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Hertsmere Borough Council
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Budget agreed for 2018/19

Hertsmere Borough Council's revenue budget for 2018/19 was agreed at last night's (28 February) full council meeting.

To fund the budget, a small increase in Hertsmere Borough Council's share of council tax bills was agreed. This is an average increase of £5 per household for the coming year, the same rise as last year.

A resident in a Band D property will pay an average of just over £172 in council tax to the borough council for the year 2018/19 - just 47 pence per day. That money is used to fund services including waste and recycling, planning, housing, parks and open spaces, street cleaning and environmental health and contributions towards Police Community Support Officers and the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Councillor John Graham, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Property and Economic Development, added: "At a time when money from central government is declining, we are working to provide both a continuing and growing range of services to our residents. This small council tax increase, set out in the budget which was agreed by full council last night, is essential to enable us to continue to deliver these key frontline services."

The council is seeing an on-going reduction in government grants, especially next year (2018/19) when they are reduced by a further £432,000. It is estimated that this potential increase in council tax will bring additional revenue of around £203,000. The remainder of the gap will be met by efficiencies and income generation.

As a billing authority, Hertsmere Borough Council collects the council tax every year, but the money residents pay does not all go to the borough council. On average, Hertsmere gets just 10 per cent, or 10p in every £1 you pay, Hertfordshire County Council gets 78 per cent, Hertfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner gets 10 per cent and if you live in an area with a parish or town council (Aldenham Parish Council, Elstree and Borehamwood Town Council, Shenley Parish Council and South Mimms Parish Council), they get two per cent.

Notes for editors:

The detailed budget was considered by the council's Executive on 7 February and by the full council meeting yesterday (Wednesday 28 February).

Hertfordshire County Council and Hertfordshire Constabulary announce decisions around their portion of the council tax bill separately.

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