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Dear Chris

**Re: Use of Adult Social Care Precept 2017/18**

In reply to your letter of 21 February 2017 I am writing to confirm that Surrey County Council has increased its council tax to fund adult social care services in 2017/18.

Surrey County Council's council tax has increased by 4.99% in 2017/18, which includes a 3% precept for adult social care.

I have completed the table below, comparing the changes in adult social care budgets (including estimated central support cost apportionment and running costs) with those of other non-ringfenced services, including and excluding precept.

	2016-17 budget (£000)	Total ASC 2017-18 precept (£000)	2017-18 budget (£000)	ASC % change 2016-17 to 2017-18 budget excluding precept
Budget for non-ringfenced services	269,213		246,668	-8.4%
Budget for Adult Social Care	367,170	19,205	388,390	0.5%

This table is being completed within a short notification timescale and ahead of the date for the 2017/18 RA form. Whilst every effort has been made to ensure it meets the RA form's criteria and definitions, further work will be undertaken to allocate central support costs and the democratic core costs to ensure accuracy. This may lead to some changes when the RA form is returned.

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

The table above shows that the budget for Adult Social Care (ASC) is increasing by £23.2m. This clearly demonstrates that the 2017/18 ASC precept income of £19.2m



is being used to support increased investment in ASC to fund rapidly growing demand for local authority funded care and support.

I certify that the authority will use the funding above 2% to improve the way social care services are delivered in my area. This income will be used to fund increases in fees paid to social care providers that are essential to maintain local market sustainability.

Yours

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Kevin Kilburn – Deputy Section 151 Officer

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Helen Atkinson – Strategic Director for Adult Social Care and Public Health