

Council Tax Demand Notice Regulations: Showing the ASC Precept on bills in 2017-18 and beyond

Please note: The figures in the example have been rounded to two decimal places to reflect the effect of the referendum principles for 2017-18 (which allow 4.99% increases for adult social care authorities – 1.99% core and 3% for ASC Precept). The figures would be rounded up on bills to 2% plus 3% for ASC. The regulations require local authorities to round up to one decimal place only.

1. The example is based on a hypothetical authority having set a £1,000 Band D council tax in 2015-16, and then choosing to increase by 3.99% in 2016-17. It should be remembered that in 2016-17, the referendum principle for ASC authorities was 3.99%, comprising a 'core' 1.99% principle and 2% for the ASC Precept.

Amounts that appeared on bill in 2016-17

	£	% increase	Comments
[Name of authority]'s Non-ASC charge	1019.90	1.99	Calculation: £1,000 X 1.0199
ASC Precept	20.00	-	Calculation: £1,000 X 0.02 The £20 represents 2 percentage points of the <i>overall</i> 3.99% increase in the 15-16 bill
Total charge by authority	1039.90	3.99	Calculation: £1,000 X 1.0399 NB this is just included for ease of reference. This line doesn't appear on the bill. It is worth noting that £1039.90 will be the figure used for calculating the overall permissible increase in 2017-18 (assumed to be 4.99% in the example below).

2017-18

2. In 2017-18 the following referendum principle has been set for ASC authorities: 4.99%, comprising a 'core' 1.99% principle and 3% for ASC Precept. It is assumed that our hypothetical authority makes full use of the flexibility by setting a 4.99% increase.

3. A 4.99% increase on a bill of £1,039.90 in 2017-18 is therefore **£1,091.80**.

- In cash terms, the 1.99% increase for the non-ASC charge is £20.70.
- In cash terms, the 3% increase for the ASC precept is £31.20.

4. Add the whole 4.99% increase to the total £1,039.90 that was charged in 2016-17. This gives a figure of £1,091.80. Then deduct the £20 ASC precept charged in 2016-17 and the £31.20 charged in 17-18 and show these amounts as a separate cumulative figure in the “ASC Precept” line.

The amounts in the “% increase column” represent the number of percentage points which that particular charge contributes to the overall increase set by the local authority.

Amounts appearing on bill in 2017-18

	£	% increase	Comments
[Name of authority]’s Non-ASC charge]	1040.60	1.99	Calculation: (£1,039.90 X 1.0499) - £51.20 The £1040.60 is the total bill excluding the increases for ASC set in 2016-17 and 2017-18 (in this example, the £51.20).
ASC Precept	51.20	3.00	Calculation: (£1,039.90 X 0.03) + £20 The £51.20 figure includes the amount charged for ASC in 2016-17 (which LAs must still use for ASC in 2017-18)
Total charge by authority	1091.80	4.99	Calculation: £1,039.90 X 1.0499 NB this is just included for ease of reference. This line does not appear on the bill. It is worth noting that £1091.80 will be the figure used for calculating the overall permissible increase in 2018-19.