

LOCAL AREA ASSEMBLIES

BUDGET BRIEFING

ON BEHALF OF LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL, POLICE AUTHORITY AND SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Introduction

1. The major precepting authorities have agreed to hold a joint consultative process with Council taxpayers for consideration of Council Tax proposals for 2005-06. This took place on Tuesday 11 January with an invited audience of Council Tax payers. The views from that event are being fed back into the reporting structure for each of the three authorities.
2. I have agreed to circulate the slides used at that evening to members of the LAA's operating in South Kesteven. I have produced a summary of the main proposals that each Authority is considering for 2005/06, and a pro-forma for completion that will be fed back to the relevant body.

Council Tax Proposals in South Kesteven

South Kesteven	£	%
Increase		
2004/05 Existing Band D (SKDC, LCC, PA)	1,066.05	
Proposals - SKDC	5.76	6
- LCC	42.03	4.9
- PA	<u>8.19</u>	<u>7.3</u>
New Band D (excluding parishes)	1,122.03	5.25

3. Please either complete the proforma on the evening and return to the clerk or forward it to me in the envelope provided.
4. If any LAA member requires more detail please do not hesitate to contact me on 01476 406202 or j.blair@southkesteven.gov.uk.

Thank you.

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On behalf of South Kesteven, LCC and Police Authority

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Council Tax Statistics

- ❑ Currently third lowest county level tax
- ❑ Some 7% or £63.35 below the county average
- ❑ Some 18% or £193.40 below the highest county (Nottinghamshire)
- ❑ Government is assuming an average increase in income from Council Tax of 4.8%
- ❑ County Council's current recommendation is for a 4.9% increase for 2005/06
 - Band A +£28.02 per annum or 54p per week
 - Band D +£42.03 per annum or 81p per week
 - Band H +£84.06 per annum or £1.62 per week
- ❑ 80% of properties in Lincolnshire in lower bands A to C

Revenue - Priorities

Education - Schools Budget (passporting)	+ £20m
- Home to School Transport	+£4.5m
Social Services	+13.3m
Waste	+3.7m
Fire, Trading Standards, Civil Protection	+2m
Other Improvements	+£5.8m
Efficiency Savings	-£6.3m
Capital Programme	£94m - see presentation sheets

County Council Consultation Questions

Do you think the County Council's proposals spending on services and Council Tax are:

Please Tick

Too high?

☐

About right?

☐

Too low?

☐

Which one of these services would you most like to see improved?

Schools

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Roads

☐

Social Services

☐

None of these/other

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LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

Priorities

1. Reducing domestic burglary
2. Reducing vehicle crime
3. Reducing violent crime
4. Reducing road collisions involving death or serious injury
5. Reducing the number of disorder incidents
6. Increasing the number of sanctioned detections

Expenditure estimated to increase by 7.9% or £7.1m

Main Items

	£
Police Pensions	3.9m
Inflation	1.9m
Commitments	1.8m
Other	<u>1.0m</u>
	8.6m
Less Savings	<u>1.5m</u>
	7.1m

Council Tax Proposal

7.3% increase or £8.19 per annum on Band D - £120.42
= 16p per week

What range do you think the Council Tax increase should be in?

	Please Tick
0 - 2.5%	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.6 - 5.0%	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.1 - 7.5%	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.6%	<input type="checkbox"/>

SOUTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Priorities

1. Recycling
2. Anti-social Behaviour
3. Street scene
4. Town Centre Development
5. Access to Services

£500,000 Additional Revenue Spend

Supported by Government Grants

£200,000 Efficiency Savings Required

Council Tax Proposal:

Bottom 20 in County for Council Tax

Proposal - 6% rise or £6.42 per annum or 12.3p per week

Band D (including SEA's) 2005/06 - £113.45

Council Tax Options

Please Tick

Increase greater than 6%	> £6.50 pa	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase between 5 - 6%	£5.35 - £6.49 pa	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase between 4 - 5%	£4.28 - £5.35 pa	<input type="checkbox"/>

ON COMPLETION OF QUESTIONS **FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES**

NAME:

ORGANISATION:

ANY OTHER COMMENTS:

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