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North Kesteven 2023/24



District Council maintains one of the country's lowest charges

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North Kesteven District Council

Kesteven Street, Sleaford,
Lincolnshire NG34 7EF

General Enquiries: 01529 414155

Email: customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Website: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/northkestevendc

Twitter: @northkestevendc

Customers can make North Kesteven District Council-related enquiries and pay Council Tax and NNDR and for other Council charges:

Online

Anytime, anywhere at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk

Telephone: 01529 414155

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am – 5pm

Wednesday: 10am – 5pm

Friday: 9am – 4:30pm

Lincolnshire County Council

Lincolnshire County Council
County Offices, Newland, Lincoln LN1 1YL

General enquiries: 01522 552222

Email: customer_services@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Minicom service: 01522 552055

Website: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

If you want any more information on the county council's budget for 2023/24, please

email: finance@lincolnshire.gov.uk

or visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/finance

If your enquiry is unable to be completed online or over the phone, an officer can arrange an appointment to attend our Sleaford or North Hykeham offices. Face to face contact must be made by appointment arranged in advance.

In addition to the delivery of **NewsNK**, costing 42p per household for two editions per year, you can also sign up for email newsletters on a range of subjects. This can be done online at:

www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/stayconnected

Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Deepdale Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln LN2 2LT

Tel: 01522 947192

Email: Lincolnshire-pcc@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Lincolnshire Police general enquiries

Tel: 101 (your call may be recorded)

Emergencies: 999 and ask for police

Minicom/textphone: 01522 558140

Website: www.lincs.police.uk

Cover Photo: The District's latest new homes built to the highest standards of energy-efficiency and net-zero carbon - in line with our new CO₂-sy standard - were completed in Potteranworth in 2022; with biodiversity gains factored in too.

Manage your account online

You can view and manage your Council Tax account and other services through your own personalised online account. You will need the registration code printed on your annual bill, and your Council Tax reference number and then you can register at:

www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/mycounciltax

For Business rates the link is:

www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/mybusinessrates

Who gets the Council Tax?

North Kesteven District Council collects the Council Tax. However, NKDC keeps less than ten per cent of it. We pay the rest over to Lincolnshire County Council, parish and town councils and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire. See details on pages 8 and 22.

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, business rates, 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
- > Those occupied by
 - a minister of religion or a 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 & 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 (at 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
- > 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.

The Valuation Office can be contacted at:

Website: www.gov.uk/contact-VOA

If you are unable to use the online service you can also contact the VOA on:

Telephone: 03000 501501

Post: Valuation Office Agency,
Durham Customer Service Centre,
Wycliffe House, Green Lane,
Durham, DH1 3UW

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, North Kesteven 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.

Council Tax discounts

You may be able to get a discount or an exemption under certain circumstances.

Any empty unfurnished property which is empty for less than two months will receive a 100% discount. If it is still empty after this, then the full charge will become payable.

After being empty for two years a further 100% charge will apply, making a total charge of 200% payable. After being empty for five years a further 100% charge will apply; the premium will increase to 200%, making a total charge of 300% payable. After ten years empty it attracts a further additional 100% charge. Premium will increase to 300%, making a total charge of 400% payable. There are certain remissions from this charge for new owners of empty properties and people making an empty property suitable for occupation by a person who lives with a disability.

This is worked out from when the property became empty. Occupation of less than six weeks is not counted.

Any vacant property undergoing structural or major repair may qualify for a discount. Empty homes discounts are detailed on pages 6 and 7. Furnished properties that are not a main residence receive a 10% discount.

People aged under 25 who were in care when they were 18 may also qualify for a discount. You can get a 25% discount if there is only one person aged over 18 living in the property. People under 18 or in the groups below do not count as people living in your home for this purpose:

- > Full time students, student nurses and some apprentices and some partners of students
- > People resident in care homes
- > People with a Severe Mental Impairment
- > 18 and 19 year olds for whom child benefit is still being paid
- > Some school and college leavers
- > Some low paid carers

- > Residents of religious communities and hostels
- > Prisoners
- > Diplomats and visiting forces personnel

You should contact the Council if you think you may qualify for a discount. If you are receiving a discount and your circumstances change you must let the Council know.

Council Tax exemptions

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.

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:

Class B - owned by a charity (exempt for up to six months only)

Class D - the taxpayer is in prison (except for those in prison for non-payment of fines or Council Tax)

Class E - the taxpayer has left it to go and live in a care home

Class F - the taxpayer has died (in some cases, 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 taxpayer 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 an occupied home

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 or

Class W - the annexe to a property occupied by a dependant relative.

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.

Please contact us if:

- > You think your property should be exempt from Council Tax or
- > 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.

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.

Claiming Council Tax Support

Don't pay more Council Tax than you need to. Council Tax Support is a means-tested discount that can reduce your bill by up to 100%, if:

- > You get Income Support, income-related Job Seekers Allowance, income based Employment and Support Allowance or the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit.
- > Other working-age claimants on low incomes can get up to 90% discount.
- > From 1 April 2020, backdating for working age customers has reduced to one month.
- > A capital limit of £8,000 applies on savings, investments and second properties but does not count your own home or the value of a self-employed business. Discount still applies if you are working and income is low enough.

We can discuss it with you and there is an online form - search for council tax and new claims at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk. Proof of financial circumstances is needed. If you can't get Council Tax Support you might still be able to get Second Adult Rebate if you are the only one liable to pay Council Tax and other adults in the home have low incomes. Use the online calculator at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk to see if you qualify.

Housing Benefit (help with your rent)

If you rent your home and have a low income, you may be eligible to claim Universal Credit to help pay your rent. Please visit

www.gov.uk/universal-credit.

You can also visit www.n-kesteven.gov.uk and search for Council Tax Support and Housing Benefits, which includes a benefit calculator to indicate where you may qualify for assistance.

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Alternatively, if you are in temporary accommodation or a pensioner you can contact

us on **01529 414155** and select Option 2 to speak to a Benefits Officer.

Are you finding it hard to pay?

As you see, there are many discounts, benefits, exemptions and banding reductions that can help reduce your bill. We can advise further, if you don't qualify or are already receiving some help, and still find it hard to pay, contact us as soon as possible to discuss your payments.

The Citizens Advice Bureau gives free impartial advice to people struggling with debt. Offices in Sleaford and Lincoln or **08444 111 444**.
The Council has discretion to give local Council Tax discounts, used in very exceptional and deserving circumstances. If you think this might apply to you, contact us for more information.

Reductions in Additional Amounts charged for Long Term Empty Properties

Long Term Empty Properties are those properties which have been both unfurnished and unoccupied for a period of two years or longer. An additional charge is made to the standard Council Tax Charge for these properties.

For the financial year 2023/24 the additional charges are:

- > For properties that have been unfurnished and occupied for two years or longer, but not exceeding five years, 100%. So the Council Tax is charged at 200%.
- > For properties that have been unfurnished and unoccupied for five years or longer, 200%. So the Council Tax is charged at 300%.

> For properties that have been empty for 10 years a further additional 100% charge will become payable, and the premium will increase to 300%, making a total charge of 400%.

The Council has agreed a number of remissions from the additional charges, shown here. If you believe that you should qualify for one of these remissions and it has not been applied to your account please contact the Council Tax team to discuss the matter.

Council Tax premium and how it is applied

Reason for remission	Qualification	Amount of additional charge	Period of remission
New ownership	Applies to any property which has been purchased by a new owner. Registration of the change of ownership on the Land Register will be treated as proof of change of ownership. Instances when the Council believes the property has been transferred simply as a means of avoiding the additional charge are disregarded.	No additional charge	A maximum of 6 months from date of property transfer

Reason for remission	Qualification	Amount of additional charge	Period of remission
Property undergoing major repair or structural alteration	The property must be undergoing major repair or structural alteration. A major repair indicates the repair of a major fault, so does not include updating and modernisation (such as installing new kitchens or heating systems or redecoration)	The amount of the additional charge will be halved	A maximum of 6 months. This remission can only be awarded in the first 18 months that the taxpayer is liable for the Council Tax at the property.
Property being made suitable for occupation by a person with a disability	The taxpayer will need to provide a schedule of works showing how the criteria for remission are being met.	The amount of the additional charge will be halved	A maximum of 6 months
Property undergoing major repair to improve its energy efficiency and reduce its carbon emissions	The taxpayer will need to provide a schedule of works showing how the criteria for remission are being met.	The amount of the additional charge will be halved	A maximum of 6 months
Property which the taxpayer is taking reasonable efforts to either bring back into occupation or to sell	The Council will only consider this remission on production of evidence showing the property has either been advertised to let of for sale and that the expectations of the owner with regard to prospective rent or sale price are reasonable.	The amount of the additional charge will be halved	A maximum of 3 months

Council Tax Levels

Your Council Tax this year 2023/24

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
COUNTY	£1,002.42	£1,169.49	£1,336.56	£1,503.63	£1,837.77	£2,171.91	£2,506.05	£3,007.26
POLICE	£194.16	£226.52	£258.88	£291.24	£355.96	£420.68	£485.40	£582.48
NKDC	£123.00	£143.50	£164.00	£184.50	£225.50	£266.50	£307.50	£369.00
Households per band in NK	14,046	13,493	13,233	7,292	3,713	1,622	428	57

The overall Council Tax for the coming year is set about 4.9% higher than in 2022/23.

The largest part of the bill is accounted for by Lincolnshire County Council which has increased its rate, by 4.99%. This means that at Band D you will be paying £71.46 more this year than last year. At Band D this is a charge of £1,503.63.

The Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner has increased the rate for policing by 5.41% which makes its charge at Band D £291.24, up £14.94 over the year.

North Kesteven District Council has increased its charge by 2.76%, which is a progressive incremental rise enabling investment in services. This makes the Band D charge £184.50, up £4.95 a year - or less than 10p per week. The Council maintains one of the lowest district charges in the county.

At Bands A to C, which account for three-quarters of homes in North Kesteven, this again gives an annual increase of £3.30 in the NK share at Band A, £3.85 at Band B and £4.40 at Band C, or between six and eight pence more per week to receive the services provided by the District Council.

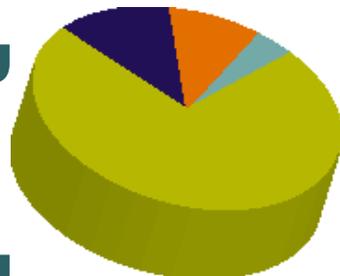
In addition, in most places, parish and town councils impose extra charges for their expenses. These have changed by variable amounts so, depending on where you live you may be paying more or even less than you did last year for the services they provide. All detailed on your bill as it applies to you.

Council Tax is always quoted at Band D for comparative purposes.

See back page for full details of Band D charges locally.

How the Council Tax collected by NKDC is distributed

 District Council's requirement	£7,195,500	8.8%
 Parish/Town Councils' requirement	£4,237,918	5.2%
 Lincolnshire County Council's requirement	£58,641,570	72%
 Police & Crime Commissioner's requirement	£11,358,360	14%



Contact us about changes and corrections

Please tell us if:

- > We've sent the bill to the wrong person
- > You've moved house
- > We've calculated your bill wrongly
- > We've calculated your Council Tax Support (CTS) wrongly
- > You should receive a discount, an exemption,

a disabled band reduction, or CTS

- > You should no longer receive a discount, an exemption, a disabled band reduction, or CTS

Contact the Customer Services Team about benefits, business rates and Council Tax:

Phone: 01529 414155. Some services are also available online at: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk

Priorities for North Kesteven District Council in 2023/24



Our Economy

To support local economic growth and resilience, and build on opportunities from the 'green economy'



Our Homes

Through the Local Plan, deliver sustainable housing growth and pursue energy-efficient development to meet the needs of all our communities



Our Communities

To enhance the health, wellbeing, safety and resilience of all our communities; inspiring and supporting a sustainable and flourishing future



Our Council

To be a high-performing value-for-money Council that is agile, resilient and actively embraces the challenges and opportunities of the future



Our Environment

To meet the challenges of climate change; ensuring integration and delivering of the Climate Action Plan across all NK Plan priorities

What you get for your money

At Band D, NKDC is charging £184.50 for the delivery of its services in 2023/24. In reality most homes will pay less; £123.00, £143.50 or £164.00 per year at bands A, B and C respectively. For this you receive:

- > Refuse & recycling clearance and street cleaning
- > Planning control
- > Restaurant, pub and take-away food hygiene checks
- > Partnership on Community Safety and CCTV
- > Economic promotion and support for regeneration
- > Licensing of entertainment and alcohol provision
- > Leisure facilities and sports outreach
- > Visitor attractions and countryside protection
- > Advice on housing and homelessness
- > Administration of council tax and housing benefits
- > Action against anti-social behaviour
- > Organisation of elections... and much, much more.

Why the District Council's budgetary requirement has changed from last year

NKDC, excluding parishes	Change in expenditure & income, £	Cost per Band D, £
Net expenditure 2022/23	6,876,800	179.55
Employee expenses, eg anticipated cost of living award	1,257,700	
Movement on reserves	2,091,500	
Other variations - net	114,800	
Business Rates	(2,370,000)	
Investment interest	(980,700)	
Cost of Living challenges, eg fuel & utilities	205,400	
Net expenditure 2023/24	7,195,500	184.50
	Increase per Band D property:	4.95
Based on a population figure of 118,149 this equates to a cost per head of:		60.98
This equals an average annual cost per household of:		133.54

District Council finance

Your Council Tax goes towards paying for the following:

2022/23		2023/24		
Net Expenditure £		Gross Expenditure £	Less Income £	Net Expenditure £
	Service Expenditure			
538,700	Our Economy	2,192,400	(1,722,400)	470,000
746,000	Our Environment	778,600	(6,300)	772,300
976,700	Our Homes	4,144,600	(2,974,700)	1,169,900
5,138,200	Our Communities	26,129,900	(20,269,900)	5,860,000
4,750,400	Our Council	14,116,700	(8,981,800)	5,134,900
644,000	Drainage Rates	805,400	0	805,400
81,100	Net Financing Costs	1,802,300	(2,616,400)	(814,100)
4,974,300	Capital Financing	5,085,000	0	5,085,000
3,940,100	Movement on reserves (revenue)	6,248,400	(106,100)	6,142,300
(4,974,300)	Movement on reserves (capital)	0	(5,085,000)	(5,085,000)
16,815,200	Net cost of Services	61,303,300	(41,762,600)	19,540,700
	Funding			
(9,944,500)	Less Government Grants	8,793,000	(20,437,800)	(11,644,800)
6,100	Plus deficit on collection fund (prior year)	0	(700,400)	(700,400)
6,876,800	District Council Net Expenditure	70,096,300	(62,200,400)	7,195,500
171,800	Footway Lighting	200,900	(15,900)	185,000
3,740,200	Parish Precepts	4,053,000	0	4,053,000
10,788,800	Met from District Council Tax	74,350,200	(62,216,300)	11,433,500

Financial reserves and liabilities

Reserves and Balances	Balance at 1.4.22 - £	In-year Movements - £	Balance at 1.4.23 - £
Balances:			
- General fund	1,600,000	0	1,600,000
- Housing Revenue Account	750,000	0	750,000
Reserves:			
- Revenue	25,864,300	(4,297,300)	21,567,000
- Housing Revenue Account	300,900	(14,600)	286,300
Capital:			
- General fund	1,824,200	(56,900)	1,767,300
- Housing Revenue Account	3,543,600	(1,029,500)	2,514,100
Total reserves and balances	33,883,000	(5,398,300)	28,484,700
External borrowing	86,106,300	1,914,500	88,020,800

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%)		

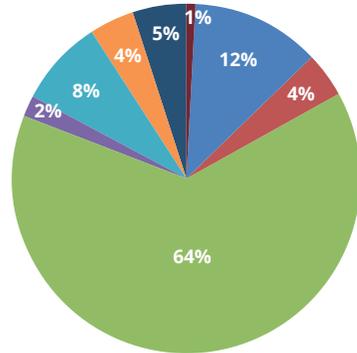
Note: The use of a minus (-) in front of a figure shows that either additional income will be received or that reserves will be used to support our spending.

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%

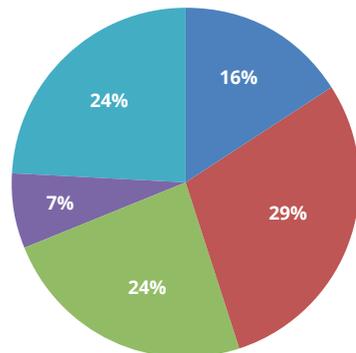


Communities includes: Cultural Services, Waste Management, Environment and Flood Management, Transport (including Home to School/College), Sustainable Planning.

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	

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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 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.

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.

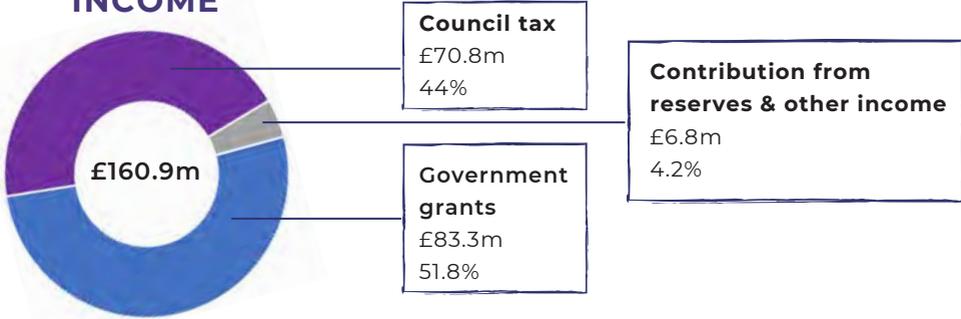
That means in the short and medium term we still have challenges in how we spend the money available.

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.

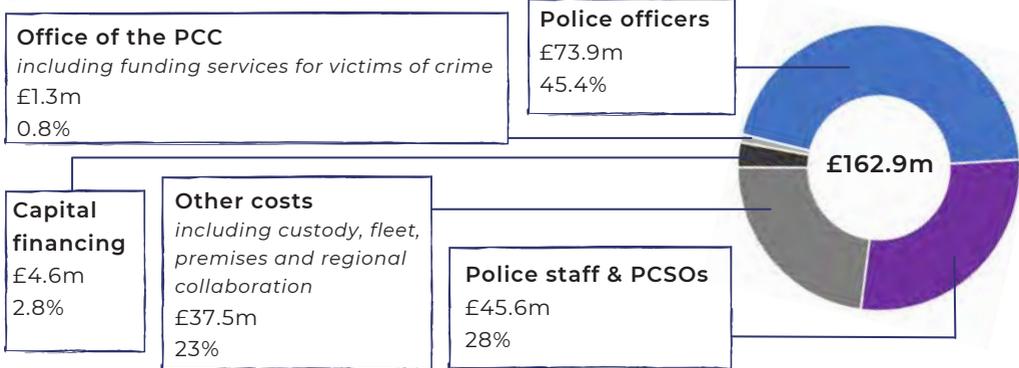
But none of this would have been possible without your assistance.

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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No ID? You can apply for free voter ID



Voter ID: A summary

On **Thursday 4 May 2023**, local elections are taking place across 230 councils in England.

At these elections, you will need to bring photo ID to be able to vote at a polling station. A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including passports, driving licences and cards with a PASS Mark.

If you don't have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate.

Visit electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID, call **0800 328 0280**, or scan the QR code below to find out more, including:

- **The full list of accepted forms of photo ID**
- **How to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (if you need one)**
- **What will happen at the polling station**

There are elections in North Kesteven on 4 May 2023

Visit: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/elections2023

Call: **01529 414155**

Email: customer_services@n-kesteven.gov.uk



North Kesteven
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Additional Parish Council Tax Levy for 2023/24

The District Council has set a Band D Council Tax of **£1,979.37** (District Council £184.50, Lincolnshire County Council £1,503.63 and Police Commissioner £291.24) for its area for the chargeable financial year beginning on April 1, 2023. Additional amounts have been set for the places detailed below for the special expenses of footway lighting and the precepts of local parish and town councils. Charges are quoted at Band D.

Local Precept 2022/23, £	Local Precept 2023/24, £	Local Council	Local Council, £	Footway Lighting, £	Total Council Tax, £
10,292	10,292	Anwick	74.41	16.39	2,070.16
-	-	Asgarby and Howell	-	-	1,979.37
8,835	10,454	Ashby, Bloxholm, Temple Bruer with Temple High Grange	36.57	7.19	2,023.13
-	-	Aswarby and Swarby	-	14.47	1,993.84
18,170	18,580	Aubourn and Haddington	143.57	-	2,122.94
-	-	Aunsby and Dembleby	-	8.99	1,988.36
88,000	116,928	Bassingham	208.83	9.61	2,197.81
12,000	16,000	Beckingham	117.77	12.51	2,109.65
45,125	50,923	Billinghay	73.50	14.21	2,067.08
5,240	5,490	Blankney	58.78	5.31	2,043.46
739	760	Boothby Graffoe	7.82	5.10	1,992.29
152,025	186,351	Bracebridge Heath	98.89	-	2,078.26
180,000	185,000	Branston and Mere	114.30	7.53	2,101.20
18,384	19,303	Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe	66.03	12.84	2,058.24
400	400	Burton Pedwardine	9.11	11.29	1,999.77
6,100	8,200	Canwick	41.38	11.44	2,032.19
11,690	11,690	Carlton le Moorland	52.25	11.71	2,043.34
10,208	10,921	Coleby	64.14	8.32	2,051.83
52,569	55,252	Cranwell, Byard's Leap and Braucewell	65.48	8.06	2,052.91
-	-	Culverthorpe and Kelby	-	18.79	1,998.16
19,501	21,187	Digby	93.48	17.19	2,090.04
9,400	9,400	Doddington and Whisby	79.19	-	2,058.56
4,750	4,750	Dogdyke	48.73	18.89	2,046.99
6,300	6,700	Dorrington	50.58	15.51	2,045.46
23,618	24,350	Dunston	88.11	14.10	2,081.57
18,943	21,961	Eagle and Swinesthorpe	75.62	-	2,054.99
3,500	3,500	Ewerby and Evedon	21.20	13.30	2,013.86
14,035	15,385	Great Hale	58.96	11.67	2,050.00
15,152	15,778	Harmston	54.75	-	2,034.12
105,480	109,375	Heckington	85.62	7.21	2,072.20
94,291	103,315	Heighington	97.38	10.08	2,086.83
13,750	14,250	Helpringham	45.85	13.67	2,038.90
7,450	8,192	Kirkby-la-Thorpe	20.76	4.67	2,004.80
12,920	12,328	Leadenham	83.41	20.13	2,082.90
27,000	30,000	Leasingham and Roxholm	52.61	8.32	2,040.30
2,300	2,340	Little Hale	29.86	13.56	2,022.78
12,179	18,119	Martin	60.77	14.02	2,054.16
145,806	161,360	Metheringham	143.14	-	2,122.51
69,987	73,966	Navenby (includes Skinnand)	81.89	-	2,061.26
-	-	Newton, Hacey and Walcot	-	9.17	1,988.54
27,109	28,340	Nocton	90.92	-	2,070.29
716,933	766,061	North Hykeham	142.50	-	2,121.87
8,412	9,524	North Kyme	66.47	16.81	2,062.65
11,740	13,408	North Scarle	54.23	-	2,033.60
3,200	3,500	Norton Disney	34.70	12.64	2,026.71
5,300	5,300	Osbourmy	38.08	16.28	2,033.73
24,849	26,539	Potterhanworth	90.04	11.77	2,081.19
6,076	6,124	Rauceby	28.34	11.47	2,019.19
-	-	Rowston	-	14.75	1,994.12
216,469	251,710	Ruskington	142.92	5.15	2,127.44
14,910	16,401	Scopwick	68.85	18.14	2,066.36
3,800	4,200	Scredington	50.32	16.12	2,045.81
5,200	5,200	Silk Willoughby	40.99	16.19	2,036.56
119,543	121,933	Skellingthorpe	101.79	-	2,081.16
725,100	746,350	Sleaford	123.87	-	2,103.24
18,000	18,900	South Hykeham	44.90	6.39	2,030.66
11,489	11,960	South Kyme	85.84	15.25	2,080.46
700	700	Stapleford	13.86	-	1,993.23
2,250	2,500	Swaton	34.85	19.75	2,033.97
20,452	21,977	Swinderby	86.03	14.97	2,080.37
23,838	24,500	Thorpe on the Hill	93.18	10.51	2,083.05
900	-	Threackingham	-	19.31	1,998.68
1,000	1,100	Thurlby	23.77	-	2,003.14
6,031	7,000	Timberland	32.92	15.32	2,027.62
191,895	214,095	Waddington	98.20	-	2,077.57
6,986	7,183	Walcott	37.50	18.86	2,035.73
180,300	187,000	Washingborough	147.78	12.20	2,139.35
22,439	27,193	Welbourn	111.69	-	2,091.06
22,909	25,759	Wellingore	84.11	17.34	2,080.82
18,000	18,000	Wilsford	117.65	16.20	2,113.22
98,200	117,660	Witham St Hughes	110.23	-	2,089.60