

From: Clerk | Halsall Parish Council <clerk@halsallparish.gov.uk>
Sent: 24 March 2025 12:52
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: 12% Increase in Council Tax

[REDACTED],

Fine thanks, I can reply via the Freedom of Information Act.

Halsall Parish Council is required to publish a budget for 2025-26.

You can find it

here <https://www.halsallparish.gov.uk/uploads/otherdocuments/files/2025%2001%20Jan%20budget%20print%20for%20meeting.pdf>, under Documents > Financial Documents> Finance > 2025 > Proposed Budget.

This is a line by budget line analysis from 2023-24 ; plus predicted outturn for 2024-25 (the 2025-26 budget has to be calculated in December 2024 ; plus the proposed 2025-26 budget.

To summarise, the Precept , the amount that Halsall Parish Council asks the residents of Halsall to contribute was;

2023-24 £32,783

2024-25 £29,436

2025-26 £32,492 which is approximately £35.41 per annum for the average Band D property in Halsall (approximately 1000 properties in Halsall). We calculated that would be approximately a 10% increase, but WLBC who collect the amount take into account that not all properties will pay their full amount due to Council Tax concessions so the actual % will vary slightly from our calculation.

So, the increase for 2025-26 is £3056 for whole of Halsall, about £3 more per household for the year. 6p extra per week.

The largest component of the £3056 increase is a £2000 reduction of income , we can only spend a surplus once and then £550 increase in Employers National Insurance contributions due to HM Government changing NI thresholds and % contributions.

This 2025-2026 year is £300 cheaper than 2023-24 .

Halsall Parish Council do not provide Street Lighting or Road Maintenance. I believe those services are provided by Lancashire County Council so would be included in that part of your Council Tax that is paid to them.

I hope that answers your questions. If you are not satisfied, then you can ask the Council to Review my answers. Please contact the Chair of Council c/o of this email address. Or you may refer our response to the Information Commissioner <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

Regards
Chris Pyne
Clerk to Halsall Parish Council

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 March 2025 15:21
To: clerk@halsallparish.gov.uk
Subject: 12% Increase in Council Tax

I hope this email finds you well.

I recently received my council tax bill and noticed that it has increased by 12% this year. I would appreciate it if you could provide an explanation for this significant rise.

As a resident of a private road, I do not receive certain council services such as street lighting or road maintenance. Given this, I would like to understand how this increase is justified and whether any adjustments should apply in my case.

I would be grateful if you could provide a breakdown of the increase and any relevant information regarding how my contributions are allocated.

I look forward to your response.

Best regards

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