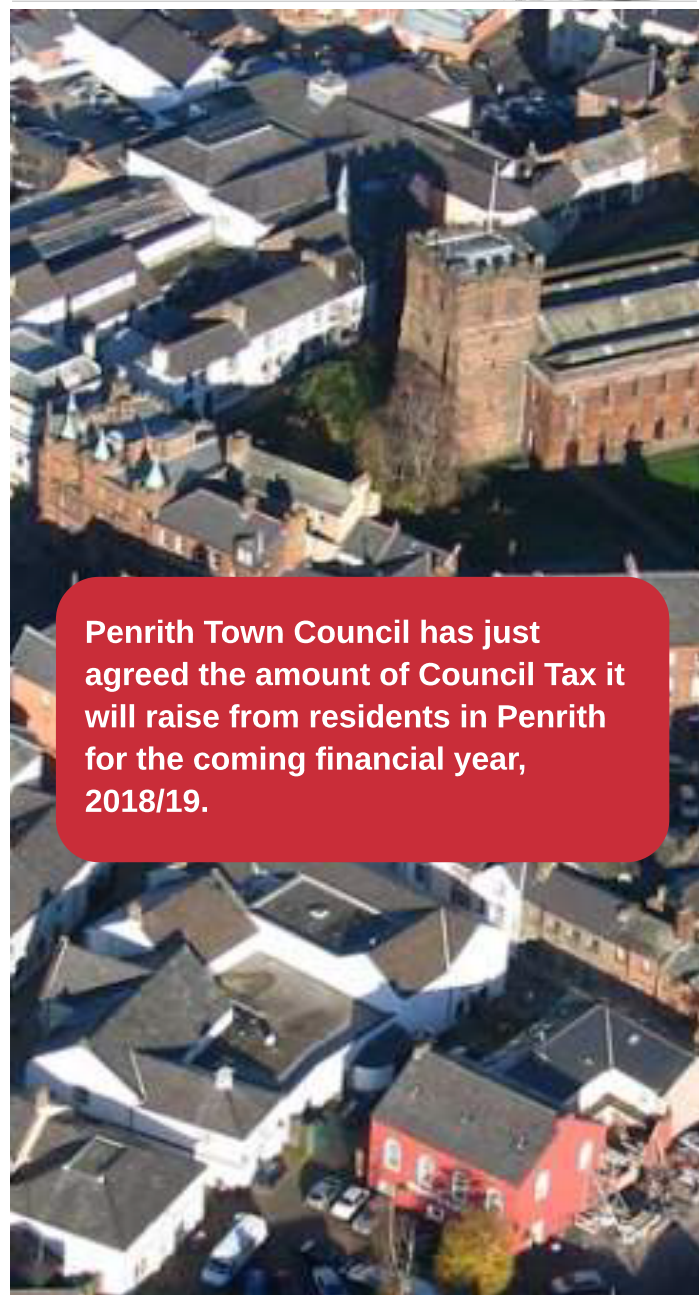




Penrith Town Council



Penrith Town Council has just agreed the amount of Council Tax it will raise from residents in Penrith for the coming financial year, 2018/19.



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Council Tax Bands

All households are put in a band for Council Tax. The most common band in Penrith is band B and the 'average' band is taken nationally as band D.

The tables below show the total Council Tax charged to Penrith residents for the local services provided by the district and town councils.

For a band B property

Council Tax Charged by	£ 2017/18	£ 2018/19
Penrith Town Council	56.50	62.30
Eden District Council	155.28	148.36
TOTAL	211.78	210.66

For a band D property

Council Tax Charged by	£ 2017/18	£ 2018/19
Penrith Town Council	72.64	80.10
Eden District Council	199.65	190.75
TOTAL	272.29	270.85

Please note that the above does not include the other elements of the Council Tax bill which relate to Cumbria County Council and the Cumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

Council Tax

The amount collected by the town council is increasing to enable it to fund a range of services, including benches, war memorials, bus shelters, play areas, playing fields, gardens, the town's bandstand and the Musgrave monument. These are currently provided by Eden District Council.

Eden is reducing the Council Tax it charges Penrith residents because these services will be provided by the town council. In agreeing to take on these services, the town council made a commitment that the town's council tax would increase by no more than the amount that Eden District Council's Council Tax was reduced.

This means that Penrith residents are guaranteed that the total Council Tax charged by Eden District Council and Penrith Town Council, when added together for the financial year 2018/19, is not any greater than in 2017/18.

In fact, the total Council Tax you pay for Town and District Council services in 2018/19 will be slightly reduced.

In 2017, Penrith won a number of awards at the Britain in Bloom finals, including the highly coveted Gold Medal in the Business Improvement District (BID) Category.

The judges were impressed by the high standard of the town's floral schemes, the teamwork shown by the businesses and community volunteers and "sense of civic pride" it fostered.

After the town's inspirational success in 2017, Penrith has been chosen as a finalist in the large Town Category of the prestigious UK-wide Britain in Bloom Competition, 2018.

The town council is leading the project and hopes everyone in the town will support 'Penrith in Bloom,' to make sure the town 'blossoms' in 2018. Follow what's happening and find out how you can help on Facebook @penrithinbloom.

The Town Council also supports a range of social, cultural and economic development projects under the headings of 'Sports & Recreation,' 'Arts & Entertainment,' 'The Environment,' and 'Tourism & Investment.'

In addition, the Town Council has sponsored the following:

- Penrith & District Beekeepers
- 106 Bus Partnership - supporting the service
- Eden & S. Lakeland Credit Union
- Eden Valley Artistic Network
- Penrith Chamber of Trade & Commerce
- Eden Mencap Sensory Room
- Eden FM Radio
- Eden Foyer
- Cardiac Smart Penrith
- Triple A Project (All about Autism)

