

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.



Success Lincolnshire Police will seek to maintain

- Answering 999 calls quickly. Last year Lincolnshire Police were top of a national league table – answering more calls within 10 seconds (96.9%) than any other force.
- Tackling theft and property crime. Burglary was reduced by 22% last year – much better than the national average of -4%. Theft offences were down 9% while the national average was up by 2%.
- Efficient management of the circa 55,000 lawfully held shotguns and firearms in Lincolnshire. Consistently one of the best forces in this area leading to safer communities.
- Quality victims' services. The PCC's in-house service Victim Lincs has recently been praised by assessors for being "a remarkable example of best practice".



Improvements Lincolnshire Police need to focus on

- Improving how it allocates, supervises and carries out investigations to build on their already better than average 'outcomes' for crime.
- Understand demand better and improve the quality of data so the Force can prioritise and deploy resources into supporting the most vulnerable people and targeting those offenders who pose the greatest risk to the public.
- Further improve how the risks posed by registered sex offenders are managed to keep communities feeling and being safe.
- Manage and deploy officers and staff efficiently and effectively including management of those on restricted duties and long-term sick.



The financial challenge facing Lincolnshire Police this year cannot be underestimated.

For a generation Lincolnshire Police have been at the bottom of the league for Government funding – and while the gaps have been plugged using reserves for years, that may not be an option in the future.

That means, including public support through Council Tax, the budget for Lincolnshire Police is £190.3m for 2025/26.

Although this is an increase on the previous year, costs have risen more quickly than funding, compounded by financial pressures such as pay awards and National Insurance increases. This will require the Force to find and implement significant savings unless Government support is forthcoming

As a consequence, the Chief Constable is facing some tough choices about where services may have to be streamlined and how and where to deploy falling officer numbers.

Yet there is room for optimism.

Lincolnshire has spent so long as one of the lowest funded forces in the UK that it has built an enviable reputation for innovation.

Harnessing new technology and creativity to create the most effective and efficient services has been a cornerstone of the force's approach for years.

That is why, despite financial restrictions, Lincolnshire has been a pioneer in new technology, developed services that punch well above their weight and built operational teams that have driven down crime.

In the last 12 months, Lincolnshire has been amongst the best in the UK for dealing with 999 and 101 calls, processing firearms licensing and driving out hare coursers.

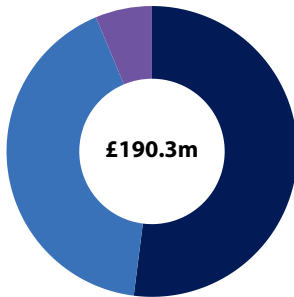
In addition, crime has been driven down. In the 12 months up to September 2024, overall crime was down by more than 3%, residential burglary was down 22%, vehicle offences down by 14% and drug trafficking offences down 9%.

The challenges are many but we have had decades of managing low funding to get the very best results for residents and every penny that comes from your Council Tax will be spent wisely.

In the meantime the fight for fairer funding will continue until every avenue for a solution has been explored.

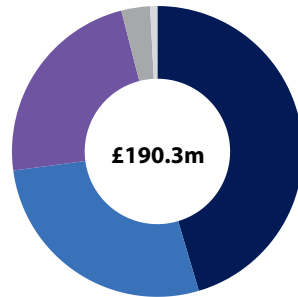
What money do we receive and how is it spent?

INCOME



- **Government grants** £99m (52%)
- **Council Tax** £79.4m (41.7%)
- **Contribution from reserves and other income** £11.9m (6.3%)

EXPENDITURE



- **Police officers** £86.3m (45.4%)
- **Police staff and PCSOs** £52.4m (27.5%)
- **Other costs*** £44m (23.1%)
- **Capital financing** £6m (3.2%)
- **Office of the PCC**** £1.5m (0.8%)

**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	202.80	9.30	212.10	4.08	18
B	236.60	10.85	247.45	4.76	21
C	270.40	12.40	282.80	5.44	24
D	304.20	13.95	318.15	6.12	27
E	371.80	17.05	388.85	7.48	33
F	439.40	20.15	459.55	8.84	39
G	507.00	23.25	530.25	10.20	45
H	608.40	27.90	636.30	12.24	54