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Boston Borough Council 2022-23

Council Tax explained, budget summary, local policing summary



About this booklet

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Police and Crime Commissioner

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Tel: 01522 558022

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

Website: www.lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk

Lincolnshire Police general enquiries

Tel: 01522 532222 (your call may be recorded)

Emergencies: 999 and ask for police

Minicom/textphone: 01522 558140

Website: www.lincs.police.uk

Boston Borough Council handy numbers

Council Tax, Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support: Telephone enquiries: 01205 314202

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Housing Benefit: housing.benefits@boston.gov.uk

Website: www.mybostonuk.com

Refuse: For all information on waste collection, recycling and bulky waste collection, including your 2022/23 calendar, go to www.mybostonuk.com/waste or call 01205 314200 for garden waste go to www.mybostonuk.com/gardenwaste or call 01205 314200.

Community Safety: Boston Borough Council's Community Safety Team is responsible for dealing with crime and disorder issues; anti-social behaviour; CCTV; hate crime and domestic violence.

For advice, information or to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour, vandalism or other minor crime or disorder issues call 01205 314200 or email: community.safety@boston.gov.uk
All serious incidents should be reported to the police on 01522 532222 or 999 for emergencies.

Concessionary bus pass scheme: All new bus pass applications must now be made to Lincolnshire County Council. Apply by post to Passenger Transport Unit, Crown House, Grantham Street, Lincoln LN2 1BD or in person at City Hall in Lincoln. Application forms and an information leaflet about the scheme are available from libraries, Boston Borough Council, other key access centres and online at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Council Tax explained

Who gets the Council Tax?

Boston Borough Council collects the Council Tax. However, we only keep around 11 per cent of it and of that 52.5 per cent is paid to the internal drainage boards. We pay the rest over to Lincolnshire County Council, parish councils and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

What is Council Tax and who has to pay?

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

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

The owners of these properties have to pay:

- Residential care homes, nursing homes and hostels or
- Those occupied by
 - ▶ a minister of religion or a religious community
 - ▶ houses of multiple occupation
 - ▶ resident staff or asylum seekers

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

Valuation bands and how you can appeal?

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

Band	Market Value (as 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

Can I appeal against my property's valuation band?

The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) values domestic properties for council tax. This valuation is used to set your council tax band. You might need to contact the VOA if you think your council tax band is wrong.

You can find out more about when you can challenge your band and what you need to do at gov.uk/challenge-council-tax-band. If you challenge your band, you must continue to pay council tax at your current band until your appeal is decided.

You can contact the VOA at gov.uk/contact-voa. If you are unable to use the online service you can also contact the VOA on 03000 501 501.

In common with other local authorities this authority is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. It may share information provided to it with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds and undertake data-matching exercises in order to prevent and detect fraud.

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Council Tax discounts from 1 April 2022

You may be able to get a discount or, in some cases, a full exemption. You can get a 25% discount on your bill if there is only one person aged 18 or over living in your home. People under 18, or in one of the groups listed below, are NOT included when counting the number of people living in your home for Council Tax purposes:

- Most full-time students, student nurses and some apprentices
 - The partner of a student or the dependant of a student who is not a British citizen and is not allowed to work in this country or claim benefits
 - People who are long-term patients in hospital or who live in care homes
 - People who are severely mentally impaired
 - 18 and 19 year olds still eligible for child benefit
 - School and college leavers (from April to October if they are under 20 years old)
 - Low-paid care workers (usually employed by charities)
 - Residents of hostels for the homeless or night shelters
 - Carers looking after someone who is not their partner and not a child of their own who is under 18 years old
 - Members of religious communities
 - Members of visiting armed forces and international institutions
 - Diplomats
 - People in prison (except for those in prison for non-payment of fines or council tax)
 - Class A – vacant dwellings where major repair works or structural alterations are required or underway – 25% discount for 12-month period
- 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
 - Long-term empty properties – no discount

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 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. They don't re-start if the liable Council Tax payer changes.

Classes of exempt EMPTY property:

- Class B** – owned by a charity (exempt for up to 6 months only)
- Class C** – unoccupied and unfurnished (exempt for up to one month only)
- Class D** – the tax payer is in prison (except for those in prison for non-payment of fines or council tax)
- Class E** – the tax payer has left it to go and live in a care home
- Class F** – the tax payer has died (exempt for up to six months after probate granted)
- Class G** – can't be lived in by law
- Class H** – held for a minister of religion
- Class I** – the tax payer has gone to live elsewhere to receive personal care
- Class J** – the tax payer has gone to live elsewhere to provide personal care
- Class K** – left empty by a student
- Class L** – the mortgagee has possession
- Class Q** – the tax payer is trustee to a bankrupt
- Class R** – unused caravan pitch or boat mooring
- Class T** – unoccupied annexe to an occupied property

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

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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

Long-term empty – Properties empty after two years are now subject to a premium charge of 200%, properties empty for five years are subject to a premium charge of 300% and properties empty for 10 years or more are subject to a premium charge of 400%

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 had 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 can reduce your bill if one of these applies:

- you are getting the Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit
- you are getting either Income-based Job Seekers Allowance, Income Support or Employment Support Allowance or award of Universal Credit
- the income we have to take into account is low enough for you to qualify and savings and investments are valued below £16,000.

Even if you own your own home and are working you may still be able to get this discount. A lot of information is required to support the application, but don't be put off by this – it's necessary to prevent and detect fraud. Pensioners and war widows of all ages can still qualify for up to 100 per cent council tax support.

Second adult rebate (where a person whose income is too high to qualify for main Council Tax Support they may receive a reduction of council tax of up to 25 per cent if other adults in the household are below the income threshold) will also remain available to Pensioners and War Widows but will no longer be available to working age customers from April 1, 2016.

Applications for back-dated awards of Council Tax Support will be limited to a maximum of four weeks for claims made on or after April 1, 2016.

Council Tax Support is unchanged for those living in properties in bands A to D inclusive, but for those in properties in bands E to H inclusive the amount of Council Tax Support permitted for working age claimants is to be capped at the level which can be claimed in a band D property. War pensioners and pensioners will continue to be protected from this change.

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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 schemes. If you don't qualify or are already receiving some help, and are still finding it hard to pay, contact us on 01205 314353 as soon as possible to discuss your payments.

Citizens Advice gives free impartial advice to people struggling with various debts. It has offices in Boston which can be called on 01205 315915.

The council has the discretion to give 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.

Internal Drainage Boards

Internal Drainage Board Precepts - Estimate at 06.12.2021

	2022/23 £
Welland & Deepings	66,799
Black Sluice	885,734
Witham Fourth	1,196,693
South Holland	1,051
	2,150,278

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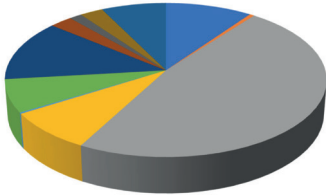
All elements of the Council Tax (Boston Borough Council, Parishes, Lincolnshire County Council & Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner)

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
COUNTY	£954.78	£1,113.91	£1,273.04	£1,432.17	£1,750.43	£2,068.69	£2,386.95	£2,864.34
POLICE	£184.20	£214.90	£245.60	£276.30	£337.70	£399.10	£460.50	£552.60
BBC	£176.55	£205.97	£235.40	£264.82	£323.67	£382.52	£441.37	£529.64
TOTAL	£1,315.53	£1,534.78	£1,754.04	£1,973.29	£2,411.80	£2,850.31	£3,288.82	£3,946.58

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Algarkirk	£1,331.98	£1,553.98	£1,775.97	£1,997.97	£2,441.96	£2,885.96	£3,329.95	£3,995.94
Amber Hill	£1,302.37	£1,519.44	£1,736.50	£1,953.56	£2,387.68	£2,821.81	£3,255.93	£3,907.12
Benington	£1,343.25	£1,567.13	£1,791.00	£2,014.88	£2,462.63	£2,910.38	£3,358.13	£4,029.76
Bicker	£1,358.44	£1,584.85	£1,811.25	£2,037.66	£2,490.47	£2,943.29	£3,396.10	£4,075.32
Butterwick	£1,322.41	£1,542.82	£1,763.22	£1,983.62	£2,424.42	£2,865.23	£3,306.03	£3,967.24
Fishtoft	£1,283.59	£1,497.53	£1,711.46	£1,925.39	£2,353.25	£2,781.12	£3,208.98	£3,850.78
Fosdyke	£1,335.90	£1,558.55	£1,781.20	£2,003.85	£2,449.15	£2,894.45	£3,339.75	£4,007.70
Frampton	£1,306.81	£1,524.62	£1,742.42	£1,960.22	£2,395.82	£2,831.43	£3,267.03	£3,920.44
Freiston	£1,339.68	£1,562.96	£1,786.24	£2,009.52	£2,456.08	£2,902.64	£3,349.20	£4,019.04
Holland Fen & Brothertoft	£1,285.05	£1,499.23	£1,713.40	£1,927.58	£2,355.93	£2,784.28	£3,212.63	£3,855.16
Kirton	£1,306.40	£1,524.13	£1,741.87	£1,959.60	£2,395.07	£2,830.53	£3,266.00	£3,919.20
Leverton	£1,324.98	£1,545.81	£1,766.64	£1,987.47	£2,429.13	£2,870.79	£3,312.45	£3,974.94
Old Leake	£1,320.66	£1,540.77	£1,760.88	£1,980.99	£2,421.21	£2,861.43	£3,301.65	£3,961.98
Sutterton	£1,311.11	£1,529.62	£1,748.14	£1,966.66	£2,403.70	£2,840.73	£3,277.77	£3,933.32
Swineshead	£1,302.77	£1,519.90	£1,737.03	£1,954.16	£2,388.42	£2,822.68	£3,256.93	£3,908.32
Wigtoft	£1,323.51	£1,544.10	£1,764.68	£1,985.27	£2,426.44	£2,867.61	£3,308.78	£3,970.54
Wrangle	£1,311.76	£1,530.39	£1,749.01	£1,967.64	£2,404.89	£2,842.15	£3,279.40	£3,935.28
Wyberton	£1,303.53	£1,520.79	£1,738.04	£1,955.30	£2,389.81	£2,824.32	£3,258.83	£3,910.60
Boston (BTAC)	£1,325.13	£1,545.98	£1,766.84	£1,987.69	£2,429.40	£2,871.11	£3,312.82	£3,975.38

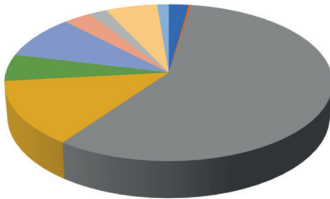
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What services the money is spent on



	£000	%
Corporate	3,462	9.8%
Economic Growth	190	0.5%
Finance	16,707	47.5%
General Fund Assets	2,881	8.2%
Governance	85	0.2%
Leisure and Culture	2,430	6.9%
Neighbourhoods	4,526	12.9%
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	900	2.6%
Parish Council Precepts	509	1.4%
Regulatory	919	2.6%
Wellbeing & Community Leadership	2,590	7.4%
TOTAL	35,199	100.0

Income coming into services



	£000	%
Corporate	482	2.2%
Economic Growth	65	0.3%
Finance	12,456	57.4%
General Fund Assets	2,904	13.4%
Governance	0	0.0%
Leisure and Culture	1,192	5.5%
Neighbourhoods	1,954	9.0%
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	680	3.1%
Regulatory	433	2.0%
Wellbeing & Community Leadership	1,256	5.8%
Efficiencies required	282	1.3%
TOTAL	21,704	100.0

Council Tax explained

Your District Council Tax goes towards paying for the following

Service Expenditure	Gross Spend	Income	Net Spend	Percentage Spend	Percentage Income
	£000	£000	£000		
Corporate	3,462	482	2,980	9.8%	2.2%
Economic Growth	190	65	126	0.5%	0.3%
Finance	16,707	12,456	4,251	47.5%	57.4%
General Fund Assets	2,881	2,904	-23	8.2%	13.4%
Governance	85	0	85	0.2%	0.0%
Leisure and Culture	2,430	1,192	1,237	6.9%	5.5%
Neighbourhoods	4,526	1,954	2,572	12.9%	9.0%
Planning & Strategic Infrastructure	900	680	220	2.6%	3.1%
Parish Precepts	509		509	1.4%	
Regulatory	919	433	486	2.6%	2.0%
Wellbeing & Community Leadership	2,590	1,256	1,334	7.4%	5.8%
Efficiencies Required		282	-282		1.3%
Council Sub Total	35,199	21,704	13,495	100%	100%
Accounting Adjustments			-5,912		
Net Cost of Services			7,583		
Governments Grants			-3,436		
Retained Business Rates			1,249		
Surplus on Council Tax Collection Fund			-87		
Met by District and Parish Council Tax			5,309		

Total Council Tax Budget Requirement

2021/22 Net Expenditure		2022/23 Net Expenditure	
3,883,331	Borough Council Tax Requirement	4,067,547	10.3%
1,184,252	Parish Council Tax/Boston Town Area Committee Requirement	1,242,308	3.1%
26,767,138	Lincolnshire County Council Tax Requirement	28,716,441	72.6%
5,225,455	Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire	5,540,091	14.0%
37,060,176	Total cost met by Council Taxpayers	39,566,387	100.0%
£573.36	Total cost per head, population 64,637	£612.13	

Home-based businesses

Depending on the type of property, usually either Council Tax or Business Rates will be payable – some may pay both. Generally, business rates do not have to be paid for minor business use of the home. Where part of the home is used exclusively for business purposes, or has been adapted for business use, or where clients visit the premises or where you employ people to work from there, then business rates are likely to apply. However, lots of small businesses can currently get rate relief of up to 100% of the bill leaving nothing to pay – they

should still be rated though, to avoid any allegation of attempted local tax avoidance.

To check to see if premises are already rated, please follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/correct-your-business-rates>

If the premises are not rated, please call our Business Rates Assurance Manager on 01205 314430 or email andy.hall@boston.gov.uk with the relevant details. All information provided will be treated in confidence.

Business rates information

The council is engaged in business rates assurance activities to promote fairness and equity in the business rates system. We are keen to ensure that all business premises are captured in the Local Rating List and that the rateable values are correct and reflect any changes made since the last assessment. If you run or are aware of any business that may not be rated (or if you think that the rating assessment is not up to date), please inform us without delay to ensure that you are not targeted as part of these assurance activities.

To check to see if premises are already rated, please follow this link:
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If the premises are not rated, or if you think that the assessment is out of date, please call our Business Rates Assurance Manager on 01205 314430 or email andy.hall@boston.gov.uk with the relevant details. All information provided will be treated in confidence.

It is important that owners, tenants and occupiers of premises keep us informed of any relevant changes that could affect the rates bill (for example, changes in occupation status, liable party, exemptions and rate relief entitlements). Please help us to keep our records up to date by contacting our business rates team at the earliest opportunity.

How your £10 is spent



£7.26 – Lincolnshire County Council

for education, roads, care for the elderly and disabled, child protection, public health, fire and rescue, libraries, waste disposal

£1.03 –

Boston Borough Council

• **49p – Boston Borough**

Council keeps for refuse collections, housing, planning, street cleaning, leisure etc

• **54p – Boston Borough**

Council pays to the **Internal Drainage Boards**



**31p – Parish Councils and
BTAC Special Expenses**

£1.40 – Police and Crime Commissioner
for law and order and crime reduction

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Your police Council Tax explained

2022



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:

Increasing visible policing

Maximising the number of police officers recruited and increasing the number of community beat managers by 12. Further increasing visible policing and protection for our communities.

Identifying criminals faster

Providing additional cutting-edge crime fighting capability by expanding the Digital Forensics Team and investing in the latest systems to identify criminals faster than ever before.

Tackling drug dealing and supply

Providing resources to work in partnership to deliver the new Lincolnshire Drug Strategy – tackling drug dealing and supply whilst supporting those targeted by the illegal trade in drugs to save lives and keep our communities safe.

Protecting children and vulnerable adults from sexual abuse

Boosting the Protecting Vulnerable Persons Unit to further protect the most vulnerable children and adults from sexual violence and abuse and help deliver the justice they deserve.

Reducing re-offending and the numbers of victims

Investing in greater and more effective partnership working in Integrated Offender Management to reduce re-offending and reduce the numbers of victims.



These developments could not have been contemplated without the additional money provided by our residents and their incredible support for policing.

Thanks to public support and willingness to back our police force, we are able to raise an extra £2.4m from council tax to reinvest in protecting our communities.

The vast majority of residents will pay between just 13p and 19p extra a week – but the money will go a long way to allowing investment in a range of new initiatives designed to prevent crime, protect people and communities and identify and arrest offenders.

A robust consultation with the public was conducted at the end of 2021, receiving over 3000 completed surveys covering a range of policing, crime and council

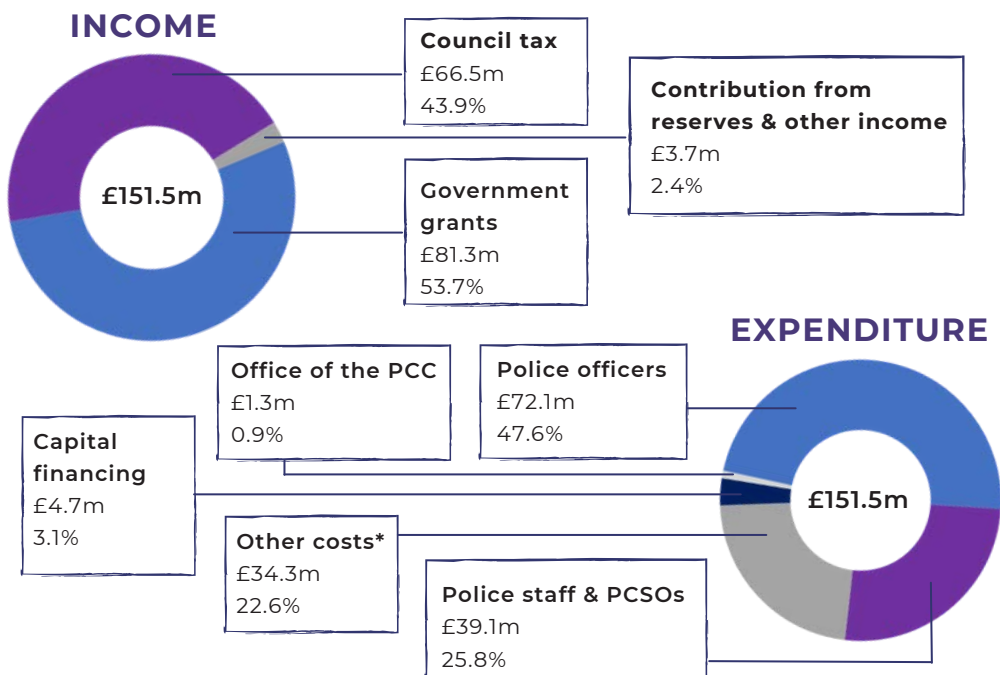
tax related questions. The full details of the survey can be found at <https://bit.ly/PCCAnnualSurvey>

The results of the consultation showed overwhelming backing from the public for increasing investment in policing.

75% of respondents said they were prepared to pay at least 5% more in council tax to support policing in their communities – higher than the proposed uplift.

Lincolnshire remains one of the lowest funded police forces in the country – spending less than almost any other area in the UK on policing – but continued support from the public through council tax and prudent investments in time saving and game changing technology and equipment have removed the immediate threats to financial sustainability.

What money do we receive and how is it spent?



**including custody, fleet, premises and regional collaboration*

Property band	Cost last year (£)	Increase this year (£)	Cost this year (£)	Increase per week (pence)
A	177.54	6.66	184.20	13
B	207.13	7.77	214.90	15
C	236.72	8.88	245.60	17
D	266.31	9.99	276.30	19
E	325.49	12.21	337.70	23
F	384.67	14.43	399.10	28
G	443.85	16.65	460.50	32
H	532.62	19.98	552.60	38

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Balancing the books

Lincolnshire County Council

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Overall, the council will spend £545m on a range of vital services in 2022/23. This includes over £200m for adult care, £80m for children's social care, £51m for highways maintenance and around £20m for the fire service.

Not only are we continuing work on the £100m Grantham Southern Relief Road this year, but we'll also be completing our £4.8m road reconstruction project to Roman Bank in Skegness this spring and starting our £1.4m improvements at Red Lion Square in Stamford this summer.

We'll also be spending £14.5m to rebuild over fifteen major A and B roads throughout the county, including the A17 between the Beckingham dual carriageway and the Brant Broughton crossroads, as well as between Byards Leap and Holdingham Roundabout.

There are no cuts to frontline services planned for this year. Over the next four years, we expect to find savings of around £25m through measures which include home working, increased use of digital technology, a reduction in administrative posts and the disposal of surplus buildings.

This will allow us to maintain our frontline services at a time when other councils are having to reduce theirs.

We will continue to push government for a fairer share of the national funding. Local councils have played a huge role in supporting our communities during the pandemic and we hope that we are given the money we need to provide the services our residents rely on.

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 adult care costs and a reduction in government funding for highways maintenance, 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 £22.756m for the council. For a property in council tax band A, the increase would be the equivalent of an extra 87p 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 2021/22		505.4
Changes to gross expenditure		
	Adult social care pressures	13.2
	Highways pressures	13.2
	Home to school transport pressures	6.5
	Pay, national insurance and price increases	12.1
	Other pressures	8.7
Changes to gross income		
	Service savings and increased income	-4.8
	Increase in service grants	-4.7
Total change in services		44.1
Increase in use of reserves		-4.9
Budget requirement 2022/23		544.6
Changes to funding		
	Increase in business rates funding	-1.8
	Increase in government grants	-12.1
	Increase in council tax	-25.2
Total change in funding		-39.1
Council tax increase of 3.0% (Adult social care precept) to support adult social care pressures		
Council tax increase of 2.0% (general) to support other service net pressures		
Total council tax increase of 5.0% (4.99%)		

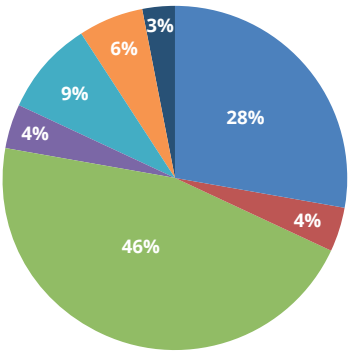
Note: The use of a minus (-) in front of a figure shows that either additional income will be received or that reserves will be used to support our spending.

Capital investment & net budget spend 2022/23

Lincolnshire County Council

2022/23 Capital Investment £150m

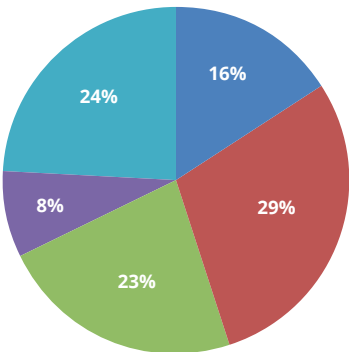
- Schools - £43m, 28%
- Communities - £6m, 4%
- Highways - £69m, 46%
- Fire & Rescue - £5m, 4%
- Property & ICT - £14m, 9%
- Other Budgets - £9m, 6%
- Other services - £5m, 3%



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

2022/23 Net Budget Spend £545m

- Children's Services - £90.5m, 16%
- Adult Care & Community Wellbeing - £156.8m, 29%
- Place - £125m, 23%
- Capital Financing Charges - £43m, 8%
- Other Services - £129.3m, 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.

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; 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 2021/2022	Amount 2022/2023
Band A	£909.44	£954.78
Band B	£1,061.01	£1,113.91
Band C	£1,212.59	£1,273.04
Band D	£1,364.16	£1,432.17
Band E	£1,667.31	£1,750.43
Band F	£1,970.45	£2,068.69
Band G	£2,273.60	£2,386.95
Band H	£2,728.32	£2,864.34

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 £0.657m for 2022/23 (£0.647m for 2021/22).

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

Note: The responsibility for Home to Schools Transport has moved from Children's Services 2021/22 to Place in 2022/23.

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.

Place includes: Communities, Greater 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 2021/22

Lincolnshire County Council

Services	Gross £m	Income £m	Net £m	Cost per Resident £
Children's Services	830.3	708.1	122.2	161.7
Adult Care & Community Wellbeing	304.9	155.7	149.2	197.4
Place	110.8	36.1	74.7	98.8
Capital Projects Charges	42.2	0.5	41.7	55.1
Other Services	141.9	26.8	115.1	152.2
Total planned spending	1430.0	927.2	502.8	665.2
Contributions to/-from reserves	2.6	0.0	2.6	3.5
Budget requirement	1,432.6	927.2	505.4	668.7
Resourced by:				
Business Rates Local Retention			120.8	
Revenue Support Grant			20.6	
Other grants			44.4	
County Precept			319.6	
Total Funding			505.4	

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 where 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 and 2022-23.

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From 1st April 2016

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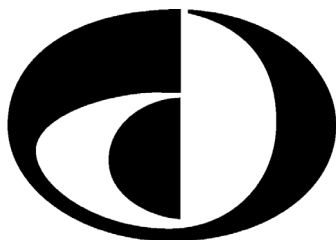
Payment cards and old bills used to pay Council Tax will no longer be valid and your payment may not be received. You must now take your newly issued bill to the post office or paypoint in order to make a payment.

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**DIRECT
Debit**



Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay Direct Debits



Originators Identification Number

9 2 6 0 9 3

1 Name(s) of account holder(s)

5 Reference Number

(this is your Council Tax Account number - it is shown on your bill and starts with a 2)

2 Branch sort code

(From the top right-hand of your cheque)

3 Branch or Building Society Account Number

6 Instructions to your Bank or Building Society

Please pay Boston Borough Council Direct Debits from the account detailed on this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that the instruction may remain with the originator mentioned above and if so details will be passed electronically to my Bank or Building Society.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

4 Name and full postal address of your Bank or Building Society branch

To : The Manager _____

Bank or Building Society Address _____

Postcode _____

7 Make your payment choice here (Please tick one box only)

I want to pay over 10 months on the ☐ 1st ☐ 4th ☐ 12th ☐ 20th ☐ 28th

OR

I want to pay over 12 months on the ☐ 1st ☐ 4th ☐ 12th ☐ 20th ☐ 28th



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This guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that take part in the Direct Debit Scheme. The efficiency and security of the Scheme is monitored and protected by your own Bank or Building Society. If the amounts to be paid or the payment dates change, you will be told of this in advance at least 14 days or as otherwise agree.

If an error is made by Boston Borough Council or your Bank or Building Society, you are guaranteed a full and immediate refund from your branch of the amount paid.

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Please also send a copy of this letter to us.



This guarantee should be detached along the scissor line and retained by the payer