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North Kesteven 2024/25



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North Kesteven District Council

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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

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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 2024/25, please email: finance@lincolnshire.gov.uk or visit: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/finance

If you are unable to complete your enquiry 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: North Kesteven District Council marks 50 years of investing in, supporting, sustaining, leading and inspiring a District of Flourishing Communities on April 1, 2024. See our next steps at www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/NKplan

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 and premiums

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 12 months 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.

From April 1, 2025, a 100% premium charge will be applied to a furnished property without a resident where no exception can be applied.

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
- > Some school and college leavers
- > Some low paid carers

- > 18 and 19 year olds for whom child benefit is still being paid
 - > Residents of religious communities and hostels
 - > Prisoners
 - > Diplomats and visiting forces personnel
- Please contact us if:**
- > You think you should be getting a discount or
 - > You are getting a discount and your circumstances change 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:

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 was 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.

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.

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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 12 months or longer. An additional charge is made to the standard Council Tax Charge for these properties.

For the financial year 2024/25 the additional charges are:

- > For properties that have been unfurnished and unoccupied for 12 months 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 2024/25

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
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
NKDC	£126.30	£147.35	£168.40	£189.45	£231.55	£273.65	£315.75	£378.90
Households per band in NK	14,103	13,801	13,305	7,374	3,777	1,648	428	58

The overall Council Tax for the coming year is set about 4.7% higher than in 2024/25.

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 £75.06 more this year than last year. At Band D this is a charge of £1,578.69.

The Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner has increased the rate for policing by 4.45% which makes its charge at Band D £304.20, up £12.96 over the year.

North Kesteven District Council has increased its charge by 2.68%, which is a progressive incremental rise enabling investment in services. This makes the Band D charge £189.45, 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.

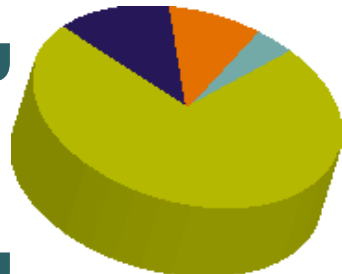
In addition, in most places, parish and town councils impose extra charges for their expenses. These have changed by variable amounts so, depending on where you live you may be paying more or even less than you did last year for the services they provide. All detailed on your bill as it applies to you.

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	£7,464,330	8.7%
■ Parish/Town Councils' requirement	£4,503,979	5.2%
■ Lincolnshire County Council's requirement	£62,200,386	72.2%
■ Police & Crime Commissioner's requirement	£11,985,480	13.9%



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 incorrectly
- > We've calculated your Council Tax Support (CTS) incorrectly
- > 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 2024/25



Our Economy

To support sustainable and regenerative local economic growth and resilience, transitioning to a Green Economy working within environmental thresholds



Our Homes

Through the Local Plan, deliver sustainable housing growth and pursue energy efficient development to meet the current and emerging needs of all



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

Champion and deliver a just transition for our climate and environmental commitments and aspirations

What you get for your money

At Band D, NKDC is charging £189.45 for the delivery of its services in 2024/25. In reality most homes will pay less; £126.30, £147.35 or £168.40 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 2023/24	7,195,500	184.50
Employee expenses, eg cost of living awards	1,996,600	
Movement on reserves	(687,500)	
Other variations - net	(148,000)	
Business Rates	(623,500)	
Reduction in req'd budget for District Council elections – held in 2023/24	(268,800)	
Net expenditure 2024/25	7,464,300	189.45
	Increase per Band D property:	4.95
	Based on a population figure of 119,709 this equates to a cost per head of:	62.35
	This equals an average annual cost per household of:	136.94

District Council finance

Your Council Tax goes towards paying for the following:

2023/24		2024/25		
Net Expenditure £		Gross Expenditure £	Less Income £	Net Expenditure £
	Service Expenditure			
470,000	Our Economy	3,034,900	(4,054,500)	(1,019,600)
772,300	Our Environment	826,800	(6,300)	820,500
1,169,900	Our Homes	4,520,500	(2,682,300)	1,838,200
5,860,000	Our Communities	26,832,500	(20,172,300)	6,660,200
5,134,900	Our Council	5,984,700	(931,700)	5,053,000
805,400	Drainage Rates	944,200	0	944,200
(814,100)	Net Financing Costs	2,211,500	(2,561,900)	(350,400)
5,085,000	Capital Financing	6,165,000	0	6,165,000
6,142,300	Movement on reserves (revenue)	4,470,400	(436,300)	4,034,100
(5,085,000)	Movement on reserves (capital)	0	(3,664,300)	(3,664,300)
19,540,700	Net cost of Services	54,990,500	(34,509,600)	20,480,900
	Funding			
(11,644,800)	Less Government Grants	9,099,000	(22,313,500)	(13,214,500)
(700,400)	Plus deficit on collection fund (prior year)	289,700	(91,800)	197,900
7,195,500	District Council Net Expenditure	64,379,200	(56,823,100)	7,464,300
185,000	Footway Lighting	229,300	(23,300)	206,000
4,053,000	Parish Precepts	4,298,000	0	4,298,000
11,433,500	Met from District Council Tax	68,906,500	(56,846,400)	11,968,300

Financial reserves and liabilities

Reserves and Balances	Balance at 1.4.23 - £	In-year Movements - £	Balance at 1.4.24 - £
Balances:			
- General fund	1,600,000	0	1,600,000
- Housing Revenue Account	750,000	328,600	1,078,600
Reserves:			
- Revenue	19,068,100	2,343,400	21,411,500
- Housing Revenue Account	631,400	(631,400)	0
Capital:			
- General fund	2,827,200	308,800	3,136,000
- Housing Revenue Account	3,392,300	1,693,900	1,698,400
Total reserves and balances	28,269,000	655,500	28,924,500
External borrowing	88,020,800	2,085,600	85,935,200

Investing in our communities

Lincolnshire County Council

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

Lincolnshire County Council

Reasons for change in budget requirement and effect on council tax		£m
Budget requirement 2023/24		604.3
Changes to gross expenditure	Children's Social Care pressures	13.3
	Adult Social Care pressures	32.7
	Highways Contract cost increases	3.0
	Transport pressures	3.2
	Pay Award inflation	8.8
	Other pressures	6.8
Changes to gross income	Waste Management savings	-1.6
	Energy savings	-4.5
	Other Service savings and increased income	-9.9
	Increase in Service grants	-10.3
Total change in services		41.5
Decrease in use of reserves		8.3
Budget requirement 2024/25		654.1
Changes to funding	Increase in business rates funding	-11.3
	Increase in government grants	-15.8
	Increase in council tax	-22.7
Total change in funding		-49.9
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%)		

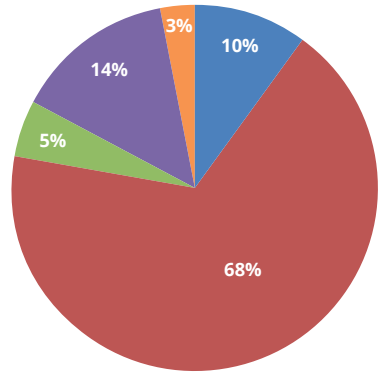
Note: The use of a minus (-) in front of a figure shows that either additional income will be received or that reserves will be used to support our spending.

Capital investment & net budget spend 2024/25

Lincolnshire County Council

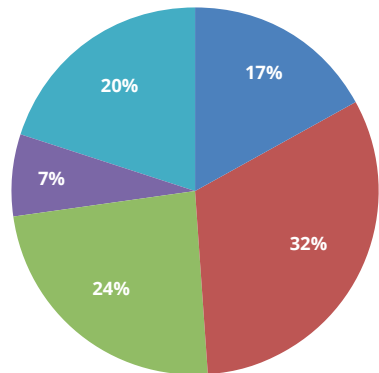
2024/25 Capital Investment £145m

- Children's Services - £13.93m, 10%
- 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

- Children's Services - £113.7m, 17%
- 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 A	£1,002.42	£1,052.46
Band B	£1,169.49	£1,227.87
Band C	£1,336.56	£1,403.28
Band D	£1,503.63	£1,578.69
Band E	£1,837.77	£1,929.51
Band F	£2,171.91	£2,280.33
Band G	£2,506.05	£2,631.15
Band H	£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 of the House of Commons."

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

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.

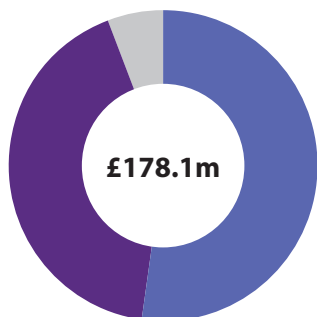
Any changes that are delivered would be phased over a number of years leaving the tough financial challenges still to be met and managed locally.

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.



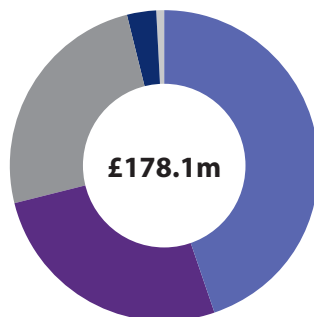
What money do we receive and how is it spent?

INCOME



- **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)
A	194.16	8.64	202.80	3.90	17
B	226.52	10.08	236.60	4.55	19
C	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
H	582.48	25.92	608.40	11.70	50

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Additional Parish Council Tax Levy for 2024/25

The District Council has set a Band D Council Tax of **£2,072.34** (District Council £189.45, Lincolnshire County Council £1,578.69 and Police Commissioner £304.20) for its area for the chargeable financial year beginning on April 1, 2024. 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 2023/24, £	Local Precept 2024/25, £	Local Council	Local Council, £	Footway Lighting, £	Total Council Tax, £
10,292	13,380	Anwick	98.25	18.53	2,189.12
-	-	Asgarby and Howell	-	-	2,072.34
10,454	13,250	Ashby, Bloxholm, Temple Bruer with Temple High Grange	46.27	7.99	2,126.60
-	-	Aswarby and Swarby	-	15.97	2,088.31
18,580	19,400	Aubourn and Haddington	147.11	-	2,219.45
-	-	Aunsby and Dembleby	-	10.18	2,082.52
116,928	129,640	Bassingham	230.32	10.65	2,313.31
16,000	13,200	Beckingham	99.49	14.27	2,186.09
50,923	44,393	Billinghay	62.89	15.53	2,150.76
5,490	5,518	Blankney	58.66	5.87	2,136.87
760	780	Boothby Graffoe	7.94	5.62	2,085.91
186,351	197,386	Bracebridge Heath	104.69	-	2,177.03
185,000	194,385	Branston and Mere	119.36	8.33	2,200.03
19,303	19,882	Brant Broughton and Stragglethorpe	68.91	14.49	2,155.74
400	750	Burton Pedwardine	16.91	12.45	2,101.69
8,200	9,600	Canwick	41.39	10.88	2,124.61
11,690	12,390	Carlton le Moorland	54.70	12.88	2,139.92
10,921	11,250	Coleby	67.35	9.44	2,149.13
55,252	57,259	Cranwell, Byard's Leap and Braucewell	68.50	9.06	2,149.90
-	-	Culverthorpe and Kelby	-	22.07	2,094.41
21,187	23,373	Digby	102.29	18.98	2,193.61
9,400	9,400	Doddington and Whisby	79.63	-	2,151.97
4,750	6,000	Dogdyke	62.98	21.52	2,156.85
6,700	7,100	Dorrington	53.02	17.08	2,142.44
24,350	24,436	Dunston	88.11	15.64	2,176.09
21,961	25,983	Eagle and Swinesthorpe	88.53	-	2,160.87
3,500	3,500	Ewerby and Evedon	21.30	14.88	2,108.51
15,385	16,850	Great Hale	63.36	12.75	2,148.45
15,778	16,582	Harmston	56.95	-	2,129.29
109,375	110,745	Heckington	86.41	8.00	2,166.75
103,315	106,851	Heighington	101.48	11.31	2,185.13
14,250	15,095	Helpringham	48.12	15.08	2,135.54
8,192	10,265	Kirkby-la-Thorpe	26.27	5.25	2,103.85
12,328	16,085	Leadenham	107.64	22.17	2,202.14
30,000	31,179	Leasingham and Roxholm	55.07	9.33	2,136.74
2,340	2,800	Little Hale	34.71	14.66	2,121.71
18,119	19,252	Martin	63.75	15.41	2,151.50
161,360	180,000	Metheringham	153.48	-	2,225.82
73,966	78,266	Navenby (includes Skinnand)	84.76	-	2,157.10
-	-	Newton, Hacey and Walcot	-	10.43	2,082.77
28,340	32,113	Nocton	101.86	-	2,174.20
766,061	814,582	North Hykeham	150.76	-	2,223.10
9,524	10,445	North Kyme	72.79	18.69	2,163.82
13,408	13,699	North Scarle	56.71	-	2,129.05
3,500	3,500	Norton Disney	35.23	14.29	2,121.87
5,300	5,500	Osbourne	40.80	18.72	2,131.86
26,539	27,070	Potterhanworth	91.69	13.09	2,177.12
6,124	6,138	Rauceby	28.34	12.75	2,113.43
-	-	Rowston	-	16.85	2,089.19
251,710	276,386	Ruskington	154.32	5.64	2,232.30
16,401	17,221	Scopwick	71.15	19.88	2,163.37
4,200	4,500	Scredington	52.76	17.57	2,142.67
5,200	5,200	Silk Willoughby	39.11	17.20	2,128.65
121,933	125,591	Skellingthorpe	106.04	-	2,178.38
746,350	781,645	Sleaford	127.57	-	2,199.91
18,900	20,000	South Hykeham	47.82	7.17	2,127.33
11,960	11,960	South Kyme	85.54	16.92	2,174.80
700	1,000	Stapleford	19.91	-	2,092.25
2,500	2,750	Swaton	38.27	21.95	2,132.56
21,977	23,347	Swinderby	90.76	16.56	2,179.66
24,500	25,350	Thorpe on the Hill	94.42	11.46	2,178.22
-	300	Threekingham	2.76	21.08	2,096.18
1,100	1,155	Thurlby	25.11	-	2,097.45
7,000	7,560	Timberland	34.86	16.73	2,123.93
214,095	231,325	Waddington	102.84	-	2,175.18
7,183	7,239	Walcott	37.50	20.84	2,130.68
187,000	205,000	Washingborough	159.54	13.38	2,245.27
27,193	28,874	Welbourn	117.50	-	2,189.84
25,759	26,686	Wellingore	88.06	19.52	2,179.91
18,000	18,000	Wilsford	119.61	18.34	2,210.29
117,660	117,616	Witham St Hughes	106.62	-	2,178.96