

CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL

HOW YOUR COUNCIL TAX WILL BE SPENT ON SERVICES



2026-27

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About this booklet

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Lincolnshire Police General Enquiries

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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

Introduced in 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/online/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/online/accounts, call us on **01522 873355** or email: counciltax@lincoln.gov.uk



Council Tax Explained

Who gets the council tax?

City of Lincoln Council collects the council tax. However, we keep less than 14 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.

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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 12 months 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%. Further details of Empty Homes premiums and exceptions to this charge can be found on our website at www.lincoln.gov.uk or by calling our council tax team on 01522 873217.

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.

From 1 April 2025, a furnished property without a resident will be charged a 100% premium charge unless an exception to this charge can be applied. Please find further details on our website at www.lincoln.gov.uk or by calling our council tax team on 01522 873217.

Any vacant property which is undergoing structural or major repair may qualify for a 25% discount. 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 may be eligible to claim Universal Credit to help pay your rent. Please visit: www.gov.uk/universal-credit

You can also visit www.lincoln.gov.uk and search for Council Tax Support and Housing benefits which explains who can claim and includes a benefit calculator to indicate if you qualify for assistance.

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 contacts are shown below:

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.

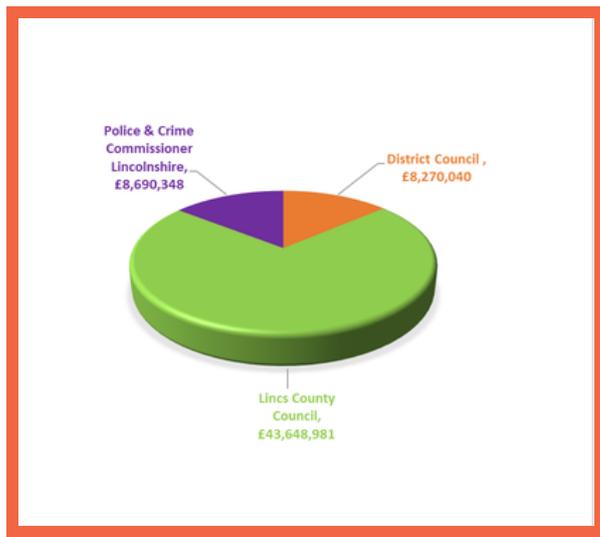
Council Tax Explained

This year the County Council increased its part of the council tax by 2.90%, the City Council has not increased its part and the Police and Crime commissioner has increased his portion by 4.7%

Your Council Tax this year 2026/27

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
County	1115.34	1301.23	1487.12	1673.01	2044.79	2416.57	2788.35	3346.02
Police	222.06	259.07	296.08	333.09	407.11	481.13	555.15	666.18
City	211.32	246.54	281.76	316.98	387.42	457.86	528.30	633.96
Total	1548.72	1806.84	2064.96	2323.08	2839.32	3355.56	3871.80	4646.16

Money from council tax required to deliver services...



City of Lincoln Council collects all of the council tax for the city but only retains 13.64% of it.

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

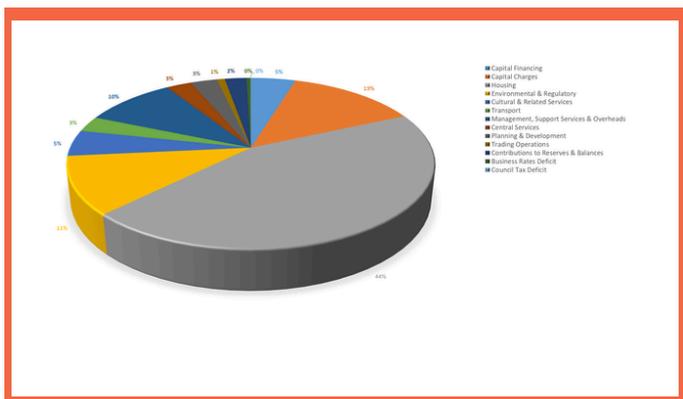
The council tax collected in Lincoln this year will be divided as follows:

£8,270,040 - District Council

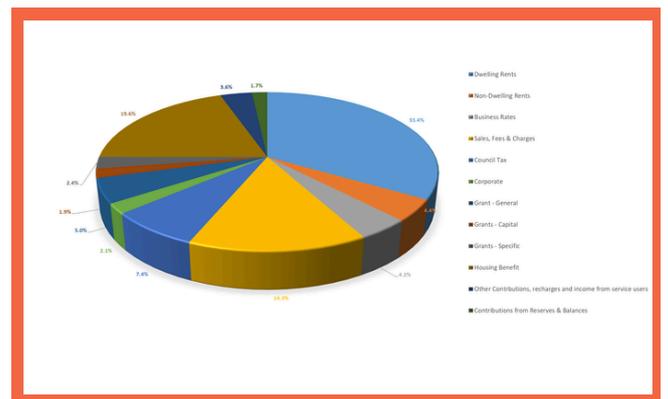
£43,648,981 - Lincolnshire County Council

£8,690,348 - 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 £111m and £103m respectively for 2026/27. The difference between the gross expenditure and income is raised through council tax; for 2026/27 this is £8.270m. This table shows where the budget is required within the council and how the cost is met through income.

2025/26 £'000	Service Related Expenditure	2026/27 £'000
52,518	Housing (including Housing Benefit)	49,292
11,372	Environmental & Regulatory	12,138
3,600	Cultural & Related Services	5,491
2,850	Transport	3,319
10,555	Management, Support Services & Overheads	10,696
3,286	Central Services	2,948
3,401	Planning & Development	3,119
807	Trading Operations	924
88,389	Sub Total	87,927
4,855	Capital Financing	5,237
27,484	Capital Charges	15,121
2,492	Reserves and Balances	2,546
624	Business Rates	475
56	Council Tax	30
123,901	Gross Expenditure	111,335
	Income	
(35,898)	Dwelling Rents	(37,238)
(5,200)	Non-Dwelling Rents	(4,847)
(7,120)	Business Rates	(4,692)
(13,445)	Sales, Fees & Charges	(15,907)
(3,883)	Corporate	(2,287)
(1,187)	Grants - General	(5,574)
(2,001)	Grants - Specific	(2,658)
(16,036)	Grants - Capital	(2,068)
(25,292)	Housing Benefit	(21,860)
(4,122)	Other Contributions, Recharges & Income	(3,988)
(1,551)	Reserves & Balances	(1,946)
(115,734)	Gross Income	(103,065)
8,167	Council Tax Requirement	8,270

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 2025/26	8,167	316.98	211.32
Inflationary Costs – Pay	1,022	39.17	26.11
Inflationary Costs – General	325	12.46	8.31
Weekly Food Waste Collection	645	24.74	16.49
Reduction in Property Rental Income	372	14.26	9.51
Increase in Business Rates on Council Properties	332	12.73	8.49
Retendered Contract Prices	306	11.75	7.83
New Leisure Service Contract	237	9.07	6.05
Removal of Corporate Savings Target	250	9.58	6.39
Less:			
Fair Funding Review	(1,247)	(47.81)	(31.87)
Reduction in Pension Costs	(1,372)	(52.57)	(35.05)
Increase in Fees & Charges Income	(816)	(31.29)	(20.86)
Reduction in Deficit on Collection Fund	(176)	(6.75)	(4.50)
Other changes in Net Costs of Services	225	8.62	5.75
Change in Band D Equivalent Properties		(3.96)	(2.64)
Band D & Band A Equivalent 2026/27	8,270	316.98	211.33

Estimated financial reserves and liabilities

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

Reserves and Balance	Balance at 1/4/26 £000	In Year Adjustments £000	Balance at 1/4/27 £000
Revenue:			
General Fund	2,521	5	2,526
Housing Revenue Account	1,295	(276)	1,020
Capital:			
General Fund	1,837	(1,011)	826
Housing Revenue Account	27,818	(5,656)	22,162
Total Reserves & Balances	33,472	(6,938)	26,534
External Borrowing Leases:			
Total Liabilities	120,379	(1,984)	118,395

City of Lincoln Council

Vision 2030

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 £211.32 and £246.54 for the delivery of its services in Bands A and B. 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?

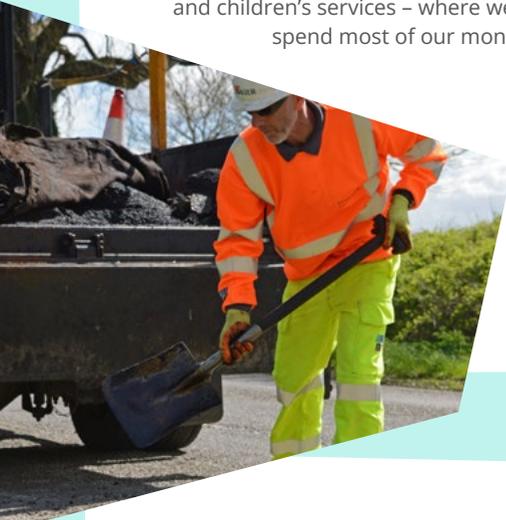
In Lincoln, and throughout the county, the responsibility of providing services is shared between Lincolnshire County Council and district councils including City of Lincoln Council. The services below are the responsibility of Lincolnshire County Council:

- 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

Low tax, quality services

With costs that have gone up by more than £80million this year, the council has faced significant challenges in balancing the budget – paying for vital services while keeping council tax low.

Additional costs from inflation, national minimum wage increases and more demand for services are particularly high in adult social care and children's services – where we spend most of our money.



The government has provided an extra £36m funding this year, as the county has been under-funded in the past, but it won't be enough to cover the extra costs.

Therefore the council has identified £35.5m of efficiency savings for 26/27, rising to £62.7m in the coming years. A review of the council's reserves has identified that some can be used this year without adverse risk to the council. This will be used, along with a small increase in council tax, to set a balanced budget.

As well as increasing spending in adult care and children's services to meet the biggest cost pressures, the council has allocated £6m extra to spend on potholes and road drainage, following the poor weather over the winter months.

Council Tax

To meet our cost pressures, the council has agreed to raise council tax by 2.9%, of which 2% will only be spent on adult social care.

This adds about 60p per week to council tax on a band A property. Our budget consultation found that some residents and businesses were concerned about increasing council tax on their own finances. But others supported a higher council tax level because they wanted the council to balance the books without cutting services.

The council has aimed to address both – keeping council tax low without sacrificing vital services residents need.

Nationally, Lincolnshire has one of the lowest council tax rates of all county councils.

Changes in budget requirement

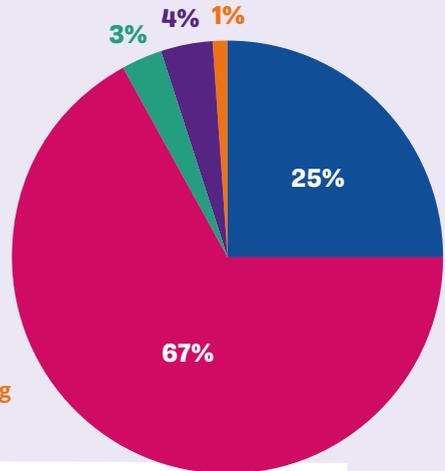
Reasons for Change in Budget Requirement and Effect on Council Tax		£m
Budget Requirement 2025/26		725.3
Changes to Gross Expenditure	Adult Care & Community Wellbeing	39.00
	Children's Services	23.60
	Place	9.30
	Fire & Rescue	2.50
	Resources	1.80
	Other Budgets (incl. Pay Award and Capital Financing)	16.80
	One-off investment funded from reserves	9.30
Changes to Gross Income/ Cost Reductions	Adult Care & Community Wellbeing	-12.50
	Children's Services	-5.20
	Place	-0.80
	Fire & Rescue	-0.10
	Resources	-5.10
	Other Budgets	-2.80
	Reduced Employer pension contribution rate	-9.00
	Grant Funding Simplification	81.30
Total Change in Services		148.10
Increase in Use of Reserves		-4.76
Budget Requirement 2026/27		
Changes to Funding	Increase in Business Rates Funding	-38.60
	Grant Funding Simplification	-81.30
	Other increase in Government Grants	-2.80
INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX		-20.60
Total Change in Funding		-143.30
<p>Council Tax increase of 2.0% (Adult Social Care Precept) to support adult social care pressures Council Tax increase of 0.9% (General) to support other service net pressures Total Council Tax increase of 2.9% (2.90%)</p>		

Please 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 and net budget spend 2026/7

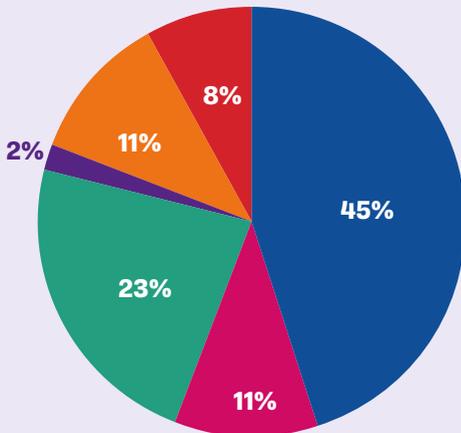
2026/27 Capital Investment - £254.98m

25%	Children's Services £64.49m
67%	Place £174.11m
3%	Fire and Rescue £7.30m
4%	Resources & Corporate £8.50m
1%	Adult Care & Community Wellbeing £0.58m



Place includes: Highways, Flood and Water Risk Management and Waste.

Resources & Corporate includes: Property refurbishment and Information Technology.



2026/27 Spending on Services - £2,103m

45%	Schools £941.59m
11%	Children's Services £226.47m
23%	Adult Care £492.13m
2%	Capital Financing Charges £36.63m
11%	Place £230.66m
8%	Other Services £175.50m

Childrens Services includes: Childrens Social Care and Education.

Adult Care 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

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 2025/26	Amount 2026/27
Band A	£1,083.90	£1,115.34
Band B	£1,264.55	£1,301.23
Band C	£1,445.20	£1,487.12
Band D	£1,625.85	£1,673.01
Band E	£1,987.15	£2,044.79
Band F	£2,348.45	£2,416.57
Band G	£2,709.75	£2,788.35
Band H	£3,251.70	£3,346.02

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 £0.742m for 2026/27 (£0.705m for 2025/26).



Funding and spending in 2026/27

2026/27	Spending £m	Income £m	Net £m
Children's Services	1,168.06	997.71	170.35
Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	492.13	131.26	360.87
Place	230.66	53.59	177.07
Capital Financing Charges	36.63	2.20	34.43
Other Services	175.50	36.95	138.55
Total planned Spending	2,102.98	1,221.71	881.27
Contributions to/from reserves		12.62	-12.62
Budget Requirement	2,102.98	1,234.33	868.65
Resourced by:			
Council Tax			426.29
Business Rates Local Retention			194.43
Non-Specific Government Grants			135.65
Social Care Grants			42.26
Consolidated Grants			70.02
Total Funding			868.65

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.

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

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



Funding and spending in 2025/26

2025/26	Spending £m	Income £m	Net* £m
Children's Services	1,074.5	944.2	130.2
Adult Care and Community Wellbeing	423.1	196.9	226.2
Place	215.5	48.6	166.9
Capital Projects Charges	25.9	0.3	25.6
Other Services	185.1	32.8	152.4
Total planned Spending	1,924.1	1,222.8	701.3
Contributions to/from reserves		0.00	-7.8
Budget Requirement	1,924.1	1,222.8	693.5
Resourced by:			
Business Rates Local Retention			155.8
Revenue Support Grant			28.9
Other Grants			103.1
Council Tax			405.7
Total Funding			693.5

*Note, this mirrors last year's council tax figure for comparison purposes, it doesn't therefore include all adjustments made to the budget during 2025/2026.

2026/27

This year, the council is planning to use a net budget of **£868m** to continue providing its wide range of vital services including **£361m** for adult care and community wellbeing, **£170m** for children's services and around **£32m** for the fire service.

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 in each financial year since.

Your police Council Tax explained

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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 Paul Gibson explain how the extra Council Tax raised this year will be spent to keep you and your community safe.

The extra money will be dedicated to:

- Continuing to maximise Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, and specialist Police Staff to deliver the best possible service to prevent and tackle crime and harm across Lincolnshire.
- Further enhancing the speed and quality of response to calls for assistance from the public.
- Investing further to improve the protection of children and the most vulnerable members of our communities, improving investigations and caring for victims.
- Enhancing uniformed visibility in local neighbourhoods, further developing and using targeted tactics to tackle issues such as anti-social behaviour and retail theft.
- Boosting capability to focus on road safety, travelling criminality and rural crime, keeping all of our communities feeling and being safer.
- Investing in innovative techniques and technologies to free up officer time and to be ever more efficient and effective, providing value for money for the public.
- Delivering improved quality and pace of crime investigations to improve satisfaction and outcomes for victims of crime.
- Working to raise awareness of and tackle fraud and online harms. A key issue raised by residents in the 2025 Lincolnshire Crime and Policing Survey.



Lincolnshire Police has been facing its most difficult financial challenge in a generation – with the very real possibility of losing 400 staff looming large.

Over the last 12 months the number of deployable officers has steadily declined and resources have had to be pulled from specialist units and neighbourhood policing just so there were enough officers to handle response calls.

Yet despite these difficulties the force has, once again, shown that innovation, commitment and dedication in the face of adversity can continue to make a difference.

Up to December last year overall crime was down 1%, burglary down 13%, violence with injury down 1%, drug offences down 4% and stalking and harassment down 4%.

Now, for the first time in years, the Government has been convinced the underfunding is a reality and given Lincolnshire Police an additional £12m for three years.

This, coupled with the Council Tax increase the public has supported means that, for the first time in many years, we will be able to balance our budget for the next three years, avoiding widespread redundancies and enabling the recruitment of 240 officers and staff and at least 20 PCSOs.

While this is good news we must remain patient. It takes several months to recruit and train officers and staff and we may not see the difference to front line services for some months.

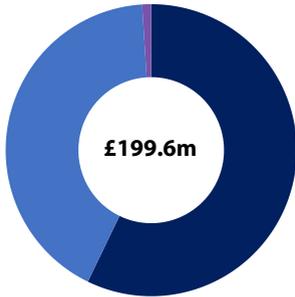
Yet the future looks considerably brighter than it appeared in late 2025.

We want to thank the public, our MPs and partners for their support during the fight for fair funding.

There is still work ahead in securing the long-term financial future for Lincolnshire Police but we have made a significant step forward.

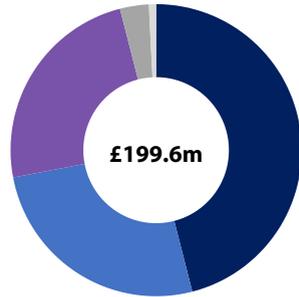
What money do we receive and how is it spent?

INCOME



- **Government grants** £114.4m (57.4%)
- **Council Tax** £84.9m (42.5%)
- **Contribution from reserves and other income** £0.3m (0.1%)

EXPENDITURE



- **Police officers** £92m (46.1%)
- **Police staff and PCSOs** £52.7m (26.4%)
- **Other costs*** £47.7m (23.9%)
- **Capital financing** £5.8m (2.9%)
- **Office of the PCC**** £1.4m (0.7%)

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

***including funding services for victims of crime*

Property band	Cost last year (£)	Increase this year (£)	Cost this year (£)	Cost per week this year (£)	Increase per week (pence)
A	212.10	9.96	222.06	4.27	19
B	247.45	11.62	259.07	4.98	22
C	282.80	13.28	296.08	5.69	26
D	318.15	14.94	333.09	6.41	29
E	388.85	18.26	407.11	7.83	35
F	459.55	21.58	481.13	9.25	42
G	530.25	24.90	555.15	10.68	48
H	636.30	29.88	666.18	12.81	57

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