

CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL

HOW YOUR COUNCIL TAX WILL BE SPENT ON SERVICES



2023-24

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About this booklet

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Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner
Deepdale Lane, Nettleham, Lincoln LN57PH

Tel: 01522 947192

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

Lincolnshire Police General Enquiries

Tel: 101 (your call may be recorded)

Emergencies: 999 and ask for police

Website: www.lincs.police.uk

Shared service

In June 2011 a shared service was formed for Revenues and Benefits Services between City of Lincoln Council and North Kesteven District Council, to deliver improvements for customers and value for money. The shared service is hosted by City of Lincoln Council and therefore Revenues and Benefits work for the two partner authorities is carried out by staff employed by City of Lincoln Council. This service includes the collection of council tax.

Manage your account online

New for 2023 – My Accounts


Mycounciltax and Mybusinessrates

You can view 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.lincoln.gov.uk/m/accounts

Contacting us about changes

If you need to change any details relating to your council tax bill, if your bill is wrong, or if you're moving house, you can contact us through www.lincoln.gov.uk/m/accounts, call us on **01522 873355** or email: counciltax@lincoln.gov.uk





You now need
photo ID to
vote at a
polling station

Lincoln

Voting requirements are changing. Visit our website to find out more or scan the QR code:

lincoln.gov.uk/voting-elections

If you have any questions, please contact the elections team:

 **01522 873733**

 electoral@lincoln.gov.uk

If you need any help or to find out if your polling station is accessible, please phone the helpline

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Local elections
take place in
Lincolnshire
on 4 May 2023



Council Tax Explained

Who gets the council tax?

City of Lincoln Council collects the council tax. However, we keep less than 15 percent of it. We pay the rest to Lincolnshire County Council and the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

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:

1. Residential care homes, nursing homes and hostels or
2. 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 and Customs, has given each property a valuation band, between A and H, according to its market value in April 1991. If your property was built after April 1991, it will be valued as if it had existed then.

In common with all local authorities, City of Lincoln 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.

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 or 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:

Online: gov.uk/contact-VOA

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

Phone: 03000 501 501

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.

Council Tax Explained

Council tax discounts

You may be able to get a discount or an exemption from your Council Tax under certain circumstances.

Any empty unfurnished property which is empty for less than a month will receive a 100% discount. If the property is still empty at the end of the month, then the full charge will become payable.

If it remains empty for more than 2 years then an additional charge of 100% will become payable, making the total charge 200%. After a property has been empty for 5 years a further additional 100% will become payable, and the premium will increase to 200%, making a total charge 300%.

After a property has 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%. 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 6 weeks is not counted. There is no discount for any empty property which is furnished.

Any vacant property which is undergoing structural or major repair may qualify for a 25% discount. See later pages for period of discounts. People under the age of 25 who were in care when they were 18 may also qualify for a discount.

You can get a 25% discount on your bill if there is only one person aged 18 or over living in your home. People under 18, or in one of the groups listed below, are NOT included when counting the number of people living in your home for council tax purposes:

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.

Generally, you don't have to pay council tax on the classes of property listed below, because they are exempt. Some classes do have time limits though and you may have to pay a charge after the exemption runs out. 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 6 months only)

Class D - the taxpayer is in prison (except for sentences 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 (exempt for up to six months after probate granted although this may not apply in every case)

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 annex to occupied property

Classes of exempt OCCUPIED property:

Class M - student halls of residence

Class N - all occupiers are students, school or college leavers or non-British dependents 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

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Class V - main residence of a person with diplomatic privilege or immunity or

Class W - the annex to a property occupied by a dependent relative.

(A 50% discount can also be granted in certain circumstances where an annex to a main dwelling is occupied by a relative of the person who pays the 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

From April 2013 the national Council Tax Benefit scheme was abolished, and local councils have to decide what type of support scheme to replace it with. Every council has less funding from Central Government to pay for the scheme.

All councils need to decide whether to cut levels of Council Tax Support to match the reduced funding now provided, or to find money by increasing income in other areas or by reducing spending, to fund this cut.

What is City of Lincoln Council's scheme?

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%.

However, the following restrictions apply to all working age customers except those on passported benefits, which means you will not qualify for the support:

If you have capital over £6,000

The following restrictions will also apply to all working age customers, which means you will get reduced support:

If your entitlement is less than £2 per week
Property banding capped at Band B - if you live in a Band C property or above, your support will be calculated on Band B liability

Backdating is restricted to one month

Temporary absence from home rules to be introduced

Contact City of Lincoln Council for further advice.

Housing Benefit (help with your rent)

If you rent your home and have a low income, you could get Housing Benefit to help you pay your rent. Contact the council to discuss eligibility.

Are you finding it hard to pay?

This booklet 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.

If you don't qualify or are already receiving some help, and are still finding it hard to pay, contact us as soon as possible to discuss your payments.

The Citizens Advice Bureau are unable to see drop in clients during the Covid-19 pandemic but you can contact them as follows:

Website: www.citizensadvice.lincoln.org.uk

Adviceline: 0808 278 7940

(9am- 5pm, Mon-Friday)

Universal Credit help to claim: 0800 144 8444

(8am - 6pm, Mon-Friday)

Migrant Worker Helpline: 0344 847 6128

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

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 unoccupied 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 unfurnished and unoccupied for ten years or longer, 300%. So, the Council Tax is charged at 400%

The Council has agreed a number of remissions from the additional charges which apply from 1st April 2020, and these are shown in the attached table. 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 to discuss the matter.

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. 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 the date of property transfer
Property undergoing major repairs or structural alteration	The property must be undergoing major repair or structural alteration. A major repair indicates the repair of a major fault, and does not include updating or modernisations such as installing new kitchens, or heating systems or decorating This remission can only be awarded in the first 18 months that the taxpayer is liable for the Council Tax at the property.	The amount of the additional charge will be halved.	A maximum of 3 months
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 the 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 the 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 steps to either bring this 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 or to sell 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

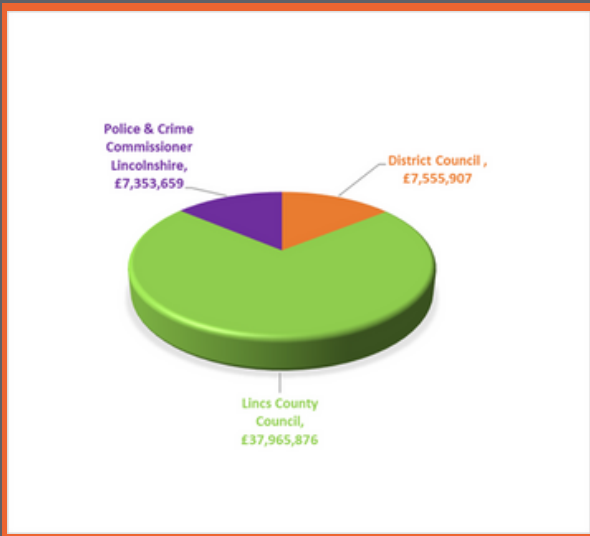
Council Tax Explained

This year the County Council increased its part of the council tax by 4.99%, the City Council has increased its part by 2.91% and the Police and Crime Commissioner has increased his portion by 5.41%.

Your Council Tax this year 2023/24

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
County	1002.42	1169.49	1336.56	1503.63	1837.77	2171.91	2506.05	3007.26
Police	194.16	226.52	258.88	291.24	355.96	420.68	485.40	582.48
City	199.50	232.75	266.00	299.25	365.75	432.25	498.75	598.5
Total	1396.08	1628.76	1861.44	2094.12	2559.48	3024.84	3490.20	4188.24

Money from council tax required to deliver services...



City of Lincoln Council collects all of the council tax for the city but only retains 14.29% of it.

This pie chart shows how the council tax collected is redistributed.

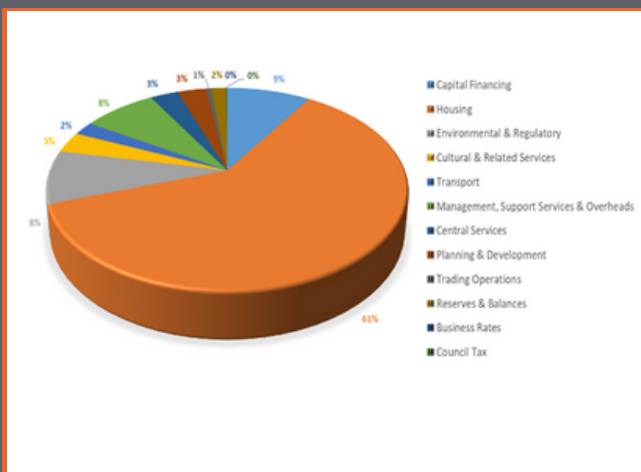
The council tax collected in Lincoln this year will be divided as follows:

£7,555,907 City Council

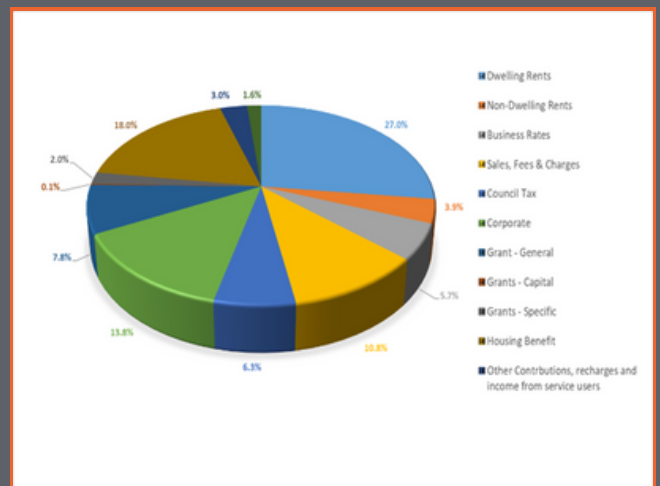
£37,965,876 Lincolnshire County Council

£7,353,659 Police and Crime Commissioner

Where the money is spent on services



Where the money comes from



City of Lincoln Council

The city council has set gross expenditure and income budgets of £119m and £112m respectively for 2023/24. The difference between the gross expenditure and income is raised through council tax; for 2023/24 this is £7.6m. This table shows where the budget is required within the council and how the cost is met through income.

2022/23 £'000	Service Related Expenditure	2023/24 £'000
66,255	Housing (including Housing Benefit	72,523
9,063	Environmental & Regulatory	10,129
3,483	Cultural & Related Services	4,023
2,653	Transport	2,627
8,143	Management, Support Services & Overheads	9,354
4,130	Central Services	3,547
2,691	Planning & Development	3,709
425	Trading Operations	664
96,842	Sub Total	106,575
12,988	Capital Financing	10,678
409	Reserves and Balances	1,895
4,044	Business Rates	0
6	Council Tax	136
114,288	Gross Expenditure	119,284
	Income	
(29,996)	Dwelling Rents	(32,237)
(4,373)	Non-Dwelling Rents	(4,600)
(5,573)	Business Rates	(6,808)
(11,811)	Sales, Fees & Charges	(12,829)
(15,326)	Corporate	(16,466)
(934)	Grants - General	(9,307)
(1,695)	Grants - Specific	(2,331)
(9,611)	Grants - Capital	(175)
(19,410)	Housing Benefit	(21,495)
(2,925)	Other Contributions, Recharges & Income	(3,595)
(5,275)	Reserves & Balances	(1,885)
(106,928)	Gross Income	(111,729)
(7,360)	Council Tax Requirement	7,556

City of Lincoln Council

How annual changes in income and expenditure affects council tax.

City of Lincoln Council's income and expenditure changes each year and has an impact on council tax. This table shows how those annual changes affect council tax:

	Change in Exp and Income £000	Change in Council Tax (at band D) £	Change in Council Tax (at band A) £
Band D and Band A Equivalent 2022/23	7,360	290.79	193.86
Inflationary Costs – Pay	1,346	53.33	35.55
Inflationary Costs – General	707	28.02	18.68
Inflationary Costs – Utilities	662	26.22	17.48
Inflationary Costs – Land Drainage Levies	159	6.30	4.20
Reduction in Contribution from Reserves	4,877	193.15	128.77
Reduction in Government Grants	152	6.02	4.01
Other changes in Net Cost of Services	519	20.54	13.69
Less:			
Reduction in Capital Charges and Treasury Financing Costs	(1,166)	(46.18)	(30.79)
Abolishment of National Insurance increase	(42)	(1.67)	(1.11)
Reduction in Pension costs	(152)	(6.02)	(4.01)
Reduction in Business Rates on Council Properties	(224)	(8.86)	(5.91)
Reduction in Deficit on Collection Fund	(4,726)	(187.17)	(124.78)
Increase in Retained Business Rates	(552)	(21.86)	(14.57)
Increase in Fees and Charges	(1,113)	(44.08)	(29.39)
Income Increase in Rental Income	(252)	(9.98)	(6.65)
Change in Band D Equivalent Properties		0.70	0.47
Band D and Band A Equivalent 2023/24	7,556	299.25	199.50

Estimated financial reserves and liabilities

This table shows our estimated reserves and liabilities in comparison with last year:

Reserves and Balance	Balance at 1/4/23 £000	In Year Adjustments £000	Balance at 1/4/24 £000
Revenue:			
General Fund	2,263	(191)	2,072
Housing Revenue Account	1,064	(59)	1,005
Capital:			
General Fund	396	(366)	30
Housing Revenue Account	20,221	(4,308)	15,913
Total Reserves & Balances	23,944	(4,924)	19,020
External Borrowing Leases			
Total Liabilities	123,200	(12,100)	111,100

City of Lincoln Council

Vision 2025

Our five priorities for the next four years and beyond Our vision - together, let's deliver Lincoln's ambitious future - sets out what the city council wants to achieve for Lincoln and how we are going to achieve it.

The strategic priorities that support this vision are:

- Let's drive inclusive economic growth
- Let's reduce all kinds of inequality
- Let's deliver quality housing
- Let's enhance our remarkable place
- Let's address the challenge of climate change

These are underpinned by the One Council programme and reinforced by our core values which govern our approach to everything we do. Our three core values are;

- Let's be approachable
- Let's be innovative
- Let's be trusted to deliver



What you get for your money?

At Bands A and B - which make up 80% of homes in the city - City of Lincoln Council is charging £199.50 and £232.75 for the delivery of its services in. For this you receive:

- Refuse and recycling collections
- Street cleansing
- Planning
- Restaurant, pub and take-away food hygiene checks
- CCTV
- Economic promotion and support for regeneration
- Licensing of entertainment and alcohol provision
- Leisure facilities
- Upkeep of parks and green spaces
- Grounds maintenance
- Community centres
- Markets
- Heritage
- Arts
- Small business support
- Play areas
- Contribution to the Central Lincolnshire Joint
- Strategic Planning Unit devising the Local Plan
- Advice on housing and homelessness
- Administration of council tax and housing benefits
- Organisation of elections
- Rate relief to organisations and businesses
- Action against anti-social behaviour
- Contribution to many community and partnership initiatives.... and much, much more

Who is Responsible?

In Lincoln, and throughout the county, the responsibility of providing services is shared between Lincolnshire County Council and district councils including City of Lincoln Council. The services below are the responsibility of Lincolnshire County Council:

- Adult care
- Blue badges
- Children's centres
- Community safety
- Concessionary bus passes
- Economic development - including tourism
- Emergency planning
- Family links scheme
- Fostering and adoption
- Heritage - Lincoln Castle, The Collection and Usher Gallery
- Highways and transportation
- Libraries
- Lifelong learning
- Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue
- On-street parking
- Planning - county council projects, mineral extraction and waste
- Public health
- Recycling and waste disposal
- Registration and celebratory services (births, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships)
- Schools (excluding academies)
- School admissions and transport
- Street services including looking after and maintaining traffic lights, traffic signs, road marking, street lighting and more
- Trading standards

Investing in our communities

Lincolnshire County Council

Investing in our communities despite financial challenges

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

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

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

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

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

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

You can find full details on this year's budget on the council's website at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/budget

Council tax

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

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

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

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



Changes in budget requirement

Lincolnshire County Council

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

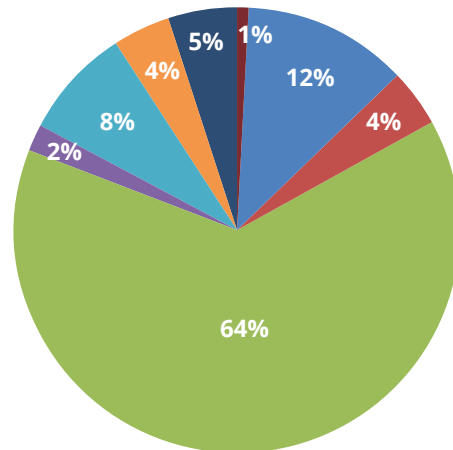
Note: The use of a minus (-) in front of a figure shows that either additional income will be received or that reserves will be used to support our spending.

Capital investment & net budget spend 2023/24

Lincolnshire County Council

2023/24 Capital Investment £137m

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

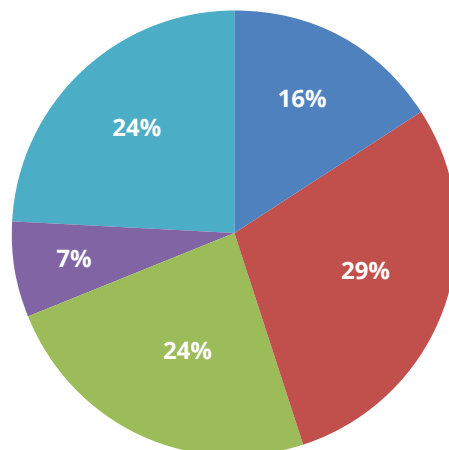


Communities includes: Cultural Services, Waste Management, Environment and Flood Management, Transport (including Home to School/College), Sustainable Planning.

ICT: refers to Information and Communications Technology

2023/24 Net Budget Spend £604m

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



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

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

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

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

Our share of the council tax

Lincolnshire County Council

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

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

Flood defence

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

Funding and spending in 2023/24

Lincolnshire County Council

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

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

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

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

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

Funding and spending in 2022/23

Lincolnshire County Council

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

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

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

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

Your police Council Tax explained

2023



Lincolnshire
POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER
SAFER TOGETHER

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



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

This extra money will be dedicated to:



Maintaining police officer numbers

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

Extra officers and staff into specialist sexual assault/abuse units

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

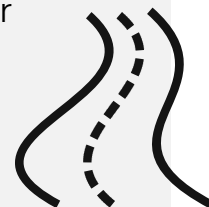
Improving 101 call response times

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



Making our roads safer

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



Increasing community confidence

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

More officers on shift when you need them

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

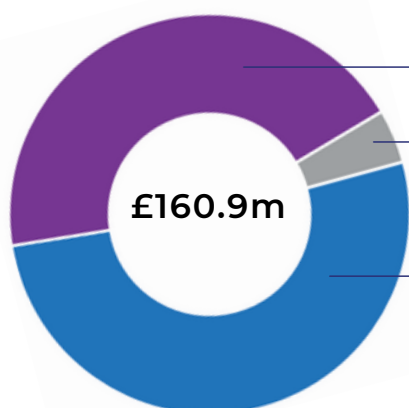
That means in the short and medium term we still have challenges in how we spend the money available.

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

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

What money do we receive and how is it spent?

INCOME



Council tax

£70.8m
44%

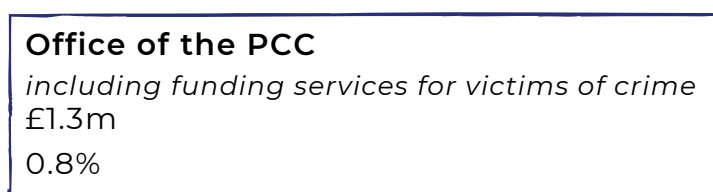
Contribution from reserves & other income

£6.8m
4.2%

Government grants

£83.3m
51.8%

EXPENDITURE



Office of the PCC

including funding services for victims of crime
£1.3m
0.8%

Police officers

£73.9m
45.4%

Capital financing

£4.6m
2.8%

Other costs

including custody, fleet, premises and regional collaboration
£37.5m
23%

Police staff & PCSOs

£45.6m
28%

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 this year (£)	Increase per week (pence)
A	184.20	9.96	194.16	3.73	10
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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