

2025/26 COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this part of the report is to set the level of Council Tax for 2025/26 in accordance with relevant statutory requirements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS (a – i)

That it be noted that the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2025/26 in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended (the “Act”);

- (a) The Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2025/26 as 50,140.5 [Item T in the formula in section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 (the “Act”)];
- (b) For dwellings in those parts of the District to which a Parish Precept relates as detailed in Appendix J(i);
- (c) The Council Tax requirement for the Council’s own purpose for 2025/26 (excluding parish precepts and special expenses) is £9,495,302;
- (d) That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2025/26 in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
 - (i) £56,942,679 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) to of the Act (including special expense and parish precepts);
 - (ii) £44,760,888 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act;
 - (iii) £12,181,791 being the amount by which the aggregate at (i) above exceeds the aggregate at (ii) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act);
 - (iv) £242.95 being the amount at (iii) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (2(a) above), in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts and Special Expenses);
 - (v) £3,291,880 being the aggregate amount of the Parish Precepts and Special Expenses referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act

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(vi) £177.30 being the amount at (iv) above less the result given by dividing (v) above by Item T (2(a) above), as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year in those parts of the area to which no Parish Precept or Special Expense relate.

(vii) Part of the Council's Area
 Being calculated by adding to the amount at (vi) above the amounts of special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above at (v), divided in each case by the individual tax bases as recorded in minute 33 in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special item relates as detailed in Appendix I(i) (i.e. Band D Council Tax including all special expense and parish precepts);

(viii) The amounts on the attached schedule (Appendix I(i)), being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (vi) and (vii) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band 'D', calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

(e) That it be noted that for the year 2025/26, Lincolnshire County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the following table;

	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Lincolnshire County Council	1,083.90	1,264.55	1,445.20	1,625.85	1,987.15	2,348.45	2,709.75	3,251.70
Police and Crime Commissioner	212.10	247.45	282.80	318.15	388.85	459.55	530.25	636.30

(f) That the Council in accordance with Section 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in Appendices J(i) and J(ii) as the levels of Council Tax for the year 2025/26 for each part of its area and for each categories of dwellings;

(g) It has been proposed that a district council shall require a referendum if it is to set a basic amount of council tax for 2025/26 that is both;

- a) 3% or more than 3%, above its 2024/25 level; and
- b) more than £5 above its 2024/25 level

(h) That the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2025/26 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992 and that the referendum provisions in Chapter4ZA do not apply for 2025/26. As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2025/26 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council's council tax requirement has been recommended by Cabinet and is dealt with in the budget report. Parish precepts are added to the District Council's net expenditure requirement. Government support and adjustments to Collection Fund relating to Community Charge and District Council's share of Council Tax are then deducted from the spending requirement to give a Demand on the Collection Fund.
- 3.2 The Council Tax Base of 50,140.5 was recommended at the Cabinet meeting held on 3 December 2024 and the council tax requirement will be spread by reference to the tax base previously approved, taking into account the precepts of individual Parishes recoverable over the Parish tax base.
- 3.3 The resolution consolidates the precepts of Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner, South Kesteven District Council and the Town and Parish Councils.
- 3.4 Lincolnshire County Council determined its Council Tax requirement at the meeting held on 21 February 2025 as follows:

Total Council Tax Requirement	£403,222,993.88
SKDC precept element	£81,520,931.93
Band D tax	£1,625.85

- 3.5 The Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel considered the Police and Crime Commissioner Lincolnshire's proposals at its meeting held on 7 February 2025. Subsequently the Police and Crime Commissioner has confirmed his Council Tax requirement as follows:

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Total Council Tax Requirement	£78,903,586.13
SKDC precept element	£15,952,200
Band D tax	£318.15

3.6 The overall increases for Band D tax payers, by Authority, are shown in the table below:

Council Tax Details 2025/26				
	2024/25 Band D £	2025/26 Band D £	Increase £	Increase %
Lincolnshire County Council (includes 2% ASC precept)	1,578.69	1,625.85	47.16	2.99
Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner	304.20	318.15	13.95	4.59
South Kesteven District Council	171.81	177.30	5.49	3.20
South Kesteven + Special Expenses	183.89	189.37	5.48	2.98
South Kesteven + Special Expenses + Parishes	232.12	242.95	10.83	4.67
Average for the whole area	2,115.01	2,186.95	71.94	3.40