



NOTTINGHAM ARROW

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POLL TAX: CITY BILL SHOCK...

THE POLL tax could cost us much more than has been claimed, say City Council members and officers.

In November, the Government published estimates of the exact figure payable by those liable.

Some national newspapers gave examples for Nottingham, based on that information.

Now Council leader Coun Mrs Betty Higgins has been advised by the City Treasury that the actual bills could be a lot more.

"A close study of the way in which the Government has worked out the figures shows that the poll tax in Nottingham could be much higher," says the City Treasurer.

This year the Council used £1.3m of its working balances to keep rates down. The County Council used £31.1m.

Balances of these amounts are unlikely to be available to help the two councils next year — but the Government has made no allowance for this, says the Treasurer.

As well as using working balances, the City Council also used some of its reserves.

No allowance

These can only be used once and when there are no reserves left, the poll tax payer will have to pay more, unless services are reduced.

Again, the Government has made no allowance for this.

On top of these problems the Government has allowed less than 5% increase in spending next year.

Like everyone else Nottingham City



● Coun Higgins — concerned

**'We're being
penalised'
says leader**

Council is affected by inflation, now almost 8% — leaving a shortfall of 3%.

And extra expense will be incurred in collecting the poll tax.

The City Treasurer has sent detailed comments making these and other points to Environment Secretary Chris Patten about the Government's propo-

sals, including a number of suggestions which would improve Nottingham poll tax payers' position.

Politicians are concerned about the Government proposals.

"Nottingham, is being penalised because we used our reserves to keep the rate down last year," said Coun Higgins.

Poll Tax

Rebates

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN'T GET A REBATE!

Who can apply?

IF YOU have to pay the poll tax, you may be able to get a rebate unless:

- You have savings of over £8,000.
- Your income is too high (see table).
- You are a student who only has to pay 20% of the tax.

Keep us informed

If you are getting a rent or rate rebate at the moment, you won't need to make a special claim for your poll tax rebate, but you must keep the City Treasury informed of any changes in your circumstances.

Rebates aren't just for people who are out of work. Take a look at the table and the examples on the right of the page.

If you have a low income and have trouble getting by, it's well worth making a claim!

You can often get a rebate if you are getting state benefits such as:

- Unemployment benefit.
- Sickness benefit.
- Retirement pension.
- Widows' benefits.
- Family credit.

How to claim

- RING the rebate Hot Line or call or write to the City Treasury, Guildhall, Burton Street, Nottingham, NG1 2DE.
- Application forms are also available from area housing offices and advice centres throughout the city.

But don't forget that all your income must be taken into account (see the section "Using the Table").

If you are on income support or your income is below a certain level, you will be able to get the maximum rebate of 80% of the tax.

CLAIM TODAY

POLL TAX PER PERSON PER YEAR (EXAMPLES)	WEEKLY NET INCOME £	£350 £370 £390		
		YEARLY POLL TAX PAYABLE PER PERSON		
		£	£	£
Under 25 <i>~ 7.85 per £1</i>	28.80	70.00	74.00	78.00
	40.00	157.00	161.00	165.00
	61.00	324.00	328.00	332.00
	63.00	350.00	344.00	348.00
	65.00	350.00	370.00	364.00
Single person 25 or over <i>~ 7.57</i>	36.70	70.00	74.00	78.00
	50.00	174.00	178.00	182.00
	60.00	252.00	256.00	260.00
	70.00	324.00	328.00	332.00
	72.00	350.00	344.00	348.00
	73.00	350.00	370.00	364.00
Couple one of whom is over 18 <i>~ 5.91</i>	57.60	70.00	74.00	78.00
	85.00	177.00	181.00	185.00
	126.00	337.00	341.00	345.00
	130.00	350.00	357.00	361.00
	134.00	350.00	370.00	377.00
Couple one of whom is over 18 with one child under 11 <i>3.53</i>	77.30	70.00	74.00	78.00
	90.00	120.00	124.00	127.00
	105.00	177.00	181.00	185.00
	146.00	337.00	341.00	345.00
	150.00	350.00	357.00	361.00
	154.00	350.00	370.00	377.00
Lone parent over 18 with one child under 11 <i>6.75</i>	66.10	70.00	74.00	78.00
	86.00	226.00	229.00	233.00
	99.00	324.00	328.00	332.00
	101.00	350.00	344.00	348.00
	103.00	350.00	370.00	364.00

Using the table...

TO USE the table, follow these steps:

STEP ONE: Work out what income you have coming in each week (if you are getting a state benefit of some kind, you will get a more accurate answer if you use the income you'll be receiving in April).

If you or your partner is working, take the earnings before stoppages and deduct tax, national insurance and half any super-annuation/works pension payments.

STEP TWO: If you shown in the table, your or your partner is working, deduct one of the 11 or you have a disallowing from your larger child, you will get income: Single person — £5; couple — £10; lone parent — £15; if child is aged more than 11 or you have a disabled child, you will get a larger rebate. The maximum rebate is 80% of your poll tax charge.

This table is meant to give you a rough idea of how much rebate you could get.

The poll tax won't be set until March 1990, so we have included three different levels as examples.

STEP THREE: In addition, if you or your partner qualifies for attendance or mobility allowance, deduct the whole of these amounts from your income.

STEP FOUR: If you have capital, more than £3,000, for every £250 over £3,000 you must add £1 to your income. This is now the income to be used to work out your rebate.

STEP FIVE: Look at the part of the table which is nearest your own circumstances. Don't forget, if you are a pensioner, disabled, or have more children than

Estimates

The rebates in the table are only estimates.

But they will be higher if you:

- Are a pensioner.
- Have a child over 11 years of age.
- Have more than one child.
- Have a disabled child.
- Are disabled yourself.

IT MAY HELP YOU PAY Look at these examples

Mr G. is a single person aged 21. He has to pay a yearly poll tax of £370. Looking at the chart, if his weekly income is £61, he will get a rebate and will only have to pay a poll tax of £328.

Mr and Mrs H. are both over 18 years and their joint income is £126 a week. If the poll tax is set at £390 a year, they will each have to pay £345.

Ms J. is a lone parent. She has a child aged eight. Her total weekly income is £86 and the poll tax is £350. Her rebate will

mean that she has to pay £226 a year.

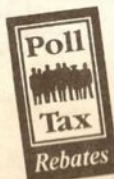
Mr and Mrs B. have a child aged ten and their joint income is £105 per week. If the poll tax is £370 they will have to pay £181 a year each.

Mr and Mrs K. are on income support. They will get the maximum rebate. If the poll tax is £390 a year they will have to pay £78 a year each.

Miss W. is 26 and her weekly income is £70. If the poll tax is £370, she will have to pay £328 per year.

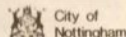
POUNDS OFF YOUR POLL TAX BILL

Can you afford to pay?
You may be able to get a rebate!



For details of Poll Tax Rebate
Dial 100 and ask for
FREEPHONE REBATE HOTLINE

Claim today it may help you pay



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