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# Discover Council Tax 2019/20

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 Although we've had to **#save** a further £3.5 million this year, our budget recognises our commitment to high quality services at the best possible value.

- The budget protects our **#priorities** of schools, services for vulnerable residents and making the borough cleaner and greener.
- The council spends **£6,379** on services for every home in Torfaen
- For a Band D property, council tax bills will go up £1.42 per week, or £73.88 a year - this is before adding other precepts
- The council tax increase adds a further £2.5 million to the budget which would have otherwise resulted in further cuts.
- Council tax makes up **17%** of the **gross** total budget
- For information on benefits and help with paying your rent and council tax visit [www.torfaen.gov.uk](http://www.torfaen.gov.uk)
- The budget for waste and recycling is the equivalent of £2.98 per household per week **#goodvalue**
- The council will need to address a forecasted shortfall of **£19.5** million between 2020/21 and 2023/24

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	Expenditure on services £		Income from services £		Net expenditure £	
	2018/19	2019/20	2018/19	2019/20	2018/19	2019/20
<b>General Fund Services</b>						
Education Services	87,739,819	87,717,270	(18,956,383)	(17,727,660)	68,783,436	69,989,610
Social Care & Housing	64,327,194	64,648,562	(19,968,585)	(20,088,332)	44,358,609	44,560,230
Neighbourhood Services	38,646,564	36,310,776	(20,717,642)	(17,668,642)	17,928,922	18,642,134
Public Services Support Unit	1,624,196	1,524,507	(640,185)	(542,487)	984,011	982,020
Information Technology Resources	3,022,124	3,088,724	(117,495)	(117,495)	2,904,629	2,971,229
Chief Executive's	46,295,690	40,162,932	(40,379,822)	(33,690,142)	5,915,868	6,472,790
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	6,119,538	6,303,562	(346,204)	(211,640)	5,773,334	6,091,922
Capital Financing & Other Costs	8,883,409	9,354,126	0	0	8,883,409	9,354,126
<b>SERVICE TOTAL</b>	<b>274,613,599</b>	<b>267,300,043</b>	<b>(101,613,530)</b>	<b>(90,337,842)</b>	<b>173,000,069</b>	<b>176,962,201</b>

• Income and Expenditure shown have been adjusted for internal recharges

Plus Precepts from:

Community Councils	1,529,237	1,651,553
Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent	7,974,868	8,607,528
<b>Total Before Funding</b>	<b>182,504,174</b>	<b>187,221,282</b>

Sources of Funding:

Re-Distributed Non-domestic Rates	(29,297,933)	(29,540,013)
Revenue Support Grant	(102,244,778)	(103,109,907)
<b>Funded by Council Tax</b>	<b>50,961,463</b>	<b>54,571,362</b>

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## Council Tax 2019/20 - Precept Requirements

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	£ Amount Precepted 2018/19	£ Amount Precepted 2019/20	£ Increase Comparison
Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent	7,974,868	8,607,528	632,660
<b>Community Councils</b>			
Cwmbran	597,085	651,495	54,410
Pontypool	653,980	679,015	25,035
Blaenavon	93,744	130,000	36,256
Henllys	26,530	31,821	5,291
Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon	139,673	140,538	865
Ponthir	18,225	18,684	459
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,529,237</b>	<b>1,651,553</b>	<b>122,316</b>
	<b>9,504,105</b>	<b>10,259,081</b>	<b>754,976</b>

A precept is an annual sum that organisations like the police and community councils levy for their services and the council collects on their behalf.

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Messages Capital Programme Edit

It is estimated that a base level of **£32** million will be invested in the County in the form of Capital Works in 2019/20 and supplemented by additional grants.

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## How the budget is funded

17%	Council Tax
22%	Government Grants
6%	Customer and Client Receipts
5%	Other Funding & Contributions
39%	Revenue Support Grant
11%	Redistributed Non-Domestic Rates

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## Council Tax demand

A summary of the Council Tax levy for 2019/20 throughout the County Borough for Torfaen County Borough, Community Councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent at each Council Tax valuation band is reflected in the following tables:

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Band I
Cwmbran	1,080.83	1,260.98	1,441.11	1,621.25	1,981.52	2,341.80	2,702.08	3,242.50	3,782.92
Pontypool	1,081.32	1,261.55	1,441.77	1,621.99	1,982.43	2,342.87	2,703.31	3,243.98	3,784.65
Blaenavon	1,091.95	1,273.95	1,455.94	1,637.93	2,001.91	2,365.90	2,729.88	3,275.86	3,821.84
Henllys	1,065.53	1,243.14	1,420.72	1,598.31	1,953.48	2,308.67	2,663.84	3,196.62	3,729.40
Croesyceiliog & Llanyrafon	1,073.87	1,252.86	1,431.83	1,610.81	1,968.76	2,326.72	2,684.68	3,221.62	3,758.56
Pontrhir	1,063.91	1,241.24	1,418.55	1,595.87	1,950.50	2,305.14	2,659.78	3,191.74	3,723.70

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## Reserves

We need to keep reserves and provisions to supplement our funding. These can be called upon for unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather. This table sets out our actual and estimated positions.

All £000s	31/03/2017 (actual)	31/03/2018 (estimate)	31/03/2019 (forecast)
General Fund Balance	5,754	5,394	4,312
School Balances	2,141	2,042	1,504
Service Reserves	4,196	3,269	2,067
Corporate Reserves & Provisions	6,846	8,456	7,820

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