

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

APRIL 2019 REPORT.

County Council Tax will be increased by a total of 4.9% and comprises a GCC Tax Increase of 2.5% plus an Adult Social Care Levy of 2%.

The Gloucestershire County Council has the third lowest council tax of any shire county in England. The Council is only £1.57 per year above the lowest, and we are the lowest in the South West region.

INVESTMENTS

Despite keeping Council Tax down, we maintain extra investment in key areas.

- An extra £2m to protect older people.
- £11m extra for children and young people
- £45m for Gloucestershire schools (part of our overall £100m commitment.)

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Demand continues to grow in key areas.

- The level of older people in Gloucestershire has grown by 28% since 2007, projections show that the number of older people needing help with an illness or disability will increase by 41% in the next 11 years.
- The number of children in care has increased by 39% since 2014.
- Since 2015 the number of children requiring an Educational Care Plan has increased by 47%.

Our care for older people is rated the 7th most comprehensive care provision out of 150 English Councils.

In order to manage adult care demand we are developing a number of innovative care programmes.