

**Letter for s151 officer to send to the Secretary of State in respect of the council tax precept in 2017-18 and the 2017-18 allocation of the additional funding for social care provided at the Budget 2017.**

In reply to your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 and the later one of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, I am writing to confirm that Bracknell Forest Council has increased its council tax to fund adult social care services in 2017-18.

Bracknell Forest Council's council tax has increased by 3% in 2017-18 due to the Adult Social Care Precept.

I am also writing to certify that Bracknell Forest Council will use the additional 2017-18 funding for adult social care (as announced in the Spring Budget 2017) to fund adult social care services.

As requested, I have completed the table below, comparing the changes in adult social care budgets (including overhead and running costs) with those of other non-ringfenced services, including and excluding precept and the additional Budget funding for adult social care.

	<b>2016-17 (£000)</b>	<b>Total ASC 2017-18 precept and 2017-18 Budget 2017 funding for adult social care (£000)</b>	<b>2017-18 Budget (£000)</b>	<b>ASC% change 2016-17 to 2017-18 budget excluding precept and the Budget 2017 funding for adult social care ((C-B)-A) %</b>
	A	B	C	D
Budget for non ring – fenced services	72,802		68,652	-6%
Budget for Adult Social care	33,472	2,451	33,826	-6%

\* Service expenditure is defined by the Department for Communities and Local Government, Local Authority revenue expenditure and financing England returns.

Non-ring-fenced services comprise: Total Service Expenditure (line 799) **excluding** non-discretionary spend (Education (line 190), Public Health (line 390), Police (line 601) and Fire services (line 602)) **and** any statutory expenditure (Homelessness (line 440), Youth Justice (line 323), Safeguarding Children (line 325) and Children Looked After (line 313)) budgeted by the authority.

Below is a description of how Bracknell Forest proposes to use the funding from the precept, in support of this table.

Bracknell Forest Council intends to use the additional money to invest in ensuring the whole Health and Social system can produce better outcomes for more people.

Specifically, some money is intended to be invested in a new mixed long term care home and discharge to assess facility in partnership with Health partners that will help address some of the delayed transfers of care challenges being faced locally.

In addition, the combined impact of the National Minimum Wage and local provider failure has led to a significant spiralling in prices for care homes, and the additional social care money will be

used to help maintain the market in the short term, whilst allowing the development of a more sustainable social care market across the range of service provision, in care homes and in the community, in the medium to long term.



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