of circumstances when a valid appeal is permitted, visit **[www.voa.gov.uk](https://www.voa.gov.uk)**

**You must continue to pay your Council Tax bill while you have any banding query or appeal pending.**

# Northumbria Police Authority budget

## Message from the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria

Your police precept is the result of careful consideration of policing needs offset against household cost pressures. While recent events have led to some economic uncertainty, local budget surveys have shown people are prepared to pay a little more for a better resourced police force.

Nationally, police forces were given permission by Government to increase bills by a maximum of £15 a year, the equivalent of 10.9% in the Northumbria force area. I believe this would be too high a figure for many households.

So instead, the local police precept will increase by 4.99%, equivalent to 57 pence per month for a band D property, and for a band A property by 38 pence per month. This slight increase will go towards ensuring Northumbria Police can effectively fight crime and prevent crime. Alongside an ongoing recruitment campaign and a continued commitment to neighbourhood policing, your precept increase will pay for 60 new police investigators.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £137.00 to £143.84 for the year. This remains, by far, the lowest precept of any Police and Crime Commissioner in England and Wales. You can find more information on the OPCS website - [www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)

2020/21			2021/22			
Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s
321,465	18,938	302,527	SERVICE			
		-----	Police General	337,236	16,993	320,243
		<b>302,527</b>	<b>BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>			<b>320,243</b>
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		235,347	LESS			
		6,867	Formula Grant			250,183
		1,301	Council Tax Support Grant			6,867
		938	Legacy Council Tax Grants			1,301
		3,423	Constituent Authorities' Net Surplus			-170
		-----	Special Pensions Grant			3,423
		<b>54,651</b>	Local Council Tax Support Covid-19)			1,686
		-----	<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>			<b>56,953</b>
		8,476m				-----
		137.00	Charge on North Tyneside			8,766m
			Band 'D' Equivalent Charge			143.84
			<b>Change in Council Tax Requirement</b>			
			<b>between years in attributable to:</b>			
			Inflation, budget pressures and other budget adjustments			22,549
			Full year impact of investment approved in 2020/21			2,000
			Investment 2021/22 - Additional 60 police officer investigator posts			2,700
			Budget savings			(2,300)
			Increase in formula grant funding			(14,836)
			Reduction in ring-fenced Uplift grant			2,075
			Local Council Tax Support (Covid-19) grant			(1,686)
			Change in required transfer to reserves			(8,200)
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						<b>2,302</b>
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## Fire and Rescue Authority budget

2020/21				2021/22		
Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s		Gross Expenditure £000s	Gross Income £000s	Net Expenditure £000s
51,622	4,059	47,563	FIRE SERVICE	54,097	7,250	46,847
2,663	0	2,663	Contingency Provision	1,700	0	1,700
0	265	(265)	Interest on Balances	0	5	(5)
<b>54,285</b>	<b>4,324</b>	<b>49,961</b>	<b>BUDGET REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>55,797</b>	<b>7,255</b>	<b>48,542</b>
			<b>SOURCES OF FINANCE</b>			
		(8,939)	Revenue Support Grant			(11,457)
		(412)	Council Tax Collection Fund Net Surplus / Deficit (-)			47
		(78)	Business Rates Collection Fund Net Surplus / Deficit (-)			2,086
		(11,457)	Top Up Grant			(8,989)
		(3,929)	Business Rate Local Share			(3,842)
		(623)	Business Rates Under Indexation Grant			(810)
		0	Council Tax Support Grant			(826)
		<b>24,523</b>	<b>COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT</b>			<b>24,751</b>
		3,943	<b>Estimated General Fund Balances 31/03/21 and 31/03/2022</b>			3,943
		11,231	<b>Estimated Loans Outstanding at 31/03/2021</b>			10,781
		11,194	<b>Forecast Capital Expenditure for 2021/2022</b>			13,224
		806	<b>Employees (Full Time Equivalent)</b>			819

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority comprises members from each of the five districts of Tyne and Wear County and is responsible for running our fire brigade.

The Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority will spend £48,542 million this financial year. This is £1.419 million less than in 2020/21 budget. The net increase in Council Tax Requirement is £0.228 compared with 2020/21.

For 2021/22 the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority have raised their element of Council Tax by 1.99%.

This is an overall sum of £5,218,987 in North Tyneside which is the equivalent to £85.64 per Band D.

### Changes in Council Tax requirement from 2020/21 are due to

	£000
Net Cost Pressures	2,878
Budget Efficiencies	(4,711)
Intergrated Risk Management	766
Increase in Net Use of Reserves	(352)
Increase in Net Government Funding	(1,062)
Reduction in Business Rates Local Share	87
Increase in Collection Fund Net Surplus	2622
Increase in Council Tax Requirement	<b>228</b>

# North of Tyne Combined Authority

The Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority (known as the North of Tyne Combined Authority) was established on 2 November 2018 by the Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside and Northumberland Combined Authority (Establishment and Functions) Order 2018. As well as establishing the North of Tyne Combined Authority, the 2018 Order changed the boundaries of the North East Combined Authority so that NECA now covers the Local Authority areas of Durham, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland. NECA and the North of Tyne Combined Authority will work together on a number of areas to support the region, including transport. The North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC) has been established to exercise the functions of two Transport Authorities, including the setting of levies and budgets for transport activity.

	2020/21 Transport Budget	2021/22 Transport Budget
	£000s	£000s
<b>GROSS TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE</b>		
Tyne Tunnel	28,670	30,294
Transport co-ordination and former ITA	2,120	3,307
NEXUS (Grant from JTC*, contributions to Metro Fleet		
Renewal Reserve & External Grants - net of commercial income	87,398	89,191
Durham (Grant from JTC*)	15,456	15,457
Northumberland (Grant from JTC*)	6,224	6,318
	<b>139,868</b>	<b>144,567</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Tyne Tunnels	(28,670)	(30,294)
	<b>(28,670)</b>	<b>(30,294)</b>
<b>NET TRANSPORT EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>111,198</b>	<b>114,273</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Contribution from Tyne Tunnel Reserves	0	0
Contribution from Tyne and Wear Transport Reserves	0	0
Contribution from Nexus Reserves	0	(2,680)
<b>EXPENDITURE REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>111,198</b>	<b>111,593</b>
<b>Funded by</b>		
Tyne and Wear Transport Levy	(61,100)	(61,100)
Durham Transport Levy	(15,466)	(15,467)
Northumberland Transport Levy	(6,234)	(6,234)
Rail Grants and Miscellaneous Grants	(28,398)	(28,698)
<b>FUNDING AGREED BY AUTHORITY</b>	<b>(111,198)</b>	<b>(111,593)</b>

  

A comparison with previous NECA Transport budget:	
	£000s
Inflation and Other Cost Pressures	4,699
Increased Income	(1,624)
Movement on Contribution from Reserves	(2,680)
	<b>395</b>

Please note: the Tyne Tunnels expenditure requirement is met fully from Tunnels reserves and tolls income, with no levy funding.

\* The JTC agrees an annual grant to the Tyne & Wear Integrated Transport Executive (Nexus), Durham County Council and Northumberland County Council in respect of revenue support and concessionary travel.

# Environment Agency budget

## 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 1642 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Northumbria 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:

### Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

	2020/21	2021/22
	£000s	£000s
Gross Expenditure	27,019	38,443
Levies Raised	2,398	2,446
Total Council Tax Base	740	737

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 2.0%.

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £2,397,599 in 2020/2021 to £2,445,551 for 2021/2022.





# How to get in touch with the council

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## Email

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## By phone

If you have a general enquiry, phone **0345 2000 101**. Staff at our contact centre can provide assistance on a variety of subjects. (See page 2 for other key council numbers.)



North Tyneside Council



## In person

You can call in at one of our Customer First Centres, located throughout the borough. Staff can provide advice and information on a range of council services, including housing and benefits.

Our centres are based at:

- **Killingworth Customer First Centre**  
White Swan Centre, Citadel East  
Killingworth, NE12 6SS  
Monday to Thursday, 9am - 4.30pm  
Friday, 9am - 4pm
- **North Shields Customer First Centre**  
Northumberland Square, North Shields, NE30 1QU  
Monday to Thursday, 9am - 4.30pm  
Friday, 9am - 4pm
- **Wallsend Customer First Centre**  
Forum House, Segedunum Way, Wallsend, NE28 8LX  
Monday to Thursday, 9am - 4.30pm  
Friday, 9am - 4pm
- **Whitley Bay Customer First Centre**  
York Road, Whitley Bay, NE26 1AB  
Monday to Thursday, 9am - 4.30pm  
Friday, 9am - 4pm



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The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park,  
North Tyneside NE27 0BY