# Lincolnshire County Council, Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire & South Holland District Council

Council Tax Information Budget Summary Local Policing Summary

#### **Contacting Your Authorities**

We can provide the information in Braille, hard copy, large type or other languages if required. Please contact South Holland District Council at the address below.

South Holland District Council Council Offices Priory Road Spalding Lincolnshire, PE112XE

Payment line, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week (charged at local rate): 0345 340 9310

Email: info@sholland.govuk
General enquiries: 01775 761161
Web: www.sholland.govuk

For enquiries about any services provided by South Holland - including Benefits, Business Rates and Council Tax - please contact our Customer Contact Team.

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#### **Contacting Your Authorities**

#### **Lincolnshire County Council**

County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN11YL

General enquiries: 01522 552222

Fax: 01522 516137

Email: <u>customer\_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk</u>

Minicom service: 01522 552055 Web: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

If you want any more information on the County Council's budget for 2024/2025, email finance@lincolnshire.gov.uk or visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/finance

### Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire

 ${\sf Deepdale\,Lane,\,Nettleham,\,Lincoln\,LN2\,2LT}$ 

Tel: 01522 212351

Email: lincolnshire-pcc@lincs.police.uk
Web: www.lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk

#### Lincolnshire Police General Enquiries

Tel: 01522 532222 (your call may be recorded)

Minicom/textphone: 01522 558140

Web: www.lincs.police.uk

#### Paying your bill

Are you paying too much Council Tax? The information in these factsheets about discounts, exemptions, people with disabilities and Council Tax Support is intended as a guide only. In most cases there are additional qualifying conditions to be met. Please check our website or contact us for further information

### Contacting us about changes and corrections

Please tell us if:

- we've sent the bill to the wrong person
- vou've moved house
- we've calculated your bill wrongly
- we've calculated your Council Tax Support wrongly
- you should receive a discount, an exemption, a disabled band reduction or Council Tax Support
- you should no longer receive a discount, an exemption, a disabled band reduction or as much Council Tax Support.

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.

#### Who gets the Council Tax?

South Holland District Council collects the Council Tax. However, we keep less than 10% (1/10th) of it. The remainder is collected for Lincolnshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, internal drainage boards, town and parish councils.

### What is Council Tax and who has to pay?

Council Tax is based on the value of your home. Council and police services are paid for by income from Government grants, Council Tax, fees and other charges. Owner occupiers usually have to pay the Council Tax bill. Where homes are rented, tenants 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 too:

- residential care homes, nursing homes and hostels
- those occupied by:
  - a minister of religion or a religious community
  - more than one household
  - resident staff or asylum seekers.

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

### Finding out more about your Council Tax band

The Valuation Office Agency maintains the Council Tax Valuation List. This includes placing new properties within a Council Tax band and changing bands for properties when necessary. Council Tax bands range from A to H. To understand why your property is in a certain band, please go to GOV. UK and search: 'How domestic properties are assessed for Council Tax bands'.

Band	Market Value (at April 1991)
Α	Up to £40,000
В	£40,001 - £52,000
С	£52,001 - £68,000
D	£68,001 - £88,000
Е	£88,001 - £120,000
F	£120,001 - £160,000
G	£160,001 - £320,000
Н	More than £320,000

You can appeal against the valuation band if:

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

### You must carry on paying your Council Tax while your appeal is being considered.

For more information about valuation bands or appeals, contact: Valuation Office Agency, Durham Customer Service Centre, Wycliffe House, Green Lane, Durham, DH13UW

Telephone: 03000 501501 Web: 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 Agency.

We are under a duty to protect the public funds we administer. We may use the information you provide for the prevention and detection of fraud. We may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes. Full details of how your information is used can be found on our website.

#### 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.

#### **Empty Properties**

- If your property is unfurnished and needs major repairs or is undergoing structural alterations to make it habitable, you might be entitled to a 25% discount for an Uninhabitable Property (up to 12 months).
- If your property is empty and unfurnished, you might be entitled to a 100% discount for up to 1 month.
- The time periods run from when the conditions for getting the discount are first met. These discounts can apply to an owner or tenant and do not start again when a property changes hands.
  - Properties empty longer than 2 years will be subject to a Long Term Empty Premium charge.

#### **Furnished Properties**

 For furnished properties that are not used as anyone's home (we call these second homes), there is no discount and a full Council Tax is payable.

#### **Annexes**

From April 2014, the Government introduced a 50% discount for family annexes.

This applies to an annexe (or similar self contained part of a home) which is occupied as part of the main home or is the main home of a relative of the Council Tax payer of the main home. To apply for this discount simply complete the application form.

The annexe may be exempt, meaning no Council Tax will be due, if:

- the relative occupying is aged 65 or over; or
- has a severe mental impairment; or

- is substantially and permanently disabled
- the annexe is unoccupied and subject to a planning condition, restricting who can occupy.

#### **Occupied Properties**

- 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 are not included.
- For Council Tax purposes, people in one of the groups listed below are NOT included when counting the number of people living in your home. An application form and/or evidence will be required:
  - 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 prison (except for those in prison for non-payment of fines or Council Tax)
  - people staying under the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme

#### Please contact us if:

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

#### **Local Council Tax Discounts**

The Council does have the discretion to give local Council Tax discounts but it is likely that this would only be done in very unusual, exceptional or particularly deserving circumstances. The Section 13A 1(c) Policy, covering discretionary discounts, can be found on our website. Please see www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/CouncilTaxReductions for our Discretionary Reduction policy. Contact us in writing, if you think this might be appropriate to you.

#### Council Tax Exemptions

Generally, you don't have to pay Council Tax on the classes of property in this list 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.

### These are the classes of exempt EMPTY property:

- Class B owned by a charity (exempt for up to six months only)
- Class D the tax payer is in prison (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 tax payer has gone to live elsewhere to provide personal care
- Class K left empty by a student
- Class L the mortgage has possession
- Class Q the tax payer is trustee to a bankrupt
- Class R unused caravan pitch or boat mooring
- Class T unoccupied annexe to an occupied property.

### These are the classes of exempt OCCUPIED property:

- 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.

Please contact us if:

- you think your property should be exempt from Council Tax
- your circumstances have changed so that it should no longer be exempt.

#### **Long Term Empty Dwellings Premium**

A premium charge of 100% will be added to Council Tax bills where the dwelling has been unoccupied and unfurnished between two and five years - taking the amount payable to 200% of the usual Council Tax.

Dwellings that have been empty between five and ten years, will be charged a premium of 200% - taking the amount payable to 300% of the usual

From 1 April 2021 dwellings empty over ten years will be charged a premium of 300% - taking the amount payable to 400% of the usual bill.

#### **Furnished Dwellings Premium**

The Council has decided that from 1 April 2025 it will be applying a 100% Premium charge to all furnished properties not occupied as anyone's main home. This will include second/holiday homes. The Council will contact all taxpayers affected by this during the course of the year.

#### **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.

#### **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 as long as the facility is necessary to meet the needs of anyone in the home who is disabled. We will ask you to renew your application each year if you qualify for this reduction.

Please contact us if:

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

#### **Council Tax Support**

South Holland District Council's scheme for 2024/25 will continue to support working age customers with up to 75% of their Council Tax bill. This means that those customers will have to pay at least 25% of their Council Tax. If you are working age and a care leaver, you will be entitled to 100% off your Council Tax Bill.

#### Are you finding it hard to pay?

This factsheet contains information about many discounts, exemptions, banding reductions and benefits 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 on 01775 761161 as soon as possible to discuss your payments.

Details of what support is available, and how to access it, can be found on our webpage www.sholland.gov.uk/costofliving

People of pension age, war pensioners and war widowers will continue to get the same level of support as previously granted.

Generally speaking, you can get Council Tax Support if any one of these applies:

- Universal Credit
- you are getting the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit
- you are getting either Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance or Income Support
- if you are on a low income and have limited savings.

Even if you own your own home and are working, you may still be able to get Council Tax Support. To see if you might be entitled to assistance, please use our Council Tax Support Calculator on our website: <a href="https://sholland.entitledto.co.uk">https://sholland.entitledto.co.uk</a> - If you are likely to qualify please make a claim at <a href="https://www.sholland.gov.uk/CTS">www.sholland.gov.uk/CTS</a>. If you are unable to make an online claim please contact us.

#### Council Tax Explained

#### Your Council Tax this year 2024/25

	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
COUNTY	1,052.46	1,227.87	1,403.28	1,578.69	1,929.51	2,280.33	2,631.15	3,157.38
POLICE	202.80	236.60	270.40	304.20	371.80	439.40	507.00	608.40
SHDC	134.28	156.66	179.04	201.42	246.18	290.94	335.70	402.84
TOTAL	£1,389.54	£1,621.13	£1,852.72	£2,084.31	£2,547.49	£3,010.67	£3,473.85	£4,168.62
Households per band in South Holland	16508	9586	10548	4660	2093	432	122	17

Please see the front of your bill, or Factsheet 4.1, for the parish amounts which are charged in addition to the figures above. The council tax attributable to Lincolnshire County Council includes an additional precept to fund adult social care.

The District Council is in financially challenging times with major reductions in central government funding having to be offset by further efficiency savings. However the Council has operation reviews underway to enhance cost recovery and spend management for its services and commercial growth opportunities. Delivery of these reviews will be through continued innovation and working with partners to meet the needs of our community including those most vulnerable, while delivering continued savings over the next four years.

The Council will continue to provide essential services including:

- Weekly refuse and recycling collection throughout the District
- Environmental monitoring and Public Health
- Leisure Services, Community Wellbeing and voluntary sector projects
- Community Safety and tackling Anti-Social behaviour
- Provision of local democracy for all residents.

The District's share of the Council Tax for 2024/25 is £201.42, or around £3.87 per week, for a household paying band D council tax. This represents a 3.1% increase.

#### **District Council Finance**

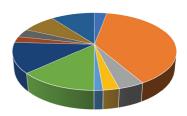
#### Your District Council Tax goes towards paying for the following

Service	Gross	Income	Net	Percentage	Percentage
				Income	Spend
Corporate	1,384,100	-1,115,900	268,200	2.9%	3.7%
Finance	18,412,300	-14,471,200	3,940,100	38.7%	47.4%
General Fund Assets	2,050,620	-2,070,000	-19,380	4.3%	6.8%
Governance & Monitoring Officer	1,264,700	-189,500	1,075,200	2.7%	0.6%
Housing	689,500	-775,500	-86,000	1.5%	2.5%
Leisure & Culture	6,195,750	-4,409,400	1,786,350	13.0%	14.4%
Neighbourhoods	6,024,300	-1,167,000	4,857,300	12.7%	3.8%
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	1,213,800	-722,800	491,000	2.6%	2.4%
Regulatory	1,668,100	-747,900	920,200	3.5%	2.4%
Strategic Growth & Development	3,750,000	-2,710,400	1,039,600	7.9%	8.9%
Wellbeing & Community Leadership	4,873,830	-2,160,700	2,713,130	10.3%	7.1%
TOTAL	47,527,000	-30,540,300	16,985,700	100%	100%
Government Grants			-2,427		
Retained Business Rates			-6,863		
Surplus on Council Tax Collection Fund			-52		
Met by District & Parish Council Tax			-7,643		

#### What services the money is spent on



#### Income coming into services





	2024/25	%
District Council Tax Requirement	6,344,609.98	9.8%
Parish Council Tax Requirement	1,299,075.00	2.0%
Lincolnshire County Council Tax Requirement	47,796,418.44	73.9%
Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire	9,209,959.20	14.2%
Total cost met by Council Taxpayers	64,650,062.62	100.0%
Total cost per head, population	£687.91	

#### Internal Drainage Boards

Drainage Boards are long established bodies providing vital services to the local community via a complex system for flood defence and land drainage. Board membership includes elected members representing the occupiers of the land in the District and members nominated by local authorities to represent community interests. There are five Drainage Boards operating in the South Holland District which are responsible for maintaining and updating systems to allow thousands of people to live and work within their areas. Drainage is essential to life in South Holland and it relies on the operation of pumping stations.

Watercourses and their associated banks provide a variable habitat for many types of flora and fauna, and every effort is made to ensure the protection of existing drains, and where possible, enhance the conservation value of the drains. Drainage rates are collected from agricultural and horticultural businesses, along with a levy from the District Council of £3,412,800 which equates to 20% of the net budget. The income contributes to the costs of maintenance and improvement works.

#### Parish Precepts

You can see from your Council Tax bill how much you have to pay. The information shows this year's Council Tax amounts for homes in each of the valuation bands, A to H. Those figures do not include the parish charges which are shown in this table.

We have only shown here the Band D amounts of extra Council Tax needed to cover the spending of parish councils and parish meetings, or the special expenses for Spalding. Charging each area separately in this way means that parish precepts and special expenses are paid for by those living in the area where the money is spent.

#### Levels of overall Council Tax 2024/25

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Parish	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Cowbit	£1,414.14	£1,649.83	£1,885.52	£2,121.21	£2,592.59	£3,063.97	£3,535.35	£4,242.42
Crowland	£1,441.32	£1,681.54	£1,921.76	£2,161.98	£2,642.42	£3,122.86	£3,603.30	£4,323.96
Deeping St Nicholas	£1,422.76	£1,659.89	£1,897.01	£2,134.14	£2,608.39	£3,082.65	£3,556.90	£4,268.28
Donington	£1,423.07	£1,660.25	£1,897.43	£2,134.61	£2,608.97	£3,083.33	£3,557.68	£4,269.22
Fleet	£1,419.79	£1,656.42	£1,893.05	£2,129.68	£2,602.94	£3,076.20	£3,549.47	£4,259.36
Gedney	£1,429.25	£1,667.46	£1,905.67	£2,143.88	£2,620.30	£3,096.72	£3,573.13	£4,287.76
Gedney Hill	£1,431.80	£1,670.43	£1,909.07	£2,147.70	£2,624.97	£3,102.23	£3,579.50	£4,295.40
Gosberton	£1,410.49	£1,645.58	£1,880.66	£2,115.74	£2,585.90	£3,056.07	£3,526.23	£4,231.48
Holbeach	£1,449.88	£1,691.53	£1,933.17	£2,174.82	£2,658.11	£3,141.41	£3,624.70	£4,349.64
Little Sutton	£1,420.01	£1,656.68	£1,893.35	£2,130.02	£2,603.36	£3,076.70	£3,550.03	£4,260.04
Long Sutton	£1,468.70	£1,713.48	£1,958.27	£2,203.05	£2,692.62	£3,182.18	£3,671.75	£4,406.10
Lutton	£1,435.07	£1,674.24	£1,913.42	£2,152.60	£2,630.96	£3,109.31	£3,587.67	£4,305.20
Moulton	£1,414.77	£1,650.57	£1,886.36	£2,122.16	£2,593.75	£3,065.34	£3,536.93	£4,244.32
Pinchbeck	£1,434.69	£1,673.81	£1,912.92	£2,152.04	£2,630.27	£3,108.50	£3,586.73	£4,304.08
Quadring	£1,410.92	£1,646.07	£1,881.23	£2,116.38	£2,586.69	£3,056.99	£3,527.30	£4,232.76
Spalding	£1,406.76	£1,641.22	£1,875.68	£2,110.14	£2,579.06	£3,047.98	£3,516.90	£4,220.28
Surfleet	£1,389.71	£1,621.32	£1,852.94	£2,084.56	£2,547.80	£3,011.03	£3,474.27	£4,169.12
Sutton Bridge	£1,435.41	£1,674.64	£1,913.88	£2,153.11	£2,631.58	£3,110.05	£3,588.52	£4,306.22
Sutton St Edmund	£1,427.42	£1,665.32	£1,903.23	£2,141.13	£2,616.94	£3,092.74	£3,568.55	£4,282.26
Sutton St James	£1,419.09	£1,655.60	£1,892.12	£2,128.63	£2,601.66	£3,074.69	£3,547.72	£4,257.26
Tydd St Mary	£1,443.18	£1,683.71	£1,924.24	£2,164.77	£2,645.83	£3,126.89	£3,607.95	£4,329.54
Weston	£1,413.27	£1,648.82	£1,884.36	£2,119.91	£2,591.00	£3,062.09	£3,533.18	£4,239.82
Whaplode	£1,398.04	£1,631.05	£1,864.05	£2,097.06	£2,563.07	£3,029.09	£3,495.10	£4,194.12

Parish	Precept	Taxbase	Precept	Band D
	23/24	24/25	24/25	24/25
Cowbit	15,076	542	20,000	36.9
Crowland	135,051	1,800	139,800	77.67
Deeping St	23,884	602	30,000	49.83
Nicholas				
Donington	45,000	994	50,000	50.3
Fleet	32,587	790	35,846	45.37
Gedney	40,000	705	42,000	59.57
Gedney Hill	11,877	280	17,750	63.39
Gosberton	28,000	945	29,700	31.43
Holbeach	307,693	3,647	330,080	90.51
Little Sutton	1,600	35	1,600	45.71
Long Sutton	130,000	1,617	192,000	118.74

Parish	Precept	Taxbase	Precept	Band D
	23/24	24/25	24/25	24/25
Lutton	23,000	410	28,000	68.29
Moultons (The)	45,187	1,251	47,356	37.85
Pinchbeck	112,236	1,991	134,850	67.73
Quadring	12,000	449	14,400	32.07
Spalding**	241,124	9,540	246,418	25.83
Surfleet	120	523	130	0.25
Sutton Bridge	77,036	1,250	86,000	68.8
Sutton St Edmund	11,888	222	12,613	56.82
Sutton St James	15,000	361	16,000	44.32
Tydd St Mary	27,000	348	28,000	80.46
Weston	21,500	778	27,700	35.6
The Whaplodes	14,500	1,196	15,250	12.75
TOTAL	1,371,358.32	30,276.00	1,545,492.86	1,200.19

#### Investing in our communities

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### Investing in our communities despite financial challenges

This year the council will spend around £650m on a wide range of vital services, including £206m for adult care and community wellbeing, £114m for children's services and around £25m for the fire service.

Following additional, one-off funding from the government, the authority recently announced a further £7.8m of investment in a number of priority areas, including £3.3m to better prepare and protect communities from flooding.

There's also £2.5m for additional highways maintenance, £1m for reducing anti-social behaviour and £1m for environment-related work.

The council faces £68m in additional cost pressures from rising prices and increased demand for services, such as adult care, child protection and school transport. This includes around £6m to fund an increase in the national living wage.

The authority has managed to find around £16m in savings. Although the extra one-off funding from the government has helped to balance the budget for 2024/25, the council still faces a projected funding shortfall over the next few years.

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 £18.1m for the council. For a property in council tax band A, the increase would be the equivalent of an extra 96p 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

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Reasons for change in budget requirement and effect on council tax					
Budget requireme	nt 2023/24		604.3		
	Children's So	ocial Care pressures	13.3		
	Adult Social	Care pressures	32.7		
Changes to gross	Highways C	ontract cost increases	3.0		
expenditure	Transport p	ressures	3.2		
	Pay Award in	flation	8.8		
	Other pressi	ures	6.8		
Changes to gross	Waste Mana	ngement savings	-1.6		
income	Energy savin	savings			
	Other Servic	ce savings and increased income			
	Increase in S	Service grants	-10.3		
Total change in se	rvices		41.5		
Decrease in use of	reserves		8.3		
Budget requireme	nt 2024/25		654.1		
		Increase in business rates funding	-11.3		
Changes to funding		Increase in government grants	-15.8		
		Increase in council tax	-22.7		
Total change in funding					
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 2024/25

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#### 2024/25 Capital Investment £145m

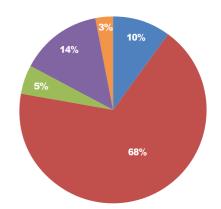


Place - £98.70m, 68%

Fire and Rescue - £7.68m, 5%

Resources & Corporate - £19.97m, 14%

New Developments - £4.43m, 3%



#### 2024/25 Net Budget Spend £654m

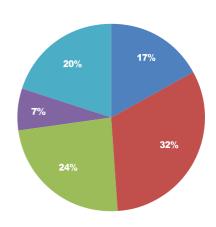


Adult Care and Community Wellbeing - £205.6m, 32%

Place - £159.7m, 24%

Capital Financing Charges - £43.2m, 7%

Other Services - £132m, 20%



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

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

Place includes: Communities, Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Growth and Highways.

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

#### 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 2023/2024	Amount 2024/2025
Band <b>A</b>	£1,002.42	£1,052.46
Band <b>B</b>	£1,169.49	£1,227.87
Band <b>C</b>	£1,336.56	£1,403.28
Band <b>D</b>	£1,503.63	£1,578.69
Band <b>E</b>	£1,837.77	£1,929.51
Band <b>F</b>	£2,171.91	£2,280.33
Band <b>G</b>	£2,506.05	£2,631.15
Band <b>H</b>	£3,007.26	£3,157.38

#### **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 £0.687m for 2024/25 (£0.670m for 2023/24).

#### Funding and spending in 2024/25

Lincolnshire County Council

Services	Gross £m	Income £m	Net £m	Cost per Resident £
Children's Services	974.8	861.1	113.7	144.4
Adult Care & Community Wellbeing	396.6	191.0	205.6	261.2
Place	203.5	43.8	159.7	202.8
Capital Projects Charges	43.4	0.3	43.1	54.7
Other Services	161.9	29.9	132.0	167.7
Total planned spending	1,780.1	1,126.0	654.1	830.8
Contributions to/-from reserves	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Budget requirement	1,780.1	1,126.0	654.1	830.8
Resourced by:				
Business Rates Local Retention			152.7	
Revenue Support Grant			26.4	
Other Grants			86.8	
County Precept			388.3	
Total Funding			654.1	

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), Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Growth and Highways.

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

#### 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	1,035.7	612.0	795.2
Contributions to/-from reserves	-7.5	0.0	-7.5	N/A
Budget requirement	1,640.1	1,035.7	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	

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

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The offer has been extended to cover the financial years 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25.

## Your police Council Tax explained 2024











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

Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones and Chief Constable Paul Gibson 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:

- Maximising the number of police officers in the Force
- New approach to preventing and tackling anti-social behaviour to improve safety for all residents
- Explore and exploit emerging technologies such as facial recognition to identify and apprehend criminals faster than ever before
- Expand the successful Roads Policing "Operation Stronghold" – denying criminals use of the roads and keeping our communities even safer
- Develop and use targeted approaches and teams to tackle issues such as summertime demand, rural crime, burglary and retail crime
- Introduce rapid video technology speeding up engagement with victims of crime, getting them the help they need even faster
- Transform availability and quality of crime prevention advice and guidance to help keep communities safe from crime
- Build on crime reduction results in local neighbourhoods, developing new ways to target organised criminality and drug supply in our communities



















Great strides have been made in Lincolnshire to create a police force to be proud of; one that prevents and tackles crime and continues to evolve to meet new crime types and challenges to keep us all safe. A debt of gratitude is owed 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 would not have the effective and efficient police force of today.

Last year that support meant the PCC funded the maximising of officer numbers, additional 999/101 call handlers, more specialists to tackle the worst of crimes and invest in a new deployment model, so more officers are available when they are needed most to tackle and reduce crime.

However, we must do more to protect and serve our communities.

The PCC has appointed a new Chief Constable, Paul Gibson, who is eager to build on current successes and make Lincolnshire communities even safer.

For next year the planned budget for the Chief Constable will be £160m – up from £146m the previous year.

The PCC and the Chief Constable both recognise the financial challenges ahead and are experienced in meeting them. They are committed to managing the Lincolnshire Police finances effectively and efficiently.

Government has committed to changing the national funding method for policing but it is unclear when any changes would take place.

Any changes that are delivered would be phased over a number of years leaving the tough financial challenges still to be met and managed locally.

However, Lincolnshire has a history of meeting challenges head on with determination and innovation and the dedication to keeping the county's communities safe will continue.



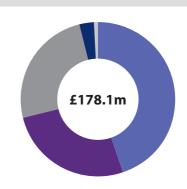
#### What money do we receive and how is it spent?





- **Government grants** £93.1m (52.3%)
- Council tax £74.8m (42%)
- Contribution from reserves and other income £10.2m (5.7%)

#### **EXPENDITURE**



- Police officers £80m (44.9%)
- Police staff and PCSOs £46.8m (26.3%)
- Other costs\* £44.6m (25%)
- Capital financing £5.3m (3%)
- Office of the PCC £1.4m (0.8%)

\*including custody, fleet, premises and regional collaboration

Property band	Cost last year (£)	Increase this year (£)	Cost this year (£)	Cost per week this year (£)	Increase per week (pence)
Α	194.16	8.64	202.80	3.90	17
В	226.52	10.08	236.60	4.55	19
С	258.88	11.52	270.40	5.20	22
D	291.24	12.96	304.20	5.85	25
E	355.96	15.84	371.80	7.15	30
F	420.68	18.72	439.40	8.45	36
G	485.40	21.60	507.00	9.75	42
Н	582.48	25.92	608.40	11.70	50

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