

Explaining our budget 2015/16

The total cost of services that North Yorkshire County Council provides will be £871.1m in 2015/16. The County Council provides the following services:

- schools, children’s centres, children’s social care including adoption and fostering, youth services;
- adult social care services;
- public health services;
- libraries;
- adult education;
- roads and public rights of way;
- public transport and concessionary fares;
- street lighting;
- trading standards and consumer advice;
- registration of births, deaths and marriages;
- disposal and recycling of household waste;
- emergency planning;
- heritage and countryside management.

After service income and grants totalling £506.6m, our net budget is £364.5m. General government funding, business rates and council tax from previous years will total £121.7m with contributions from our reserves of £1.0m. This leaves £241.8m to be met from council tax.

This results in a charge for county council services of £1,099.98 for a band D property, which is an increase of 1.99% over that for 2014/15. As shown in the table below, the sum you pay depends on which valuation band your property is in.

Funding from central government for local authorities to deliver their services has been significantly reduced. This has given us a considerable challenge as we need to make a total estimated saving of £166.5m (about one third of our total spend excluding schools) between 2011/12 and 2019/20. As a result, we will continue to face difficult decisions on spending and service provision over the coming years.

Council tax

The council tax, which you pay to your borough / district council, contributes to the combined cost of local services, including police and fire. There is one bill per dwelling for county council, borough / district council, police, fire and parish charges based on the value of your property.

Your home has been valued and given a council tax valuation band. The amount you pay depends on which valuation band your home is in. The table below shows the charge for North Yorkshire County Council services only, so this represents part of your overall council tax bill.

Valuation band	2014/15	2015/16
A	£719.01	£733.32
B	£838.85	£855.54
C	£958.68	£977.76
D	£1,078.52	£1,099.98
E	£1,318.19	£1,344.42
F	£1,557.86	£1,588.86
G	£1,797.53	£1,833.30
H	£2,157.04	£2,199.96

What everything costs

Last year 2014/15			The County Council budget	This year 2015/16		
Gross cost £m	Income and grants £m	Net cost £m		Gross cost £m	Income and grants £m	Net cost £m
			Children and Young People's Service			
382.5	382.5	0.0	Schools	391.7	391.7	0.0
87.7	10.4	77.3	Children and young people	80.3	9.0	71.3
90.1	11.4	78.7	Business and Environmental Services	89.6	10.9	78.7
211.1	69.6	141.5	Health and Adult Services	208.7	75.4	133.3
59.9	6.7	53.2	Central Services (libraries, property, business support, finance, legal and democratic, information technology etc.)	61.4	7.0	54.4
			Other			
27.5	0.1	27.4	Capital financing charges	26.7	0.1	26.6
10.6	14.4	-3.8	Other budgets	12.7	12.5	0.2
869.4	495.1	374.3	Total net expenditure	871.1	506.6	364.5
		-1.3	Contribution from council reserves			-1.0
		373.0	Net budget requirement			363.5
			less funding from			
		-18.2	Business rates from district councils			-17.2
		-41.8	Business rates from central government			-42.6
		-77.8	Government revenue support grant			-59.2
		-2.0	Council tax income from previous years			-2.7
		233.2	Total council tax requirement			241.8

Changes in costs

	2014/15 £m	2015/16 £m	Difference £m
Gross spending	869.4	871.1	1.7
Less Service income and grants	495.1	506.6	11.5
Net expenditure	374.3	364.5	-9.8

What the difference is made up of

	£m
Inflation and tax changes	7.0
Price rises and the impact of tax changes imposed by the government increase our costs.	
Other additional spending	10.2
Additional spending due to an increasing demand for services and to meet our policies and priorities, together with several "one off" investments in certain areas.	
Savings and cost reductions	-23.4
To compensate for significant reductions in government funding, together with managing inflation, tax changes and other additional spending, a comprehensive package of savings and cost reductions is being implemented.	
Government grant funding changes	-3.6
This reduction in net expenditure results from Government policy changes in the funding of certain services.	
Total net decrease in spending	-9.8

Capital spending

We plan to spend £117.8m on capital projects during 2015/16. Capital spending is financed from a combination of grants and contributions, borrowing, revenue budgets and capital receipts from the sales of properties.

Service	£m
Children and Young People's Service	23.3
Business and Environmental Services	88.0
Health and Adult Services	1.2
Central Services	5.3
	117.8