

Budget Summary Local Policing Summary

Council Tax Explained: 2023/24



Contacting Your Authorities

We can provide the information in this booklet in Braille, large type or other languages if required. Please contact West Lindsey District Council at the address below.

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Reductions and Council Tax Enquiries:

Call West Lindsey District Council on 01427 676676 with any enquiries relating to council tax and reductions.

Benefit Fraud:

You can telephone the National Benefit Fraud Hotline on 0800 854 440 if you have any information which may assist in the identification of fraud. Information will be treated in confidence.

"Our spending priorities for the next few years remain focused on those who need our support most, reflecting our aspirations for our district. We have listened to residents through our budget consultation and have tried to strike a balance between the increase in Council Tax and continuing to provide value for money services."



Cllr Owen Bierley
Leader of West Lindsey District Council

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If you want any more information on the county council's budget for 2022/23, you can email finance@lincolnshire.gov.uk or visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/finance

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Emergencies: 999 and ask for police
Minicom/Textphone: 01522 558140
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In order to continue reducing costs this council tax booklet is no longer printed and issued to individual households. It is available online and can be printed on request. All the information billing authorities are required to publish in this leaflet will be provided online via the West Lindsey website: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/ctguide

Council Tax Explained

Who gets the council tax money?

West Lindsey District Council collects the council tax. However, we keep less than one eighth of it. We pay the rest over to Lincolnshire County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner, parish and town councils, as detailed from page 8 onwards.

What is council tax and who has to pay?

Council tax is a tax on people's homes. Council and police services are paid for by income from government grants, council tax, fees and other charges.

Owner occupiers and their partners usually have to pay the council tax bill. Where homes are rented, the tenants and their partners will have to pay. In the case of empty homes, it's normally the owner who has to pay.

The owners of these properties have to pay:

- Residential care homes, nursing homes and hostels or
- Those occupied by
 - a minister of religion/religious community
 - more than one household or
 - resident staff or asylum seekers

Please contact us if you have been made the liable person, and you believe this to be incorrect.

What are valuation bands - can you appeal?

The Valuation Office, an executive agency of HM Revenue and Customs, has given each property a valuation band, between A and H, according to its market value in April 1991. If your property was built after April 1991, it will be valued as if it had existed then.

Band	Market Value (April 1991)
A	Up to £40,000
B	£40,001 - £52,000
C	£52,001 - £68,000
D	£68,001 - £88,000
E	£88,001 - £120,000
F	£120,001 - £160,000
G	£160,001 - £320,000
H	More than £320,000

You can appeal against the valuation band if:

- It's within six months of you becoming the taxpayer or
- The value changes because of demolition work, a conversion, a change of use or any other physical change to the location

You must carry on paying your council tax while your appeal is being considered.

For more information about valuation bands or appeals, contact:

The Listing Officer, Council Tax East
Valuation Office Agency
Ground Floor, Ferrers House
Castle Meadow Road
Nottingham
NG2 1AB

Email: cteast@voa.gsi.gov.uk

Tel: 03000 501501

Website: www.voa.gov.uk

If your initial appeal fails, you have further avenues of appeal, which will be explained to you by the Valuation Office.

In common with all local authorities, West Lindsey District Council has a duty to protect the public funds it administers. We are required to participate in data matching exercises, carried out by the Audit Commission's National Fraud Initiative, to prevent and detect fraud.

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Council Tax Discounts:

You may be able to get a discount or, in some cases, a full exemption if no-one lives in the property. The discount on furnished properties, which are no-one's sole or main residence, is 10%. You can get a 25% discount on your bill if there is only one person aged 18 or over living in your home. People under 18, or in one of the groups listed below, are NOT included when counting the number of people living in your home for council tax purposes:

- Most full-time students, student nurses and some apprentices
- The partner of a student or the dependant of a student who is not a British citizen and is not allowed to work in this country or claim benefits
- People who are long-term patients in hospital or who live in care homes
- People who are severely mentally impaired
- 18 and 19 year olds still eligible for child benefit
- School and college leavers (from April to October if they are under 20 years old)
- Low-paid care workers (usually employed by charities)
- Residents of hostels for the homeless or night shelters
- Carers looking after someone who is not their partner and not a child of their own who is under 18 years old
- Members of religious communities
- Members of visiting armed forces and international institutions
- Diplomats
- People in detention (except for those in prison for non-payment of fines or council tax)

Discounts for empty properties:

- Property undergoing structural repair (25% for up to 12 months only)
- Property empty and unfurnished (100% for up to 2 months only)

Please contact us if:

- You think you should be getting a discount or
- You are getting a discount and your circumstances have changed so that you should no longer get it.

Council Tax Exemptions:

Generally, you don't have to pay council tax on the classes of property listed in the two sections that follow because they are exempt. Some classes do have time limits though and you may have to pay a charge after the exemption runs out. Please note that time limits run from when the circumstances of the exempt class first started to apply, and they don't re-start if the property changes hands. Classes of exempt empty property are as follows:

- **Class B:** owned by a charity (exempt for up to six months only)
- **Class D:** the tax payer is in detention (except for those in prison for non-payment of fines or council tax)
- **Class E:** the tax payer has left it to go and live in a care home
- **Class F:** the tax payer has died (exempt for up to six months after probate granted)
- **Class G:** can't be lived in by law
- **Class H:** held for a minister of religion
- **Class I:** the tax payer has gone to live elsewhere to receive personal care
- **Class J:** the taxpayer has gone to live elsewhere to provide personal care
- **Class K:** left empty by a student
- **Class L:** the mortgagee has possession
- **Class Q:** the taxpayer is trustee to a bankrupt
- **Class R:** unused caravan pitch or boat mooring
- **Class T:** unoccupied annexe to occupied property

Classes of exempt occupied property are as follows:

- **Class M:** student halls of residence
- **Class N:** all occupiers are students, school or college leavers or non-British dependants or partners of students
- **Class O:** UK armed forces accommodation
- **Class P:** visiting forces accommodation
- **Class S:** all occupiers are under 18
- **Class U:** all occupiers are severely mentally impaired
- **Class V:** main residence of a person with diplomatic privilege or immunity
- **Class W:** the annexe to a property occupied by a dependant relative

Council Tax Explained

A 50% discount can also be granted in certain circumstances where an annex to a main dwelling is occupied by a non-dependent relative of the person paying council tax on the main dwelling.

Council tax premium:

Any property empty for over 2 years is liable for a premium of 100% which means 200% of the charge will be levied.

Please contact us if:

- You think your property should be exempt from council tax; or
- If your circumstances have changed so that it should no longer be exempt

Penalties:

You must notify us of a change in circumstances within 21 days. Failure to do so could result in a penalty of £70 being imposed.

Claiming Council Tax Support:

Don't pay more council tax than you need to. Council tax support can reduce your bill by as much as 90% if one of these applies:

- You are getting either Income Based Job Seekers Allowance or Income Support
- The income we have to take into account is low enough for you to qualify and savings and investments are valued below £16,000

Even if you own your own home and are working you may still be able to get this support. A lot of information is required to support the claim, but don't be put off by this, it's necessary to stop fraud.

Council tax payers who have reached pension age and some disabled customers may qualify for up to 100% council tax support.

Housing Benefit (Help with your Rent):

If you rent your home and have a low income, you could get housing benefit to help you pay your rent. Contact your district council to discuss eligibility.

People with Disabilities:

You can get your bill reduced by one valuation band if you have a second bathroom; a second kitchen; a special room; or enough floor space to use a wheelchair indoors and the facility is necessary to meet the needs of anyone in the home who is disabled.

If you qualify for this reduction, you will have to renew your application annually.

Please contact us if:

- You think you should be getting a disabled band reduction or
- Your circumstances have changed so that you no longer need to receive the reduction

This booklet contains information about many discounts, exemptions, banding reductions and support that can help to reduce your bill.

We can advise further on any of these schemes. If you don't qualify or are already receiving some help, and are still finding it hard to pay, contact us as soon as possible to discuss your payments.

The Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) gives free impartial advice to people struggling with various debts. It has offices in Gainsborough and Lincoln. The CAB advice line is 03444 111 444.

The council has the discretion to give local council tax discounts. It is likely that this would only be used in very exceptional and deserving circumstances. If you think this might apply to you, please contact us for more information.

District Council Finances

Your Council Tax: 2023/24

	Lincolnshire County Council	Lincolnshire Police	West Lindsey District Council	Total
Band A	£1,002.42	£194.16	£156.36	£1,352.94
Band B	£1,169.49	£226.52	£182.42	£1,578.43
Band C	£1,336.56	£258.88	£208.48	£1,803.92
Band D	£1,503.63	£291.24	£234.54	£2,029.41
Band E	£1,837.77	£355.96	£286.66	£2,480.39
Band F	£2,171.91	£420.68	£338.78	£2,931.37
Band G	£2,506.05	£485.40	£390.90	£3,382.35
Band H	£3,007.26	£582.48	£469.08	£4,058.82

West Lindsey District Council Tax will rise by £6.80, Lincolnshire County Council have increased their Council Tax for General Expenditure by 2.99% and made an increase of 2.00% for Adult Social Care. Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner increased its rate by £14.94 and the overall impact on Council Tax bills is an increase of 4.81% (£93.20 at Band D).

The level of changes in bills will vary across the district where Parishes or Towns set local precepts. The back page of this booklet sets out all Parish and Town Council precepts and Band D equivalent charges.

West Lindsey District Council has set a Budget and Council Tax increase of £6.80 (2.99%), which can continue to support the delivery of our Corporate Plan objectives, protects our award winning services, improves our customer's experience, and delivers efficiencies.

This will be achieved through investment in growth, new technology and service redesigns, in support of the delivery of our Financial Strategy which aims to achieve financial sustainability in the long term whilst continuing to achieve unqualified Value for Money opinions from our external auditors.

Total Council Tax Requirement

	2022/23 Net Expenditure (£000)	2023/24 Net Expenditure (£000)
West Lindsey District Council Tax Requirement	£9,402	£10,011
Lincolnshire County Council Tax Requirement	£44,452	£47,660
Lincolnshire Police Authority Requirement	£8,576	£9,231
Total Cost met by Council Taxpayers	£62,430	£66,902
Population	96,186	£95,570
Cost per head of Population	£649.05	£700.03

District Council Finances

What your Council Tax goes towards paying for:

2022/23: Net Expenditure (£000)	Service Expenditure	2023/24: Gross Expenditure (£000)	2023/24: Income (£000)	2023/24: Net Expenditure (£000)
£6,695	Our Council	£11,013	(£3,228)	£7,785
£2,099	Our People	£16,564	(£14,731)	£1,833
£4,834	Our Place	£7,220	(£2,494)	£4,726
£13,628	Net Cost of Services	£34,797	(£20,453)	£14,344
£2,747	Precepts and Levies for Local Precepting Authorities			£3,036
(£1,168)	Financing and Investment income and expenditure			(£1,359)
(£706)	Other Adjustments			£906
£3,236	Capital Expenditure charged to General Fund			£3,943
(£2,757)	Movement to/(from) Reserves and Balances			(£4,131)
£14,979	Amount to be met from Grants and Taxpayers			£16,739
(£1,918)	Less Government Grants			(£1,805)
(£3,434)	Retained Business Rates			(£4,633)
(£226)	(Surplus)/Deficit from Collection Fund - Council Tax			(£290)
£9,402	Amount to be met by District Taxpayers			£10,011

Reserves and Balances

	Balance (1st April 2022) (£000)	In Year Movements (£000)	Estimate (1st April 2023) (£000)
Usable Reserves: General Fund	(£5,406)	£1,306	(£4,100)
Usable Reserves: Earmarked Reserves	(£19,214)	£867	(£18,347)
Usable Reserves: Capital	(£3,988)	£3,560	(£428)
Total Usable Reserves	(£28,608)	£5,733	(£22,875)
Unusable Reserves	(£20,387)	£0	(£20,387)
Total Reserves and Balances	(£8,221)	£5,733	(£2,488)

District Council Finances

Why the District Council's Budget (including Parish Precepts) requirement has changed from last year:

	Change in Expenditure and Income (£000)	Change In Council Tax per Band D equivalent (£)
Council Tax Requirement: 2022/23	£9,402	£303
Movement in Taxbase		(£6)
Savings	(£64)	(£2)
Income Gain	(£190)	(£6)
Additional Expenditure	£2,098	£66
Income Loss	£136	£4
Contingency Budgets	£341	£11
Capital Investment and Financing	(£98)	(£3)
Other Government Grants	£113	£4
Investment Interest and Income	(£86)	(£3)
Reserves	(£667)	(£21)
Collection Fund	(£64)	(£2)
Precepts	£289	£9
Business Rate Retention	(£1,199)	(£38)
Council Tax Requirement 2021/22	£10,011	£316

The changes in Council Tax per Band D reflect the impacts of pay and price increases, Government grant funding reductions, the Localisation of Council Tax, which also resulted in a reduced tax base, and the retention of NNDR.

In addition, through its entrepreneurial approach, the Council has identified ongoing savings, ensuring continued delivery of quality services.

Priorities and Key Themes

Adult Social Care Precept

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer is the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge a "precept" of up to 2% on its council tax for the financial year beginning in 2016 without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care. Subject to the annual approval of the House of Commons, the Secretary of State intends to offer the option of charging the "precept" in relation to each financial year up to and including the financial year 2019-20.

In relation to the financial year beginning in 2016 the Secretary of State has determined (and the House of Commons has approved) a referendum principle of 4% (comprising 2% for expenditure on adult social care and 2% for other expenditure), for adult social care authorities. These authorities may therefore set council tax up to this percentage in 2016 without holding a referendum.

Our People

The wellbeing and success of our residents and communities is of upmost importance to the Council. Our residents have varied and sometimes complex needs. We must ensure that we work with partner organisations, communities and residents themselves to address their issues and have a positive impact on their lives. We recognise that managing expectations in relation to time and resources available is essential. We are therefore clear that we will be working to improve matters over the medium to long term.

We have identified three strategic focal points within this theme of the Corporate Plan:

1. **Health & Wellbeing:** to reduce health inequalities and promote wellbeing across the district through the promotion of healthy lifestyles.
2. **Vulnerable Groups & Communities:** to create strong and self-reliant communities and promote positive life choices for disadvantaged residents.
3. **Education & Skills:** to facilitate the creation of a highly educated and skilled workforce, that meets the present and future needs of the local and wider economy.



Priorities and Key Themes

Our Place

West Lindsey is a predominantly rural district, centred on three historic market towns (Caistor, Market Rasen and Gainsborough); interspersed with rural communities. It is imperative that we aim to protect what is important to current and future residents. We will achieve this by meeting the need for homes and infrastructure and diversifying the economic and employment opportunities available in the district. Improvements in particular to the road infrastructure and traffic schemes are essential to accommodate the planned growth of the district and support the development of Scampton and Hemswell Cliff, in addition to strengthening the economic corridor to the Humber and its ports. We also acknowledge that some of our communities are vulnerable and suffer from deprivation. Key to assisting such communities is the achievement and harnessing of continued economic success and ensuring that social regeneration is integrated within and across our key strategies.

We have identified three strategic focal points within this theme of the Corporate Plan:

1. **Economy:** to ensure that economic regeneration in West Lindsey is sustainable and benefits all of our communities.
2. **Housing Growth:** to facilitate quality, choice and diversity in the housing market, assist in meeting housing need and demand and deliver high quality housing related services to support growth.
3. **Public Safety & Environment:** to create a safer, cleaner district to live, work and socialise.



Our Council

It is the Council's strategic aim to be a well managed and well-governed Council, delivering high quality services that demonstrate improvement and meet public aspirations. The Council is aware that, despite the challenge of reduced budgets, it has a key role to play in the current and future wellbeing of West Lindsey residents through the efficient delivery of excellent services and joint working with partners.

It must also promote the preservation of the environment and conduct its operations in an environmentally sustainable manner.

Key considerations are: ensuring effective commercial and financial planning; putting the customer at the heart of all we do; supporting our staff and Councillors to fulfil their respective roles and ensure that decision and governance arrangements support the Council in achieving its ambitions.

We have identified three strategic focal points within this theme of the Corporate Plan:

1. **Finances:** to remain financially sustainable.
2. **Customer:** to put the customer at the centre of everything we do.
3. **Staff & Members:** to maintain our position as a well managed and well-governed Council.



Gainsborough Town Council

The information contained in this leaflet shows how the money received from West Lindsey District Council will be spent.

Contained within the total amount to be spent by all Parish Councils in the West Lindsey District area is the sum of £612,885 which is required by Gainsborough Town Council for the 2023/24 precept. This is equivalent to a Parish Council Tax of £123.98 per Band D property.

The precept is further analysed below:

Estimated Expenditure	Value
Employee Costs	£378,850
Administration	£42,920
Grounds Maintenance	£65,850
Richmond Park & House	£52,748
Sports Grounds (Marshalls, Levellings)	£42,557
Cemeteries (General Cemetery & North Warren Cemetery)	£53,188
Play Areas (Danes Rd, Aisby Walk, Sandsfield Lane North, Levellings, Mayflower Close, St Georges)	£4,750
Allotments (Foxby Hill, Love Lane, North Warren, Showfield, Spital Hill)	£23,925
Public Realm (Street Furniture, War Memorial)	£3,040
Events (Kings Coronation, Armed Forces Day, Remembrance Sunday, Local Event Support)	£11,800
Christmas Lights	£32,400
Total Expenditure	£712,028
Less Income	£99,143
Less WLDC Contribution	£100
Balance to be funded by Local Charge Payers	£612,785

Gainsborough Town Council's precept for the year 2023/24 is as itemised under the above headings. A 6.79% rise for next year's Council Tax.



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Gainsborough
TOWN COUNCIL

Market Rasen Town Council

The information contained in this leaflet shows how the money received from West Lindsey District Council will be spent.

Contained within the total amount to be spent by all Parish Councils in the West Lindsey District area is the sum of £163,174.00 which is required by Market Rasen Town Council for the 2023/24 Precept.

This is equivalent to a council tax charge of £128.72 for a Band D property (an increase of £18.30 from the previous annual figure).

The precept amount is further analysed below:

Estimated Expenditure	Value
Employee Costs	£108,631
Administration Costs (including all administration costs, & non-domestic rates)	£22,291
Democratic Representation (including reserves for elections & Councillor expenses)	£750
Town Facilities & Recreation areas (including all maintenance, utilities, and other costs for community buildings and public realm areas owned by the council and a contribution towards the town CCTV.)	£71,302
Town Events	£5,500
S 137 expenses, Grants & sponsorship	£1,200
Reserves against future capital expenditure	£3,500
Total Expenditure	£213,174
Less estimated Income	£50,000
Precept Requested	£163,174

Over the past few years, the Town Council, like residents, has encountered a range of previously unforeseen challenges, and uncertainties. Extreme rises in inflation, increases in nationally agreed wages, and rising energy prices all continue to contribute to increased expenditure for the council. In addition, the Town Council recognises the requirement to continue to maintain its financial reserves at recommended levels to ensure financial security against extreme circumstances.

The council have carefully considered any cost cutting measures they can take to alleviate the financial demand on residents whilst still maintaining the current level of service and will continue to do so. However, in the current economic climate the council have had to increase the precept request to meet rising costs.



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Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

The information contained in this leaflet shows how the money received from West Lindsey District Council will be spent.

Contained within the total amount to be spent by all parish councils in the West Lindsey district area is the sum of £246,120, which is required by Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council for the 2023/24 Precept.

Below shows an overview of areas of spend for the 2023/24 to deliver these services and facilities:

Estimated Expenditure	Value
Democratic Representation (Councillor training, provision for elections)	£8,125
S.137 Grants & Events (grants which can be awarded to qualifying organisations, public events)	£3,485
Admin, Audit and Finance (running the parish office, staff, training, legal & professional fees, software & licences, internal & external audit)	£94,433
Village Maintenance (grass cutting, maintenance of public areas, vehicles & equipment, grounds staff, training, street furniture, litter picking, bin emptying, sports pitch maintenance/hires, burial ground)	£78,201
Community Buildings & Facilities (maintenance and utilities: Mill Lane sports facilities, Saxilby Waterfront facilities, St Andrews Community Centre plus staff)	£51,116
Capital Expenditure (budget for capital items)	£7,560
General Reserves (build up financial reserves to recommended levels to ensure financial security in the event of unforeseen circumstances)	£3,400
WLDC Council Tax Grant	(£100)
Total	£246,220

Saxilby is a large village in West Lindsey, with the council adopting a proactive approach to service delivery and community collaboration, endorsed by residents. As a result, it delivers many local services and facilities predominately funded by the precept including village grounds maintenance, a burial ground, litter picking and public bin emptying service (devolved from the district council), verge grass cutting (devolved from the county council), a community library hub working hand-in-hand with volunteers (devolved from the county council), public conveniences, a play area and wheeled park (skate park), provision of sports pitches, provision of public green spaces, part of the warm spaces scheme, holding community events as well as projects such as the new community watch scheme.



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council
St. Andrews Centre
William Street
Saxilby
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LN1 2LP



Nettleham Parish Council

The information contained in this leaflet shows how the money received from West Lindsey District Council will be spent.

Contained within the total amount to be spent by all Parish Councils in the West Lindsey District area is the sum of £196,023 which is required by Nettleham Parish Council for the 2023/24 Precept.

This means that again, this year, there is a 0% increase in the annual Parish Council Tax which remains at £121.66 for a Band D property.

The precept is further analysed below:

Estimated Expenditure	Value
Administration	£77,322
Burial Ground	£13,979
Old School	£39,788
Mulsanne Park	£24,960
Neighbourhood Plan	£4,000
Village Amenities (Bishops Meadow, Allotments, Bill Baileys Memorial Field, Play areas, Grass cutting, Swathe, Street Furniture, Litter picking, Vicar's Wood, field paths, floral/planter displays & areas of village beck)	£60,004
Capital reserves	£36,880
Total Expenditure	£256,933
Less Income	£60,910
Balance to be funded by Local Charge Payers	£ 196,023

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that there will be no annual increase in the Parish Precept, for the year 2023/24.

We realise residents have already encountered major increases in cost of living and energy costs during the year and we do not want to add to those burdens. The Council has also seen a further increase in the number of new properties built within the parish, including at Minster Fields and Romangate. New development provides additional contributions towards the Parish Precept which in turn will help to cover our anticipated inflation related increases and financial provision towards our earmarked project reserves.

During 2022-23, we have undertaken a major renovation of the Mulsanne Park Pavilion, having received grants to the value of £25K from the Football Association and £8K from West Lindsey District Council. The grant funding has reduced the money needing to be spent on the project from our earmarked reserves. The Pavilion has been fully refurbished to include: a new larger kitchen, new windows, new flooring and the building is now well insulated. It has solar panels on the roof and energy battery storage will help us to save on energy costs. Again, savings have been made with grant funding of £5K from West Lindsey District Council and £5K from Lincolnshire County Council.

There have been several climate change initiatives including tree planting at the Fire and Rescue HQ, Mulsanne Park and Minster Fields. An electric van is on order and a charge point has been installed at the Parish Office. We are also working with a designer in order to extend the Council's burial ground into the area known as the Swathe.



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Welton Parish Council

The information contained in this leaflet shows how the money received from West Lindsey District Council will be spent.

Contained within the total amount to be spent by all Parish Councils in the West Lindsey District area is the sum of £202,250 which is required by Welton Parish Council for the 2023/24 Precept.

This is a 23.51% increase from 2022/23 in council tax for a Band D property (equivalent to a council tax charge of £125.76 for a Band D property).

The precept amount is further analysed below:

Estimated Expenditure	Value
Administration	£127,620
Councillors Expenses	£150
Library	£5,470
Amenities & Services	£18,000
Facilities & Recreation	£69,050
Heritage & Events	£18,800
Vehicle Costs	£5,500
S137 expenses	£100
Neighbourhood Plan	£5,468
Total Expenditure	£250,158
Less Income	£47,908
Precept Requested	£202,250

The Council has been mindful in setting the budget and was able to keep the precept lower last year (2022/23); unfortunately a higher amount is requested this year. The main factors behind this are the anticipated inflationary increases to products and services provided to the Parish Council, planned/future Village events, rises in pension costs, 9.7% increase in the national living wage, National Insurance contributions, increases in the price of fuel and the unprecedented rise in energy costs which all contribute to increased expenditure for the council.



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Welton-by-Lincoln
Parish Council

Investing in our communities

Lincolnshire County Council

Investing in our communities despite financial challenges

This year the council will spend around £600m on a wide range of vital services, including over £275m for adult care and community wellbeing, £84m for children's social care and around £22m for the fire service.

There is £7m more for road repairs, meaning the highways budget for 2023/24 has now risen to around £93m. This will go towards filling potholes and other maintenance, as well as major road reconstruction works and new infrastructure around the county.

An extra £8.7m is being placed in the council's development fund, which will be used for projects that benefit local communities.

Like households across the country, inflation is raising the council's costs, particularly for school transport, and demand for services continues to increase, most notably adult care and children's services.

Smarter working will save more than £23m over the next few years, and there has been some extra government funding, including around £19m for social care. Despite this, the authority is having to draw on its reserves again to balance the books.

The council will continue to push government for long-term solutions to fairer funding, the resetting of business rates and the sustainability of adult care. It will also continue to work towards a devolution deal for Greater Lincolnshire, giving local areas more control over funding.

You can find full details on this year's budget on the council's website at

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/budget

Council tax

The authority's funding comes from a combination of council tax, business rates and government grants.

In light of increasing costs and demand for services, the council will increase its share of the council tax by 4.99% this year.

The increase is shown on your bill and will generate an extra £21.824m for the council. For a property in council tax band A, the increase would be the equivalent of an extra 92p per week.

Lincolnshire is still expected to have one of the lowest council tax rates of all 26 English shire counties.



Changes in budget requirement

Lincolnshire County Council

Reasons for change in budget requirement and effect on council tax		£m
Budget requirement 2022/23		544.6
Changes to gross expenditure	Adult social care pressures	27.3
	Highways contract and street lighting energy inflation	9.4
	Increased investment in highways maintenance	7.0
	Home to school transport	4.2
	Increase in contingency re home to school transport pressures	9.4
	Pay, national insurance and price increases	15.9
	Other pressures	16.9
Changes to gross income	Service savings and increased income	-19.7
	Increase in service grants	-5.5
Total change in services		64.9
Increase in use of reserves		-5.2
Budget requirement 2023/24		604.4
Changes to funding	Increase in business rates funding	-18.7
	Increase in government grants	-20.3
	Increase in council tax	-20.7
Total change in funding		-59.7
Council tax increase of 2.0% (Adult social care precept) to support adult social care pressures		
Council tax increase of 3.0% (general) to support other service net pressures		
Total council tax increase of 5.0% (4.99%)		

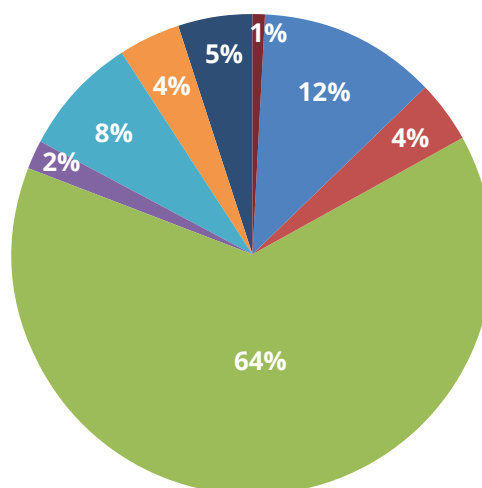
Note: The use of a minus (-) in front of a figure shows that either additional income will be received or that reserves will be used to support our spending.

Capital investment & net budget spend 2023/24

Lincolnshire County Council

2023/24 Capital Investment £137m

- Schools - £17m, 12%
- Place - Communities - £5m, 4%
- Place - Highways - £88m, 64%
- Fire and Rescue - £3m, 2%
- Property and ICT - £11m, 8%
- Other Budgets - £5m, 4%
- Place - Growth - £7m, 5%
- Children's services - £1m, 1%

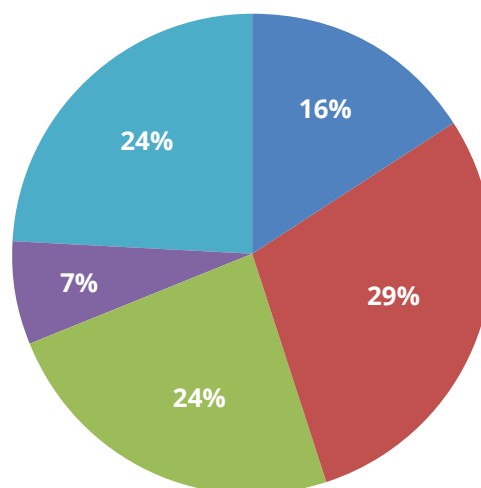


Communities includes: Cultural Services, Waste Management, Environment and Flood Management, Transport (including Home to School/College), Sustainable Planning.

ICT: refers to Information and Communications Technology

2023/24 Net Budget Spend £604m

- Children's Services - £97.4m, 16%
- Adult Care and Community Wellbeing - £177.8m, 29%
- Place - £143.3m, 24%
- Capital Financing Charges - £43.1m, 7%
- Other Services - £142.9m, 24%



Children's Services includes: Children's Social Care and Children's Education.

Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Includes: Adult Frailty & Long Term Conditions, Adult Specialties, Public Health & Community Wellbeing, Public Protection.

Place includes: Communities (which includes Cultural Services, Waste Management, Environment and Flood Management, Transport (including Home to School/College), Sustainable Planning), Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Growth and Highways.

Other Services includes: Fire and Rescue, Resources, Corporate Services, Other Budgets, Contribution from Reserves.

Our share of the council tax

Lincolnshire County Council

The table below shows the amount you pay towards Lincolnshire County Council's services. (This does not include the amounts you pay for district councils, parish councils or the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire).

	Amount 2022/2023	Amount 2023/2024
Band A	£954.78	£1,002.42
Band B	£1,113.91	£1,169.49
Band C	£1,273.04	£1,336.56
Band D	£1,432.17	£1,503.63
Band E	£1,750.43	£1,837.77
Band F	£2,068.69	£2,171.91
Band G	£2,386.95	£2,506.05
Band H	£2,864.34	£3,007.26

Flood defence

The Environment Agency is responsible for protecting people and property against flooding from sea and rivers. The majority of its funding comes from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), but Lincolnshire County Council is also making a contribution of £0.670m for 2023/24 (£0.657m for 2022/23).

Funding and spending in 2023/24

Lincolnshire County Council

Services	Gross £m	Income £m	Net £m	Cost per Resident £
Children's Services	878.9	781.5	97.4	126.6
Adult Care & Community Wellbeing	363.7	185.9	177.8	231.0
Place	183.0	39.7	143.3	186.2
Capital Projects Charges	43.4	0.3	43.1	56.0
Other Services	178.7	28.3	150.4	195.5
Total planned spending	1,647.6	1035.7	612.0	795.2
Contributions to/-from reserves	-7.5	0.0	-7.5	N/A
Budget requirement	1,640.1	1035.7	604.4	795.2
Resourced by:				
Business Rates Local Retention			141.4	
Revenue Support Grant			23.4	
Other Grants			74.0	
County Precept			365.6	
Total Funding			604.4	

Children's Services includes: Children's Social Care and Children's Education.

Adult Care and Community Wellbeing includes: Adult Frailty & Long Term Conditions, Adult Specialties, Public Health & Community Wellbeing, Public Protection.

Place includes: Communities (which includes Cultural Services, Waste Management, Environment and Flood Management, Transport (including Home to School/College), Sustainable Planning), Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Growth and Highways.

Other Services includes: Fire and Rescue, Resources, Commercial, Corporate Services, Other Budgets and Contribution to Reserves.

Funding and spending in 2022/23

Lincolnshire County Council

Services	Gross £m	Income £m	Net £m	Cost per Resident £
Children's Services	844.0	753.5	90.5	118.2
Adult Care & Community Wellbeing	324.4	167.6	156.8	204.6
Place	163.4	38.4	125.0	163.1
Capital Projects Charges	43.3	0.3	43.0	56.1
Other Services	157.5	25.9	131.6	171.7
Total planned spending	1,532.6	985.8	546.9	713.6
Contributions to/-from reserves	-2.3	0.0	-2.3	N/A
Budget requirement	1,530.4	985.8	544.6	713.6
Resourced by:				
Business Rates Local Retention			122.6	
Revenue Support Grant			21.2	
Other Grants			55.9	
County Precept			344.9	
Total Funding			544.6	

The Secretary of State made an offer to adult social care authorities. ("Adult social care authorities" are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer was the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional "precept" on its council tax without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting its expenditure on adult social care from the financial year 2016-17. It was originally made in respect of the financial years up to and including 2019-20. If the Secretary of State chooses to renew this offer in respect of a particular financial year, this is subject to the approval of the House of Commons."

The offer has been extended to cover the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Your police Council Tax explained

2023



Lincolnshire
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

SAFER TOGETHER

How your council tax will be spent on fighting crime and keeping communities safe



Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones and Chief Constable Chris Haward explain how the extra council tax raised this year will be invested in front line policing to keep you and your community safe.



This extra money will be dedicated to:

Maintaining police officer numbers

Retaining our police officer numbers at 1186, bolstering local neighbourhood teams, preventing and tackling crime, and protecting our communities.

Extra officers and staff into specialist sexual assault/abuse units

Commitment to greater protection and justice for children and adults across Lincolnshire who experience some of the most harmful crimes.



Improving 101 call response times

Lincolnshire has one of the best 999 answering records in England. An additional 15 call handlers will boost the 101 service to give residents the service they deserve.

Making our roads safer

Investment in the Serious Collisions Investigation Unit will help deliver crucial answers and justice to victims and families of tragic incidents on our roads.



Increasing community confidence

We are determined to keep the confidence of the public and raise it even further with investment into the Professional Standards Department to maintain and raise standards of conduct and behaviour within the service.

More officers on shift when you need them

Investment in a revised deployment model to place more officers on duty in peak demand periods thereby improving incident response times

Huge amounts of work have been done in Lincolnshire to create a police force we can be proud of – and we all owe a debt of gratitude to county tax payers for supporting that development.

Without the financial backing of residents, prudent financial planning and investment in innovation and new technology we could not have created the effective and efficient Police Force we have today.

Last year that support meant funds were available for investment in a new roads policing team, a rural crime team, 12 new community beat managers and an enhanced forensics capability – all now working to keep communities safe, track down and arrest criminals.

But we cannot afford to stand still. We must continue to find new ways to evolve our crime fighting, deployment of resources and policing models to best protect our communities.

Every penny possible has been made available this year for the Chief and his team to maximise the service our communities receive.

For next year the planned budget for the Chief will be £146m – up from £135m the previous year.

While we must manage our financial resources as efficiently as possible, Lincolnshire's funding is hampered by the Government's current funding formula.

The Government has listened to us and has now committed to delivering the review needed. For months the PCC has worked with senior policing leaders to develop the basis of a new formula.

It is, however, important to be realistic about this process. If the review recognises our historic underfunding, any changes to funding will be phased over a number of years.

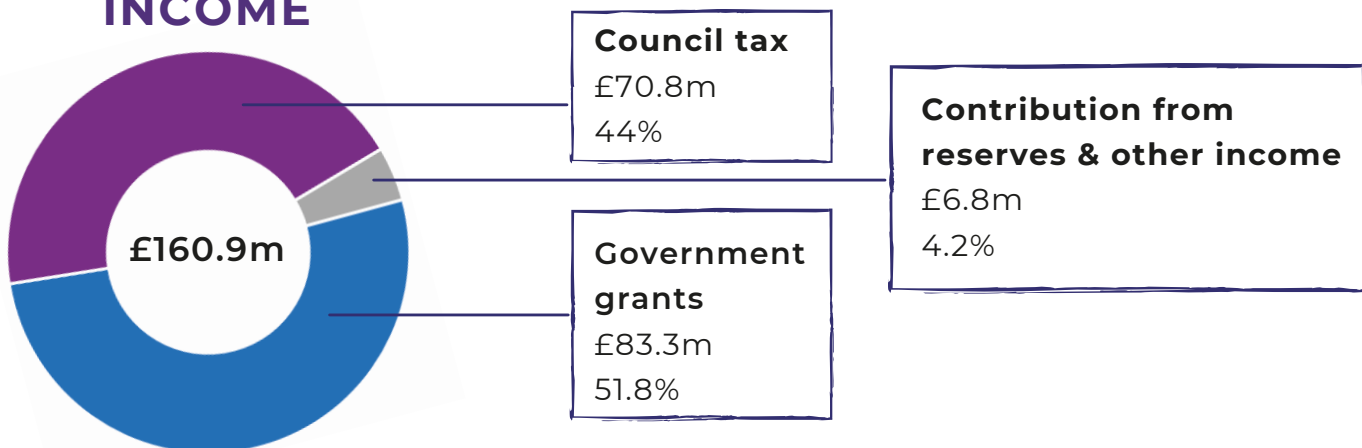
That means in the short and medium term we still have challenges in how we spend the money available.

The PCC is confident that we have the right people, the right experience and the right approach to ensure we maintain one of the most effective and efficient forces in the UK.

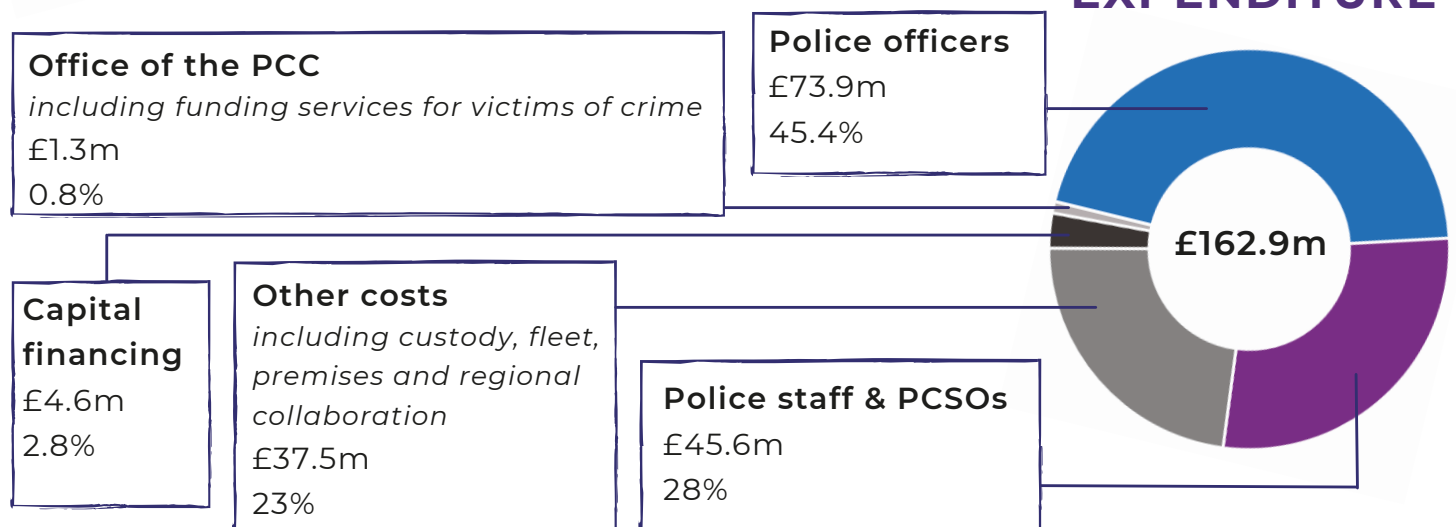
But none of this would have been possible without your assistance.

What money do we receive and how is it spent?

INCOME



EXPENDITURE



The chart above excludes £2m of savings, the delivery plan for which is currently being finalised

Property band	Cost last year (£)	Increase this year (£)	Cost this year (£)	Cost per week this year (£)	Increase per week (pence)
A	184.20	9.96	194.16	3.73	19
B	214.90	11.62	226.52	4.36	22
C	245.60	13.28	258.88	4.98	26
D	276.30	14.94	291.24	5.60	29
E	337.70	18.26	355.96	6.85	35
F	399.10	21.58	420.68	8.09	42
G	460.50	24.90	485.40	9.33	48
H	552.60	29.88	582.48	11.20	57

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West Lindsey District Council Parish Precepts

The District Council has set Band D council tax of £2029.41 (District Council £234.54, Lincolnshire County Council £1,503.63 and Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner £291.24) for this area for the chargeable financial year beginning 1st April 2023.

The Lincolnshire County Council amount includes £187.74 being the additional sum being collected in respect of Adult Social Care. Additional amounts have been set for those parts of the Council's area included in the following table for the precepts of local councils.

Local Council	Parish Precept 2022/23	Parish Precept 2023/24	Band D Charge 2023/24
Bardney - Apley - Stainfield	72,475	78,900	£107.65
Bigby	6,400	6,400	£37.13
Bishop Norton	6,650	6,650	£48.38
Blyton	37,400	37,400	£96.33
Brattleby	1,940	3,170	£61.14
Broadholme	500	600	£16.03
Brookenby	21,600	22,486	£134.16
Burton	4,900	4,900	£11.72
Caistor	99,900	109,786	£108.43
Cammeringham	900	900	£17.86
Cherry Willingham	84,000	93,900	£67.53
Claxby	5,307	5,575	£82.28
Corringham	10,900	12,990	£74.74
Dunholme	49,123	51,977	£64.45
East Stockwith	4,900	4,900	£69.99
Faldingworth	9,597	9,453	£51.45
Fenton	5,200	6,100	£37.46
Fillingham	5,122	5,619	£61.50
Fiskerton	23,870	24,587	£65.41
Gainsborough	554,258	612,785	£123.98
Glentham	8,900	9,800	£56.44
Glentworth	10,038	10,500	£85.79
Grasby	4,665	4,665	£24.55
Great Limber	9,900	10,400	£128.63
Greetwell	11,230	12,164	£32.24
Hackthorn - Cold Hanworth	1,905	2,105	£24.79

West Lindsey District Council Parish Precepts

Local Council	Parish Precept 2022/23	Parish Precept 2023/24	Band D Charge 2023/24
Heapham	200	200	£4.83
Hemswell	6,900	7,400	£56.94
Hemswell Cliff	14,290	15,950	£88.97
Ingham	23,347	24,050	£68.01
Keelby	22,177	25,387	£36.70
Kettlethorpe	9,650	10,400	£62.12
Kexby	1,900	1,900	£16.17
Knaith	3,097	3,834	£29.63
Langworth - Barlings - Newball	25,220	31,690	£129.54
Laughton	6,330	6,330	£41.73
Lea	19,900	21,900	£56.22
Legsby	1,620	1,650	£20.89
Market Rasen	138,288	163,074	£128.72
Marton - Gate Burton	10,400	11,900	£48.56
Middle Rasen	18,400	18,900	£25.55
Morton	14,863	15,363	£35.56
Nettleham	191,298	195,923	£121.60
Nettleton	11,900	13,900	£57.59
Newton-On-Trent	16,900	16,900	£121.84
Normanby-By-Spital	7,717	8,870	£62.44
North Kelsey	19,315	19,315	£53.11
Northorpe	2,650	2,900	£57.02
Osgodby	7,711	8,818	£39.59
Owersby	1,900	2,350	£22.47
Owmbly-By-Spital	9,480	9,885	£83.64
Reepham	8,600	9,120	£26.70
Riby	800	1,050	£23.36
Riseholme	1,900	1,900	£15.46
Rothwell	3,900	4,156	£60.88
Saxby	150	150	£8.19

West Lindsey District Council Parish Precepts

Local Council	Parish Precept 2022/23	Parish Precept 2023/24	Band D Charge 2023/24
Saxilby - Ingleby	233,130	246,120	£152.00
Scampton	7,900	24,900	£66.36
Scothern	30,953	32,110	£82.42
Scotter	70,200	73,100	£62.43
Scotton	10,900	10,900	£49.44
Snitterby	2,959	2,898	£32.65
South Kelsey	7,167	12,039	£55.26
Spidlington	3,180	3,400	£36.22
Springthorpe	900	1,670	£27.76
Stow	4,900	4,900	£36.12
Sturton-By-Stow	29,167	30,337	£57.67
Sudbrooke	29,700	32,380	£42.87
Swallow	6,866	8,139	£88.31
Tealby	14,900	16,350	£58.90
Toft Newton	9,900	9,900	£75.63
Torksey	15,900	15,900	£56.00
Upton	7,400	8,900	£52.70
Waddingham	8,400	8,900	£42.06
Walesby	2,500	2,500	£23.30
Welton	159,010	202,150	£125.76
Wickenby	3,903	3,903	£47.00
Willingham	13,900	13,900	£68.93
Willoughton	7,700	7,900	£69.68

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