	2017/18	2018/19
	£m	£m
Council Tax Requirement	82,299	76,868
Divided by Council Tax base	72,552	71,145
Band D Equivalent Council Tax	£1134.35	£1,080.44
Increase in Band D Council Tax £	53.91	
Increase in Band D Council Tax %	4.99	

Referendum thresholds for 2019-20 were published alongside the Local Government Finance Settlement on 29 January 2019. Local authorities with responsibility for social care must hold a referendum if council tax is to be increased by 6% or more. Council tax for general spending requires a referendum if it rises by 3% or more, alongside a maximum 3% 'social care precept'. The setting of the social care precept must not exceed a rise of 6% over three years 2017/18 to 2019/20.

Hackney has ASC responsibilities and the budget proposals include an increase of 2% for ASC expenditure and 2.99% for all other expenditure and the proposed 4.99% total increase in the Hackney element of the Band D Council Tax for 2019/20 is within the set criteria of not being above. The increase will therefore be considered by the Department for Local Government and Communities as not excessive and NOT requiring a referendum.