

Chiddingly Parish Council options for setting of the precept for 2019-2020

- Based on the current expenditure and annual grants requested for 2019-2020 we could have no raise in the precept request and keep it at £38,138.
- We could consider a precept increase inline with inflation. 2.6% which would mean a precept request of £39,130 (£992 extra on the current precept).
- We could consider higher increases in precept to take on projects that are no longer being carried out by WDC or ESCC/or to build in a buffer for those future projects. Examples below:

% increase	£amount of increase	Precept request	Approximate cost per household*	Increase on last year per household* (figure in brackets is per month)
0%	£0	£38,138	£76.44	£0
2.6%	£992	£39,130	£78.43	£1.99 (16p)
5%	£1907	£40,044	£80.26	£3.82 (32p)
6%	£2288	£40,426	£81.03	£4.59 (38p)
7%	£2669	£40,807	£81.79	£5.25 (44p)
8%	£3051	£41,189	£82.56	£6.12 (51p)
9%	£3432	£41,570	£83.32	£6.88 (57p)
10%	£3813	£41,951	£84.08	£7.64 (64p)

*Precept request divided by 498.9 houses

The first step in arriving at a charge per property is to calculate a tax base. This is calculated by WDC and is worked out by multiplying the estimated number of properties within each band by the 'Band D Ratio' and adding the results together. This produces an equated tax base, i.e. as if all properties were in band D. To work out the exact cost per household, we need to know the figure of the tax base for 2019-2020 from WDC. I have requested this but have been advised that the figures will not be published until December, because their Regulations state that it has to be calculated on 29th November each year. So, I can only base it on the tax base figures of 2018-2019, which was 498.9, to give an approximate figure – but I doubt that it will change greatly.

Workings: For the period of 2017-2018 the proportion of council tax for the parish council, based on a Band D property was £66.96. Precept amount of £32,447 divided by 484.6 (houses/tax base) = £66.96 (based on Band D property).

For 2017-2018 the proportion of council tax for the parish council, based on a Band D property was £76.58. Precept amount of £38,138 divided by 498.9 (houses/tax base) = £76.44 (based on Band D property).

So, if we kept the precept at £38,138 there would be no increase.

2019/20 will be the final year that Local Council Tax Support Grant will be paid. This grant was introduced in 2013. In April 2013 the Government ended Council Tax Benefit. It was replaced by a Local Council Tax Support scheme and this gave the parish council a grant each year. The amount of grant has been reduced each year with 2019-2020 being the last year that the parish council will receive the grant.