

Press Release



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Residents asked opinion on council tax proposals

Households are being asked their opinion on proposals to increase South Northamptonshire Council's (SNC) portion of the Council Tax demand by around £5 per year for the average sized home.

SNC is the authority responsible for collecting council tax, on behalf of parish and county councils, police and the fire authority, but only receives a small portion of the amount collected.

Last year the average band D household in the district paid £175 a year for services delivered by SNC with the current draft budget for 2017/18 proposing a £5 per annum increase.

Cllr Peter Rawlinson, SNC's portfolio holder for finance and procurement said: "This is the second year we have increased SNC's portion of the final Council Tax demand by what equates to just an extra 10p per week for the average home.

“The increase is part of a responsible fiscal policy and will help preserve the first rate services that helps make South Northants the 16th best place to live in the UK, according the Halifax’s 2016 Quality of Life Survey which compares a range of factors, including: health, education, crime, and life expectancy.”

To see a summary of the budget proposals and to take part in the consultation visit - <http://www.southnorthants.gov.uk/1448.htm>.

The consultation ends on Thursday, 23 February and the results will be used to inform the Full Council when it makes its final decision on the budget on Monday, 27 February.