



Dear Resident,

Your Council Tax bill for 2018/19

Please find enclosed your Council Tax bill for the year ahead, along with information about how it has been calculated and your options for how to pay.

By 2020 central Government will have cut funding to Enfield Council by 60 per cent in real terms since 2010. Enfield Council has already delivered £161m savings and needs to make a further £31m saving by 2019/2020 – at a time of increasing need and demand from a growing population.

These savings have to be found from an inadequate funding pot. Enfield gets less than £320 per resident compared to some other London boroughs which get more than £500 per resident – making it more difficult for us to make a positive difference and properly fund our services. We will continue to lobby central Government for Fair Funding for Enfield on your behalf.

However, despite these challenges we are proud of our many recent achievements and remain hugely ambitious for the borough:

- Edmonton Green Library received a £4.2 million top-to-toe refurbishment
- Significant regeneration of our high streets and estates including Ponders End High Street, Dujardin Mews and Ladderswood
- 16 new police officers, funded by Enfield Council continue to keep our estates safer
- 93% of all our schools are described as 'good' or 'outstanding' by Ofsted
- Continuing to provide thousands of new school places to meet demand

We also continue to strive to protect local frontline services. Efficiencies alone are no longer enough and we have taken the difficult decision to increase Council Tax by 2.99% to help us do this.

In response to the increasing costs of adult social care services and the growth in the number of residents who need this support, the Government has again given all councils the option of levying a precept to help fund these services. We will be applying a 2% precept to help meet these rising costs, as the Government assumes that we will when calculating other grant allocations.

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