



Have your say on our idea to ask people to pay more council tax

Before you begin



Some of the things in this paper are not easy to understand. You may need some help from someone to read it.

We need to save money



Norfolk
County Council

Norfolk County Council plays a large part in people's lives. We spend over a billion pounds each year on services.



We are facing some big challenges. Our population is growing, people are living longer and people need different services.



Things are becoming more expensive and the amount of money we have coming in isn't keeping up.



The council has a plan for how we are going to deliver our services with less money.



Saving money each year

The amount of money we get from the government is going down.



We also get money from people who live in Norfolk. This is called council tax. We use this money to pay for people's services.

We have already saved lots of money



We have asked people in Norfolk about their ideas to save money. We have saved £364 million since 2011. That is a lot of money.

What do we need to do now?



Things have changed since last year. We now have to save more money. We have ideas about how to save £79 million by 2022.



We have to find ideas about how to save another £46 million.

Our idea



The government says we can only ask people to pay a little bit more council tax.



If we want to ask people to pay a lot more council tax we would have to have a vote.



The government could change this in the future. The council could then ask people to pay even more council tax.



Our idea is to ask people to pay a little bit more council tax.



This would give us more money to help us pay our bills.



If we asked people to pay a little bit more council tax most people would pay around 76p more each week. That's around £40 a year.



How do we plan to spend the extra money?



We will use the extra council tax to pay for the services that people need.



We will spend a lot of the money on supporting disabled people, older people and people with mental health problems.



Tell us what you think

We want to know what you think about our plans to ask people to pay more council tax.

You have until **Sunday 23 December 2018** to tell us what you think.



You can tell us what you think

- You can fill out the form at the end of this document and send it back to us.



- You can fill out the form on our website

www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget



- You can send us an email

haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk



- You can write to us at this address – **you do not have to put a stamp on it**

Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-JZSK, Norfolk County Council, Ground floor – south wing, County Hall, Martineau Lane, NORWICH, NR1 2DH



Thank you for helping us by telling us what you think.









If you need this document in large print, audio, Braille, alternative format or in a different language please email us at haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk or call us on 0344 800 8020, Text Relay on 18001 0344 800 8020 (textphone) and we will do our best to help.

Fill in this form and send it back to us to tell us what you think of our idea

What do you think about our idea to ask people to pay more council tax?

Please tick your answer

					
Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know







Why do you say that?

Please write your answer in the box



In the future, the government could say that we can ask people to pay even more council tax. What do you think about this idea?

Please tick your answer

					
Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

Why do you say that?

Please write your answer in the box





About you

Please tell us about yourself

This will help us make sure we have listened to a range of people

Keeping your information safe

We will keep your information safe.

We won't share it with anyone.



If you are filling in this questionnaire on behalf of someone else, please provide their details in the next section.



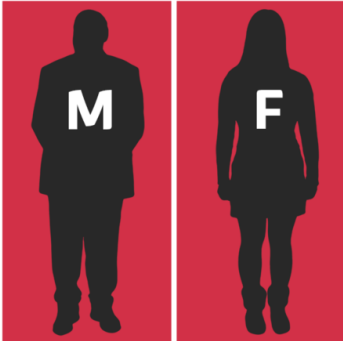
Do you have a disability, learning difficulty or long-term health problem which means that there are some daily activities or work that you can't do that you would like to? This includes problems that are due to old age.



(Tick one box)

Yes

No



Are you:  **(Tick one box)**

Male

Female

I prefer to describe myself as ...
(please write in here)



I prefer not to say



How old are you?



(Tick one box)

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 or older
- Prefer not to say



What is your ethnic background?



(Tick one box)

- White British
- White Irish
- White other
- Mixed
- Asian or Asian British
- Black or Black British
- Prefer not to say
- Other ethnic background, please write in here:



What is your first language?

Please write in the box



**What is the first part of your
postcode (e.g. NR4)?**



Please write in the box

When you have filled in this book, please
put it in an envelope and **send it back**
by 23 December 2018 to:



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