

# Your Guide to Council Tax in 2020/21

## What is Council Tax?

Council Tax is a local tax set by local councils to help pay for local services. All homes have to pay Council Tax - the amount you pay will depend on the valuation band your home has been placed in by the Valuation Office Agency.

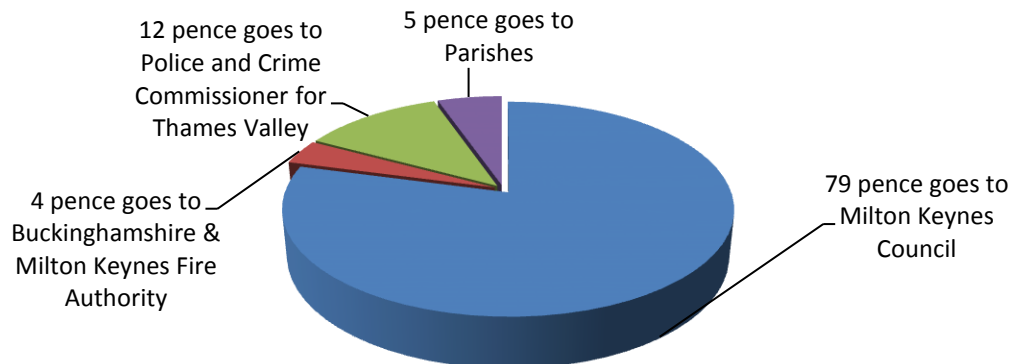
For details about how to pay your Council Tax, please look at the back of your bill.

## What does it pay for?

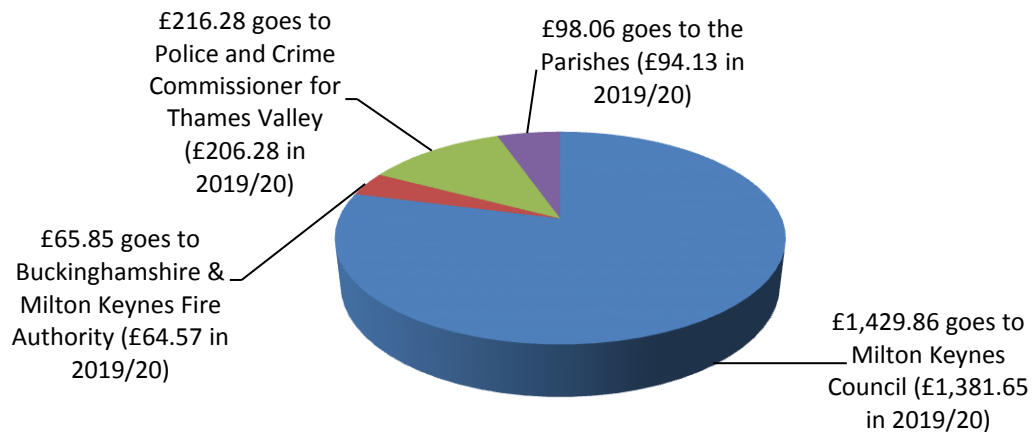
We collect your Council Tax and put it into a separate fund called the Collection Fund.

This year, we need to collect £156.9 million through Council Tax. Out of each pound we collect, 79 pence will go to Milton Keynes Council to pay for things such as education, social services, libraries, leisure services, refuse collection, street cleansing, parks and open spaces; 12 pence will go to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley; 4 pence will go to Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority; and 5 pence will go to Parish and Town Councils (on average).

## For every £1 we collect...



## For every average Band D Council Tax we collect...



## **How has the Council Tax charge changed this year?**

Your Council Tax contributes to the funding of the following bodies; Milton Keynes Council, your parish or town council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley and Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority. Milton Keynes only has control over the first of these; the other precepting bodies are separate from Milton Keynes and make their own decisions about the level of their precepts.

Milton Keynes Council has chosen to increase the precept it charges to fund its own expenditure requirement by 3.49%, 1.5% of which is an Adult Social Care levy. Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority have increased their precept by 1.98% and The Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley have increased their precept by 4.85%.

Your individual parish or town council will have set its precept based on local decisions; therefore this element of your Council Tax bill may have changed from last year depending upon the parish in which you live.

2019/20 Parish Purposes	Area <i>Key: PC/TC are Parish/Town Councils; PM are Parish Meetings</i>	2020/21 Parish Purposes	2020/21 Parish Precept Band D								
			Equivalent	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
54,210	Abbey Hill (PC)	67,768	46.70	1,172.46	1,367.87	1,563.28	1,758.69	2,149.51	2,540.33	2,931.15	3,517.38
7,000	Astwood & Hardmead (PC)	7,158	54.09	1,177.39	1,373.62	1,569.85	1,766.08	2,158.54	2,551.00	2,943.47	3,532.16
701,873	Bletchley & Fenny Stratford (TC)	722,473	142.16	1,236.10	1,442.12	1,648.13	1,854.15	2,266.18	2,678.21	3,090.25	3,708.30
15,000	Bow Brickhill (PC)	17,000	62.73	1,183.14	1,380.33	1,577.52	1,774.72	2,169.10	2,563.47	2,957.86	3,549.44
146,320	Bradwell (PC)	146,242	54.08	1,177.38	1,373.61	1,569.84	1,766.07	2,158.53	2,550.99	2,943.45	3,532.14
180,000	Broughton & Milton Keynes (PC)	189,152	33.69	1,163.79	1,357.75	1,551.72	1,745.68	2,133.61	2,521.53	2,909.47	3,491.36
0	Calverton (PM)	0	0.00	1,141.33	1,331.55	1,521.77	1,711.99	2,092.43	2,472.87	2,853.32	3,423.98
691,944	Campbell Park (PC)	734,401	184.59	1,264.39	1,475.12	1,685.85	1,896.58	2,318.04	2,739.50	3,160.97	3,793.16
30,905	Castlethorpe (PC)	33,202	72.52	1,189.68	1,387.95	1,586.23	1,784.51	2,181.07	2,577.62	2,974.19	3,569.02
133,126	Central Milton Keynes (PC)	151,886	77.97	1,193.31	1,392.19	1,591.08	1,789.96	2,187.73	2,585.49	2,983.27	3,579.92
523	Chicheley (PM)	579	14.06	1,150.70	1,342.48	1,534.26	1,726.05	2,109.61	2,493.18	2,876.75	3,452.10
7,468	Clifton Reynes & Newton Blossomville (PC)	7,468	36.63	1,165.74	1,360.04	1,554.33	1,748.62	2,137.19	2,525.78	2,914.36	3,497.24
718	Cold Brayfield (PM)	750	18.04	1,153.35	1,345.58	1,537.81	1,730.03	2,114.47	2,498.93	2,883.38	3,460.06
17,881	Emberton (PC)	17,905	62.43	1,182.95	1,380.11	1,577.26	1,774.42	2,168.73	2,563.05	2,957.37	3,548.84
28,240	Fairfields (PM)	39,686	49.25	1,174.16	1,369.86	1,565.55	1,761.24	2,152.62	2,544.01	2,935.40	3,522.48
2,670	Gayhurst (PM)	2,670	35.16	1,164.77	1,358.90	1,553.02	1,747.15	2,135.40	2,523.66	2,911.92	3,494.30
400,263	Great Linford (PC)	429,703	69.16	1,187.44	1,385.34	1,583.25	1,781.15	2,176.96	2,572.77	2,968.59	3,562.30
124,444	Hanslope (PC)	127,962	129.72	1,227.81	1,432.44	1,637.08	1,841.71	2,250.98	2,660.24	3,069.52	3,683.42
20,214	Haversham & Little Linford (PC)	22,400	68.97	1,187.31	1,385.19	1,583.08	1,780.96	2,176.73	2,572.49	2,968.27	3,561.92
112,129	Kents Hill, Monkston & Brinklow (PC)	113,987	44.30	1,170.86	1,366.01	1,561.15	1,756.29	2,146.57	2,536.86	2,927.15	3,512.58
1,500	Lathbury (PM)	1,500	25.88	1,158.58	1,351.67	1,544.77	1,737.87	2,124.06	2,510.25	2,896.45	3,475.74
30,785	Lavendon (PC)	31,372	58.48	1,180.32	1,377.03	1,573.75	1,770.47	2,163.91	2,557.34	2,950.79	3,540.94
11,700	Little Brickhill (PC)	12,130	69.49	1,187.65	1,385.59	1,583.54	1,781.48	2,177.36	2,573.24	2,969.14	3,562.96
82,327	Loughton & Great Holm (PC)	89,750	39.81	1,167.87	1,362.51	1,557.16	1,751.80	2,141.09	2,530.37	2,919.67	3,503.60
4,300	Moulsoe (PC)	6,330	45.82	1,171.87	1,367.19	1,562.50	1,757.81	2,148.43	2,539.05	2,929.69	3,515.62
68,136	New Bradwell (PC)	71,016	79.12	1,194.08	1,393.09	1,592.10	1,791.11	2,189.13	2,587.15	2,985.19	3,582.22
669,967	Newport Pagnell (TC)	706,664	135.02	1,231.34	1,436.57	1,641.79	1,847.01	2,257.45	2,667.90	3,078.35	3,694.02
15,414	North Crawley (PC)	18,202	53.45	1,176.96	1,373.12	1,569.28	1,765.44	2,157.76	2,550.08	2,942.40	3,530.88

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£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
229,000	Olney (TC)	260,000	100.89	1,208.59	1,410.02	1,611.45	1,812.88	2,215.74	2,618.60	3,021.47	3,625.76
9,104	Old Woughton (PC)	9,104	21.51	1,155.67	1,348.28	1,540.89	1,733.50	2,118.72	2,503.94	2,889.17	3,467.00
9,100	Ravenstone (PC)	9,292	73.69	1,190.46	1,388.86	1,587.27	1,785.68	2,182.50	2,579.31	2,976.14	3,571.36
658,749	Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe (PC)	709,538	81.50	1,195.66	1,394.94	1,594.21	1,793.49	2,192.04	2,590.59	2,989.15	3,586.98
328,574	Shenley Church End (PC)	338,392	73.00	1,190.00	1,388.32	1,586.66	1,784.99	2,181.65	2,578.31	2,974.99	3,569.98
35,300	Sherington (PC)	36,000	83.13	1,196.75	1,396.21	1,595.66	1,795.12	2,194.03	2,592.95	2,991.87	3,590.24
51,727	Simpson & Ashland (PC)	55,297	99.75	1,207.83	1,409.13	1,610.44	1,811.74	2,214.35	2,616.95	3,019.57	3,623.48
389,602	Stantonbury (PC)	401,299	128.43	1,226.95	1,431.44	1,635.93	1,840.42	2,249.40	2,658.38	3,067.37	3,680.84
14,205	Stoke Goldington (PC)	15,549	59.57	1,181.04	1,377.88	1,574.72	1,771.56	2,165.24	2,558.92	2,952.60	3,543.12
209,360	Stony Stratford (PC)	223,374	87.51	1,199.67	1,399.61	1,599.56	1,799.50	2,199.39	2,599.27	2,999.17	3,599.00
1,500	Tyringham & Filgrave (PM)	1,525	14.10	1,150.72	1,342.51	1,534.30	1,726.09	2,109.66	2,493.24	2,876.82	3,452.18
417,900	Walton (PC)	417,900	98.44	1,206.96	1,408.11	1,609.27	1,810.43	2,212.75	2,615.06	3,017.39	3,620.86
0	Warrington (PM)	0	0.00	1,141.33	1,331.55	1,521.77	1,711.99	2,092.43	2,472.87	2,853.32	3,423.98
21,230	Wavendon (PC)	26,920	45.77	1,171.84	1,367.15	1,562.45	1,757.76	2,148.37	2,538.98	2,929.60	3,515.52
960,404	West Bletchley (PC)	1,008,424	146.39	1,238.92	1,445.41	1,651.89	1,858.38	2,271.35	2,684.32	3,097.30	3,716.76
10,232	Weston Underwood (PC)	10,325	81.64	1,195.76	1,395.05	1,594.34	1,793.63	2,192.21	2,590.79	2,989.39	3,587.26
36,153	Whitehouse (PM)	52,285	58.00	1,180.00	1,376.66	1,573.33	1,769.99	2,163.32	2,556.65	2,949.99	3,539.98
122,415	Woburn Sands (TC)	132,514	94.16	1,204.10	1,404.79	1,605.47	1,806.15	2,207.51	2,608.88	3,010.25	3,612.30
412,081	Wolverton & Greenleys (TC)	449,105	122.69	1,223.12	1,426.98	1,630.83	1,834.68	2,242.38	2,650.09	3,057.80	3,669.36
513,806	Woughton (PC)	574,889	236.59	1,299.06	1,515.56	1,732.07	1,948.58	2,381.60	2,814.61	3,247.64	3,897.16
	<b>AVERAGE AMOUNT</b>			<b>1,206.70</b>	<b>1,407.82</b>	<b>1,608.93</b>	<b>1,810.05</b>	<b>2,212.28</b>	<b>2,614.52</b>	<b>3,016.75</b>	<b>3,620.10</b>
<b>7,989,498</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,501,088</b>									

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## Property Band Variations

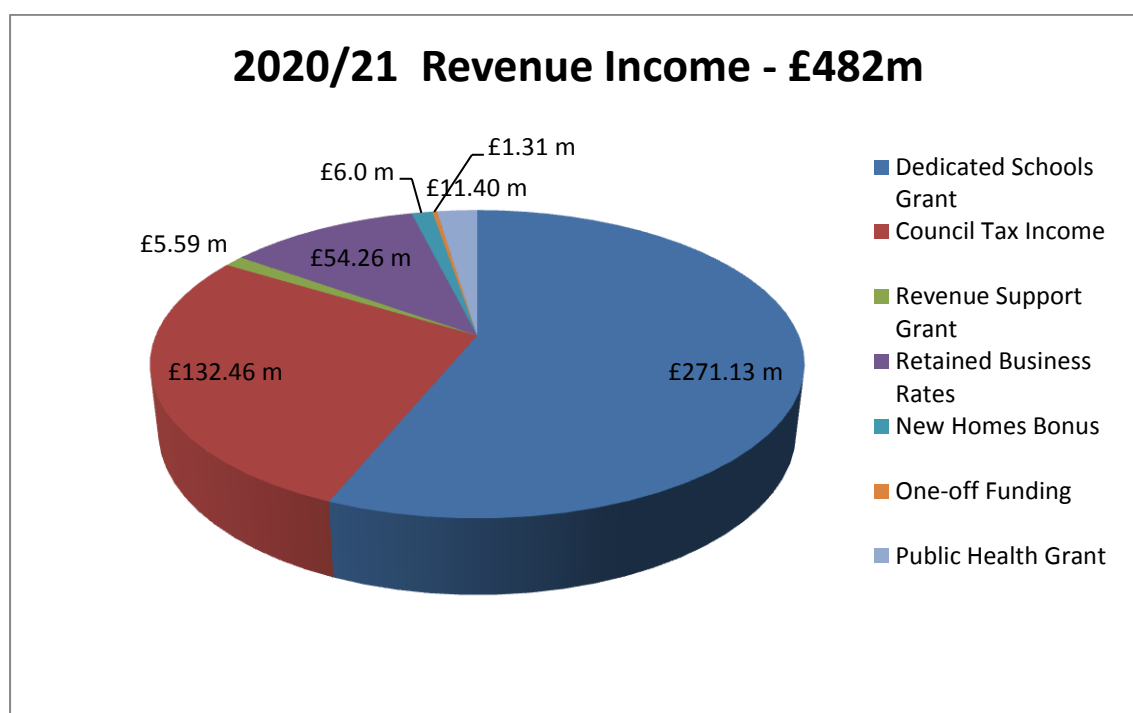
The chart on the previous two pages shows how much Council Tax you have to pay, depending on where you live and which valuation band your home is in. Parish and Town Councils need extra money to pay for things like community centres, footpaths and extra street lighting.

Please contact your parish council for further information.

## Funding the 2020/21 Budget

Council Tax is only one part of the Council's income.

This chart shows how Milton Keynes Council's 2020/21 expenditure is funded.



Overall, next year the expenditure of Milton Keynes and the parish and town councils will be £482 million, which is approximately £1,800 for everyone who lives in Milton Keynes.

## Council Tax Requirement

Council Tax income is broken down in the table below.

	2019/20	2020/21
	Council Tax Requirement £m	Council Tax Requirement £m
Milton Keynes Council	117.270	123.954
Parish Councils	7.989	8.501
<b>Total Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>125.259</b>	<b>132.456</b>

## The Changes Explained

The changes in the Councils budget from 2019/20 to 2020/21 have been analysed below.

	£m
<b>Total Budget 2019/20</b>	<b>445.9</b>
<b>Total Budget 2020/21</b>	<b>482.2</b>
<b>Variation:</b>	
Inflationary Increases & Other Base Budget Changes	6.1
Demographic Growth	5.8
Other Pressures	4.5
Budget Reductions/Income Proposals	(6.2)
Increase in Use of One-off Funding	9.4
Increase in Grant-Funded Spend including Education & Social Care	16.2
Increase in Parish Costs	0.5
<b>Total Changes Explained</b>	<b>36.3</b>

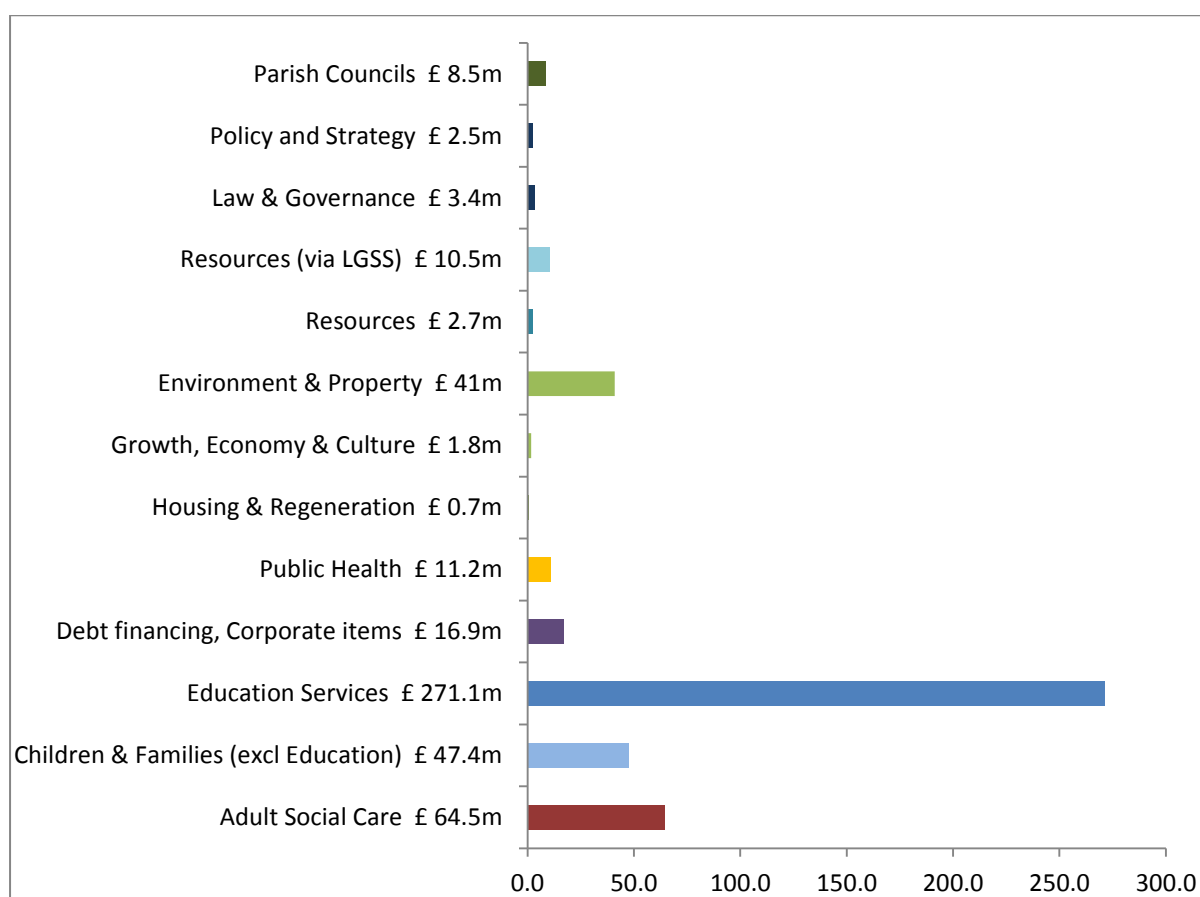
## What we will spend it on

The Councils net 2020/21 budget is £482 million, which includes Dedicated Schools Grant funded expenditure of £271 million.

The Council provides more than 200 services for the people of Milton Keynes. The graph below shows the cost of the major services in 2020/21.

Milton Keynes Council gross expenditure 2020/21 is estimated to be £691m including schools.

## 2020/201 Total £482 million (£446m in 2019/20)



## Parish Precepts Collected through your Council Tax Bill

In accordance with Government guidelines, your parish or town council precept is shown separately on the front of your bill. We are required to detail parish precepts exceeding £140,000. These are shown on the next table.

Parish Council	2019/20	2020/21				
	Total for own purposes	Gross Spend	Gross Income	Reserve movement	Total for own purposes	Band D charge
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bletchley & Fenny Stratford	701,873	999,088	(222,706)	(53,909)	722,473	142.16
Bradwell	146,320	354,789	(36,547)	(172,000)	146,242	54.08
Broughton and Milton Keynes	180,000	231,836	(17,472)	(25,212)	189,152	33.69
Central Milton Keynes	133,126	94,860	(2,371)	59,397	151,886	77.97
Campbell Park	691,944	778,985	(44,584)	0	734,401	184.59
Great Linford	400,263	847,940	(298,275)	(119,962)	429,703	69.16
Newport Pagnell	669,967	794,984	(90,695)	2,375	706,664	135.02
Olney	229,000	410,520	(155,420)	4,900	260,000	100.89
Shenley Brook End & Tattenhoe	658,749	878,958	(124,965)	(44,455)	709,538	81.50
Shenley Church End	328,574	506,970	(135,720)	(32,859)	338,392	73.00
Stantonbury	389,602	487,247	(29,576)	(56,372)	401,299	128.43
Stony Stratford	209,360	310,248	(73,625)	(13,250)	223,374	87.51
Walton	417,900	480,212	(23,498)	(38,814)	417,900	98.44
West Bletchley	960,404	1,209,726	(168,597)	(32,705)	1,008,424	146.39
Wolverton & Greenleys	412,081	554,812	(105,707)	0	449,105	122.69
Woughton	513,806	988,308	(423,511)	10,092	574,889	236.59

For further commentary on individual parish or town councils budgets please contact them direct.

## Other Precepts collected through your Council Tax Bill

Further financial information in respect of Fire and Police Authorities is included in the leaflets provided by those bodies.

Precepting body	2019/20	2020/21	
	Total precept £m	Total precept £m	Band D charge £
Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley	17.508	18.749	216.28
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority	5.480	5.709	65.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>22.989</b>	<b>24.458</b>	<b>282.13</b>

## Levies Paid to other organisations by Milton Keynes Council

Levies are payments that are made to other organisations that are funded by local authorities, as follows:

Levying body	2019/20		2020/21	
	Levy £m	Gross expenditure £m	Levy £m	Gross expenditure £m
Environment Agency (Anglian Region) - Flood Defence	0.145	26.634	0.149	40.379
Buckingham & River Ouzel Internal Drainage Board	0.332	1.257	0.332	1.399
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.477</b>	<b>27.891</b>	<b>0.481</b>	<b>41.778</b>

**Flood Defence:** Changes in the Gross Budgeted Expenditure between the years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which we contribute.

**Drainage Boards:** Gross budgeted expenditure reflects the continuation of the Board's strategic management programme of both Maintenance and Capital Works to improve the condition of watercourses, flood storage assets and flood defence structures, prioritised by level of risk.