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# Council Tax Fact Sheet

## 2018/2019

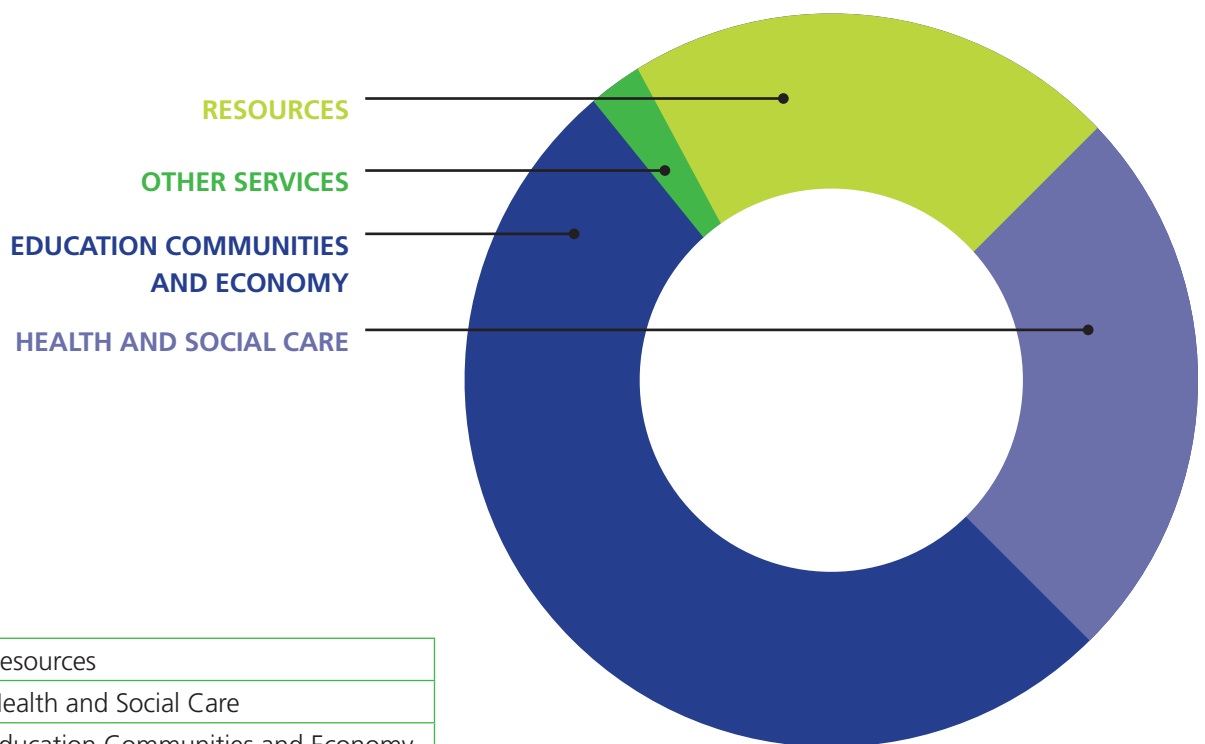
### **COUNCIL EXPENDITURE**



## NET REVENUE EXPENDITURE ALLOCATED BY SERVICE

Directorate	Net Expenditure 2018/19 £m	Change from last year £m	Change from last year %	Band D Council Tax equivalent £
Resources	37.9	-2.3	-6.1%	£241
Health and Social Care	51.0	2.0	3.9%	£325
Education Communities and Economy	108.2	4.6	4.3%	£689
Other Services	4.5	-1.4	-31.1%	£28
<b>Total</b>	<b>201.6</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>£1,283</b>

### Spending on council services by percentage



1	19%	Resources
2	25%	Health and Social Care
3	54%	Education Communities and Economy
4	2%	Other Services

This excludes spending on council housing, which is fully funded from rents.

## SOURCES OF FUNDING

### How is your Council Tax calculated?

	2018/19 £m
Expenditure on services (excl council housing)	259.1
Less: customer and client receipts	57.5
<b>Net expenditure</b>	<b>201.6</b>

Financed by:	£m
Government Grants	126.4
Non Domestic Rates	28.1
Utilisation of reserves	-0.2
<b>Total amount needed from Council Tax</b>	<b>47.3</b>

### Comparison with Government provision for planned spending

	£ per dwelling
Expenditure figure used by Government in Aggregate External Finance (Government support) calculations	4,894
Approved expenditure by authority on a comparable basis	5,075

### Band D Tax

	2017/18	2018/19
Midlothian	1,246	1,283
Scottish Average	1,173	Not yet known

Council Tax Band	Range of values from £	Range of values to £	Factor	Charge
A	0	27,000	240/360	855.33
B	27,001	35,000	280/360	997.88
C	35,001	45,000	320/360	1,140.44
D	45,001	58,000	360/360	1,283.00
E	58,001	80,000	473/360	1,685.72
F	80,001	106,000	585/360	2,084.87
G	106,001	212,000	705/360	2,512.54
H	212,001	upward	882/360	3,143.35

An increase of 3% was agreed at the council budget-setting meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2018. This will apply equally across all bands.

Council Tax is applied across a range of bands from A to H, with all bands having a relationship with Band D, known as the multiplier. The Scottish Government legislated to increase the Council Tax multipliers for properties in bands E to H from 1 April 2017.

Single person households with a net income of up to £16,750, and all other households with a net income of up to £25,000 and less than £16,000 in savings, are protected from the increased charge caused by the Band E to H multiplier change. For information on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and how to apply visit: [https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/606/council\\_tax/110/council\\_tax\\_reduction](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/606/council_tax/110/council_tax_reduction)

### Local Authority employees\*

	Budgeted full time equivalents
2017/18	3,393
2018/19	3,361

\* Figures correct as at March 2018

### Non-Domestic (Business) Rates for 2018/19

	2018/19 pence per £	2017/18 pence per £
National Business Rate	48.0	46.6
Properties with Rateable Value over £51,000	50.6	49.2

## DIRECT DEBIT

### Council Tax

If you want to pay your Council Tax by direct debit, you can pay by 10 or 12 instalments, on either the 1st, 16th or last day of each month. If you choose the 12 month option your instalments will be smaller. You will ensure that your account is always up to date. If you want to change to direct debit it's now easier than ever, simply call **0131 271 3201** and you can set up your direct debit there and then. No need to fill out forms - just have details of your bank account handy and it can all be done over the phone in a matter of minutes.

### Business Rates

If you pay your business rates by direct debit, you can pay by 10 or 12 instalments, on the 28th of each month. If you choose the 12 month option your instalments will be smaller. You will ensure that your account is always up to date. If you want to change to direct debit it's now easier than ever, simply call **0131 469 5746** and you can set up your direct debit there and then. No need to fill out forms – just have details of your bank account and business rates account number handy and it can all be done over the phone in a matter of minutes.

### Debit card or credit card

You can pay your Council Tax or business rates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Call **0131 660 1845** or log on to [www.midlothian.gov.uk/pay](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/pay)

## ARE YOU FINDING YOUR COUNCIL TAX BILL HARD TO PAY?

### Find out if you should be paying less – apply for Council Tax Reduction today

Council Tax Reduction could help you pay your Council Tax bill if you are on a low income. It is worked out taking account of your income and individual circumstances. If you are currently in receipt of Council Tax Reduction or Housing Benefit, we will automatically reassess your benefit and if your benefit changes, we will write and tell you.

### What should I do next?

If you were previously not entitled to any benefit due to the amount of income you received you may now qualify. You need to fill in a new form to claim benefit and provide the necessary documents to support the information you put on the form. We know forms can be daunting and put people off claiming benefits they are entitled to, however we can provide advice and assistance if required. You can request a claim form by telephone on: **0131 271 3201** or by email at: [revenues.enquiries@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:revenues.enquiries@midlothian.gov.uk)

## NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE

Midlothian Council is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use your information for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. For further information visit [www.midlothian.gov.uk/NFI](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/NFI)

### Do you know anyone who is fraudulently claiming Benefit, Discount or Exemption?

Fraudulently claiming from Midlothian Council takes vital money from those who need it. Don't let them get away with it and report it to us. Click on "Report It" at [www.midlothian.gov.uk](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk) and give us all the details, in confidence. Alternatively, please call our Fraud Hotline on **0131 271 3579**.

### Further information

Visit our website for more information on Council Tax, Business Rates and Spending.

[www.midlothian.gov.uk/council-tax](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/council-tax)

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