

Overnight Visitor Levy Survey

In the King's Speech on 13 May 2026, the monarch announced that the government would legislate over the next parliamentary session to introduce an Overnight Visitor Levy Bill, which grants English mayors and local authorities the power to introduce a local "tourist tax" on overnight stays in hotels and short-term lets. The purpose of the legislation is to empower local areas to raise revenue, which will be reinvested directly into the local visitor economy and community services.

In terms of implementation exact rates and conditions are decided at the regional level, aligning England with existing frameworks in Scotland and Wales. In terms of the travel industry and broader local government response to the concept of the Overnight Visitor Levy, while bodies like the [Local Government Association](#) support the levy for boosting local attractions, trade groups like the [Association of British Travel Agents](#) have expressed concern over the cumulative financial burden it places on the UK travel sector. The government has confirmed it will publish further details on the design, consultation responses, and implementation of the tax.

Accordingly, NALC want to gather evidence from the parish and town council sector (specifically from Super Councils) regarding the Overnight Visitor Levy as (given previous lack of engagement between strategic authorities and parish and town councils on a range of policy issues in recent years) it is likely that many of the key tourist hot-spots where this levy could be levied are in large town tourist areas in England, many of which are increasingly represented by NALC Super Councils (currently those with precept income of => £1 million per annum or annual turnover of => £1.5 million).

NALC would therefore appreciate Super Councils responding to this survey on the Overnight Visitor Levy which will take 5-10 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by 17 July 2026.

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1. Please tell us the name of your council *

Enter your answer

2. Please select your county association from the drop down list below. *

Select your answer



3. Does your Super Council support the concept of the Overnight Visitor Levy in principle? Please choose from one of the below options:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided
- ☐ Other

4. What is the broad extent of tourist infrastructure in your Super Council's town? Please choose from one of the below options

- ☐ Extensive
- ☐ Extensive but not significant
- ☐ Not significant
- ☐ Relatively insignificant
- ☐ Insignificant

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