

Council Tax Guide 2016 - 2017



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Welcome to the North West Leicestershire Council Tax Guide for 2016/17.

This guide explains how your council tax is collected and distributed to the organisations that provide public services in the district; Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner, Leicestershire Fire Authority, North West Leicestershire District Council and town and parish councils.

North West Leicestershire District Council is responsible for collecting all the council tax, which is then distributed to the different authorities. You'll read about how all the other organisations plan to use your council tax in the following pages.

The North West Leicestershire District Council precept

At North West Leicestershire District Council, we're pleased to say that we have frozen our portion of your council tax for the seventh year running.

Good financial planning and efficiency work has put the district council in a good financial position. This, together with an increased income from local planning fees and business rates, has meant we can provide good quality services, whilst continuing to spend our money wisely.

We have a number of priorities for the coming year; the main one being to regenerate and build confidence in Coalville. Working with businesses, community groups and other public organisations, we want to make physical changes in the town, as well as boosting growth, celebrating its heritage and bringing the community together at a variety of events. We're pleased that a wide range of organisations and individuals are working with us to do this.

We also plan to build houses for the first time in over 30 years, and have identified sites in Coalville and Ashby de la Zouch for a small number of new council homes. And we're investing in our leisure, waste and parking services.

Supporting what is possible for our communities and businesses is incredibly important to us, and we plan to continue this support through a variety of grants schemes, as well as ongoing advice and support.

For more information on all North West Leicestershire District Council services, please visit www.nwleics.gov.uk or follow us on Twitter @nwleics.



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Chief Executive

North West Leicestershire District Council

Council tax is a local tax used to fund local services. Council, police and fire services are paid for with income from the tax, together with income from Government grants and other charges.

Owner occupiers usually have to pay their council tax bill. Where homes are rented, the tenants will have to pay. In the case of empty homes, it is normally the owner who has to pay. The owners of the following properties also pay council tax:

- Residential care homes, nursing homes and hostels
- Those occupied by:
 - a) A minister of religion or a religious community
 - b) More than one household
 - c) Resident staff or asylum seekers.

North West Leicestershire District Council is the local authority responsible for collecting the council tax in this area. We keep less than 12% of this and pay the rest over to the county council, the police and crime commissioner, the fire authority and the parish and town councils.

NWLDC 2016/17 budget

Making sure that we provide value for money in our services is more important than ever in the current economic climate, as the Government continues to move forward with its deficit reduction programme. The Government has reviewed the funding of local authorities and provided opportunities to reward business growth and increases in housing stock, but it is clear that the overall level of national funding will continue to fall.

The district council is doing all it can to maximise its local income including through New Homes Bonus and Retained Business Rates.

For 2016/17 our mainstream Government grant allocation was reduced by more than 15.4% compared with 2015/16. Through our medium term financial planning, we anticipated such a reduction and have continued to deliver services in an efficient, effective and economic manner. This has also allowed the district council to freeze its portion of council tax again in 2016/17.

We will continue our drive for efficiency, economy and effectiveness in everything we do and will also continue with the regular monitoring of income and expenditure and recording efficiency savings made. The council will update its four year Medium Term Financial Strategy in the summer in anticipation of further reductions in Government funding.



Council tax valuation bands

The Valuation Office Agency (not your local council) has put every property into one of eight 'valuation bands'. Further details are available on the Valuation Office Agency website at www.voa.gov.uk.



Band	Range of values at 1 April 1991	Proportion of Band D tax payable
A	Up to and including £40,000	6/9
B	£40,001 to £52,000	7/9
C	£52,001 to £68,000	8/9
D	£68,001 to £88,000	9/9
E	£88,001 to £120,000	11/9
F	£120,001 to £160,000	13/9
G	£160,001 to £320,000	15/9
H	More than £320,000	18/9

Council tax appeals

If you do not agree with the band for your home and wish to make an appeal, please contact the Listing Officer at:

Leicester Valuation Office, Enkalon House, 92 Regent Road, Leicester, LE1 7DD Tel: 03000 501501

For more information regarding banding appeals see the Valuation Office website www.voa.gov.uk or our website www.nwleics.gov.uk/counciltax

Other appeals

If you wish to appeal against any other matter regarding your council tax, please do so in writing to the Council Tax Team. You can email the team at revenues@nwleicestershire.gov.uk or write to us at:

F.A.O. Council Tax Team, The Leicestershire Partnership, PO Box 10004, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 9EJ.

You should continue to pay your original council tax demand notice whilst your appeal is outstanding. In the event of an overpayment, the credit will be offset against any outstanding balance and the remainder refunded to you.



With effect from April 2013, 'Council Tax Benefit' was replaced by a local Council Tax Support Scheme. The Government reduced the amount of money local councils received to provide full discounts on council tax for working age people. Everyone under state pension age must pay some council tax. In 2016/17, working age people (in receipt of maximum Council Tax Support) will have to pay 15% of their council tax charge. It is important that you contact us as soon as you receive your council tax demand notice if you need help and advice on how to pay your charge.

People of pensionable age who were in receipt of council tax benefit are protected from these changes. You will continue to receive the same level of support that you would have done under the council tax benefit rules.

Important note: All changes in circumstances should be reported to the council within a month of the change occurring. Failure to do this will be dealt with as an act of fraud. You can ring us on 01530 454551, email benefits@nwleicestershire.gov.uk or write to us at F.A.O. Benefits Team, The Leicestershire Partnership, PO Box 10004, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 9EJ.

People who are entitled to claim, or are already claiming Pension Credit will not have to pay more than they do now.

Paying council tax over 12 months

Council tax instalments can now be spread over 12 months instead of 10. Provided the request is received by the 15 April 2016, you can still take advantage of the full 12 months. If requests are received after this date, we can still spread the remaining payments to March 2017. Your written request for 12 monthly instalments will automatically apply to the next financial year, if, however, you would prefer to revert back to paying over 10 months, please notify us in writing and we will amend our records.

If you would like to pay your council tax over 12 months, please email your request detailing your name, full address and council tax reference number (shown on your notice) to revenues@nwleicestershire.gov.uk or write to us at F.A.O. Council Tax Team, The Leicestershire Partnership, PO Box 10004, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 9EJ. Alternatively, please call Customer Services on 01530 454499.

Do you currently pay your council tax or business rates by Direct Debit?



Did you know that once a Direct Debit has been set up on your council tax or business rates account, there is no need to cancel it at the end of the financial year?

Your payments will be automatically collected from your bank account on the dates shown on your demand notice.

After your final 2016/17 instalment has been collected, no further payments will be taken until the 2017/18 financial year commences and the first instalment becomes due in April 2017.

Over 73% of all council tax payers in the area choose to pay by Direct Debit. It is a simple, convenient and secure way to pay and you are always fully protected by the Direct Debit guarantee. Should you wish to set up a Direct Debit instruction, simply call us on 01530 454499. Please have your bank account details and reference number to hand to allow us to set this up over the telephone.

Are you struggling financially? We are here to help

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are having difficulty paying your council tax or business rates instalments.

We can help you by:

- Referring you to a money advisor at the Citizen's Advice Bureau
- Referring you to our Benefits Team or Benefits Visiting Officers
- Agreeing an alternative payment arrangement with you
- Giving you advice about discounts, exemptions and reliefs.

Don't wait until you have lost your right to pay by instalments. We will be able to help if you contact us at an early stage, before any recovery action is taken.

You can call us on 01530 454499 or email revenues@nwleicestershire.gov.uk



Discounts

Council tax assumes there are at least two adults living in the home. If you live on your own, you are entitled to 25% discount.

If the property is a second home or is a house that is unoccupied but furnished, there is a 10% reduction in the charge.

If an adult within the household falls into one of the following categories then a discount may apply:

- Full time students, student nurses, apprentices, youth training trainees and foreign language assistants
- 18/19 year olds who are at or have just left school or college
- Patients resident in hospital or being looked after in care homes
- Severely mentally impaired people
- People in hostels or night shelters
- Low paid care workers usually employed by charities
- People caring for a person with a disability who is NOT a partner or child under 18 years old
- Members of religious communities such as monks or nuns
- People in detention (except for non-payment of council tax or a fine)
- Members of visiting forces, certain international and defence organisations.
- Temporary absences owing to holiday or work will not normally result in discount entitlement.

Local discounts – empty property

North West Leicestershire District Council also has a local discount scheme for:

- Properties that are in need of, or undergoing major repair work or structural alteration - these properties are entitled to a 50% discount from council tax for up to 12 months.
- Properties that are unoccupied and unfurnished - these properties are entitled to a one month discount of 100%.

Annexe discount – From 1 April 2014 annexes meeting certain criteria are entitled to a 50% discount. To qualify for a discount the annexe must be occupied by a relative of the person who is liable to pay council tax on the main home. If it is unoccupied the annexe must be being used as part of the main home. Please contact us for more details. If you wish to apply, we will send you an application form.

Disabled people

A property band reduction in the charge may be applicable if you, or someone who lives with you, is disabled and uses a wheelchair within the property or requires a room to meet their needs, or requires an extra bathroom / kitchen. Please contact the Council Tax Team if you wish to apply.

Exemptions

Some properties may be exempt from council tax and the following is a broad description.

Class	Unoccupied properties	Entitlement
B	Owned by a charity	Up to 6 months
D	Left empty by someone who has gone to prison	No charge
E	Previously occupied by a person in permanent residential care	No charge
F	Waiting for probate or letters of administration to be granted	Up to 6 months after probate is granted
G	Empty because occupation is forbidden by law	No charge
H	Waiting to be occupied by a minister of religion	No charge
I	Left empty by someone who has moved to receive personal care by reason of old age, disablement or illness	No charge
J	Left empty by someone who has moved to provide personal care to another person	No charge
K	Owned by a student and last occupied by a student	No charge
L	Subject to a Repossession Order	No charge
Q	The responsibility of a bankrupt's trustee	No charge
R	A site for a caravan, mobile home or mooring	No charge
T	Granny annexes or similar type of property	No charge

Class	Occupied properties
M/N	All the residents are students
O	Used for UK armed forces accommodation
P	At least one liable person is a member of a visiting force
S	All residents are less than 18 years old
U	All residents are severely mentally impaired
V	At least one liable person is a foreign diplomat
W	It is annexed to a family home and occupied by that family's elderly or disabled relatives

If you think you may be entitled to a discount or may be exempt, please contact the Council Tax Team on 01530 454499. If you receive a discount / exemption then you must tell the Council Tax Team within 21 days of any change of circumstances which affects your entitlement. Failure to do so may lead to a penalty charge. If the property remains unoccupied and unfurnished after any exemption expires then it will attract a 100% council tax charge.

Where your money goes

In 2016/17, a Band D property will pay £1,531.18 in council tax (not including the amount paid to parish or town councils, or special expenses).

The charts below show how council tax is split between the four main authorities.



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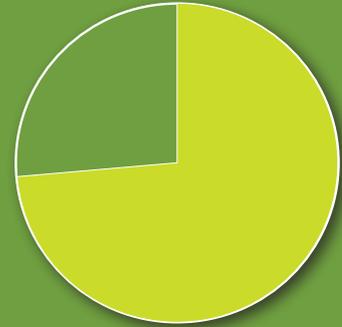


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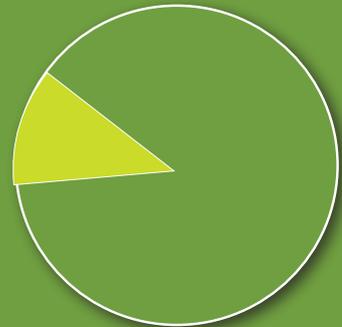
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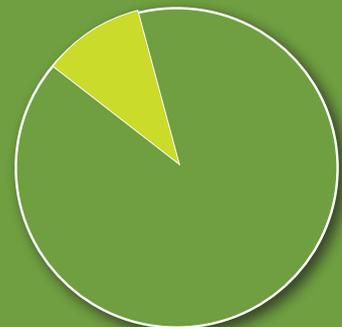
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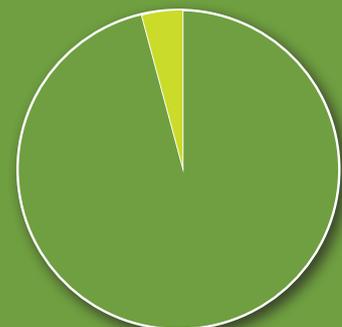
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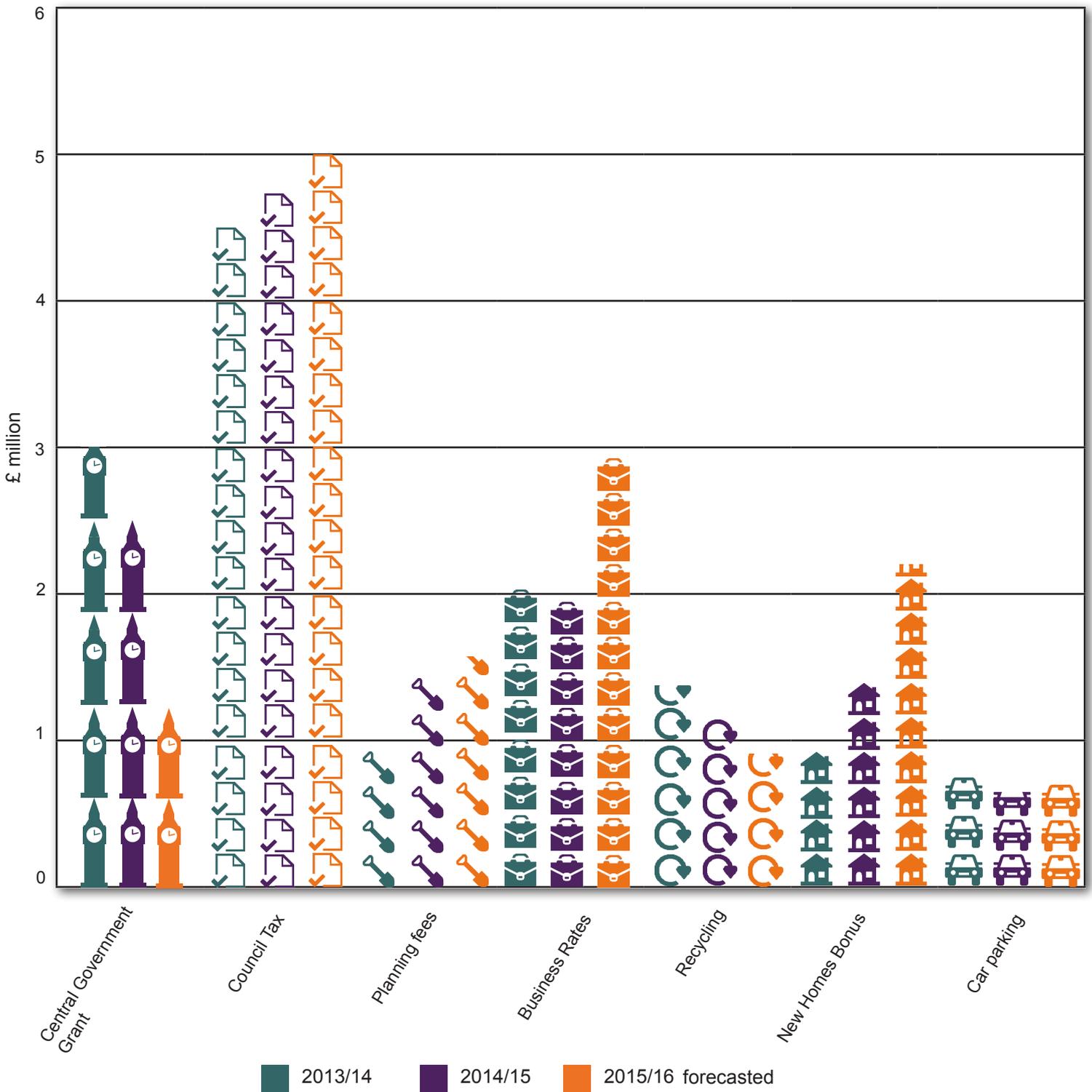


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Council income

North West Leicestershire District Council's income changes depending on Government policy and the amount generated locally.

The chart below shows how income has changed over the last three years. Local income – such as planning fees and business rates retention income – is becoming more and more important to compensate for the reduction in central Government grants.



Council tax 2016/17

Although there have been significant changes in the level of income and expenditure, for the sixth year running there is no increase in the district council element of the council tax.

The table below shows where the district council's income comes from, and where council tax fits in to the budget.

	2016/17	2015/16	2016/17	2015/16
	£'000	£'000	Effect on Band D property (£ p)	Effect on Band D property (£ p)
Total district council budget requirement 2016/17	12489	11095	411.94	374.02
Less: Special Expenses (see page 13)	(487)	(485)	(16.08)	(16.35)
Net district council budget requirement	12,002	10,610	395.86	357.67
Supported by :				
Central Government Grants	(1,120)	(1,761)	(36.94)	(124.72)
Retained Business rates	(2,956)	(1,939)	(97.48)	0.00
Council Tax freeze grant (Government money for freezing council tax)	0	(58)	0.00	(1.96)
New Homes Bonus (Government money for bringing new homes into use)	(2,773)	(2,123)	(91.47)	(71.57)
Collection fund surplus (extra council tax income against expectations)	(345)	(25)	(11.39)	(0.84)
Total income	(7,194)	(5,906)	(237.28)	(199.09)
Net district council tax requirement (more homes in 2016/17 means we are collecting more council tax, despite freezing it)	4,808 *	4,704	158.58	158.58

Special expenses

When the district council provides services on behalf of a parish, or because there is no parish council in that area, these become special expenses of the district council and are only charged to the council tax payers in that area.

The table below shows where the special expenses are charged and how the charges are made up.

Special expenses are paid to the district council for maintaining parks, play areas, allotments, burial grounds, grass verges and any other open spaces owned by the council.

Special expenses area	Cost of providing the services (£)	Less: Income from other sources (£)	Net cost of providing the services (£)	No. of properties in Special Expenses area (£)	Average Special Expenses per property (£)
Coalville	429,140	(60,158)	368,982	5,808	63.53
Whitwick	20,981	(1,219)	19,762	2,635	7.50
Hugglescote and Donington Le Heath	22,770	(108)	22,662	1,259	18.00
Coleorton	3,304	(448)	2,856	538	5.31
Measham	1,882	(235)	1,647	1,525	1.08
Stretton en le Field	1,349	(208)	1,141	20	57.05
Osgathorpe	355	(27)	328	184	1.78
Lockington cum Hemington	1,851	(147)	1,704	240	7.10
Kegworth	0	0	0	1,203	0.00
Ravenstone with Snibston	355	(42)	313	763	0.41
Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford	3,838	(534)	3,304	783	4.22
Appleby Magna	1,621	(130)	1,491	426	3.50

In areas where there are parish or town councils, a portion of your council tax is given to them to provide certain services, such as grass cutting and cemeteries. The following information gives you the financial details for parish and town councils. Where there isn't a parish or town council, the district council may take on some services. These are called special expenses - see page 13 for more information.

Local parish precepts

2015/16 Precept £	Parish	2016/17 Precept £	2016/17 Tax Base	Effect on a Band D Property £
14,062.00	Appleby Magna	15,062.00	426	35.36
338,692.08	Ashby de la Zouch	365,144.00	4,972	73.44
85,500.00	Ashby Woulds	89,632.00	1,132	79.18
0.00	Bardon	-	14	0.00
16,000.00	Belton	16,713.00	292	57.24
14,500.00	Breedon-on-the-Hill	16,000.00	410	39.02
263,556.00	Castle Donington	270,695.00	2,314	116.98
3,818.00	Charley	3,818.00	76	50.24
0.00	Chilcote	-	53	0.00
0.00	Coalville	-	5,808	0.00
14,108.00	Coleorton	14,348.00	538	26.67
59,666.00	Ellistown and Battleflat	59,743.00	773	77.29
10,947.00	Heather	10,947.00	316	34.64
84,964.00	Hugglescote and Donington le Heath	85,776.00	1,259	68.13
146,000.00	Ibstock	185,000.00	1,969	93.96
368.00	Isley Walton-Cum-Langley	368.00	27	13.63
97,384.00	Kegworth	99,452.00	1,203	82.67
6,875.00	Lockington-Cum-Hemington	7,300.00	240	30.42
37,000.00	Long whatton and Diseworth	37,000.00	728	50.82
96,319.00	Measham	98,774.00	1,525	64.77
0.00	Normanton-Le-Heath	-	66	0.00
41,989.00	Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford	43,989.00	783	56.18
3,814.00	Osgathorpe	3,778.00	184	20.53
19,300.00	Packington	19,526.00	347	56.27
50,171.00	Ravenstone	50,167.00	763	65.75
6,176.00	Snarestone	6,176.00	128	48.25
200.00	Staunton Harold	200.00	62	3.23
0.00	Stretton-en-le-Field	-	20	0.00
18,000.00	Swannington	18,416.00	443	41.57
10,907.00	Sweepstone	14,000.00	253	55.34
180,339.00	Whitwick	184,634.00	2,635	70.07
9,685.00	Worthington	9,020.00	560	16.11
1,630,340.08		TOTALS		
		1,725,678.00		

Additional financial information (Local parish precepts of £140,000 or more)

Castle Donington Parish Council

Castle Donington Parish Council The Parish Rooms, Hillside, Castle Donington Derby DE74 2NH Tel: (01332) 810432	£	For all services administered	£
	2015/16		2016/17
	334,950	Estimated gross expenditure	355,030
	77,122	Allocated expenditure - rolling programme*	396,627
	-32,668	Less income to offset	-39,468
	-200	Less interest	-600
	-33,809	Less from reserves / balances	-39,550
	-77,122	Less from rolling programme reserves*	-396,627
	268,273	Gross budget requirement	275,412
	4,717	Less Council Tax Support Grant	4,717
	263,556	Precept requested	270,695
	2,253	Council tax base of parish	2,314
	£116.98	Precept for a Band D property	£116.98

* Rolling Programme Reserves are monies received under the Market Rights for Donington Park, and Section 106 payments. It is generally used towards the implementation of capital type programmes.

Castle Donington Parish Council's estimated gross expenditure has risen from last year due to inflationary costs, additional responsibilities, services it has provided and services it is going to provide i.e. new open spaces, play area etc. The parish council also intends to consider taking on various devolved services, such as the local library service and public car parks. The amount of money received through the Market Charter has also decreased due to changes in the market climate and people's shopping patterns. This has a major effect on the amount of additional money that is available to carry out capital projects in the future. With the changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme, the parish council considered very carefully the effect this would have on the Band D properties against the need to budget for the responsibilities and services it provides for the residents of Castle Donington.



Castle Donington

Additional financial information (Local parish precepts of £140,000 or more)

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council

	£ 2015/16	For all services administered	£ 2016/17	Effect on a Band D property
Ashby de la Zouch Town Council				
Legion House	449,195	Estimated gross expenditure	448,297	£90.16
South Street	-110,503	Less income to offset	-83,153	-£16.72
Ashby-de-la-Zouch	0	Less interest	0	£0.00
Leics	0	Less from reserves / balances	0	£0.00
LE65 1BQ				
Tel: (01530) 416961	338,692	Budget requirement (precept)	365,144	£73.44
info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk	4,773	Council tax base of parish	4,972	
www.ashbytowncouncil.org.uk	£70.96	Precept for a Band D property	£73.44	

Ashby de la Zouch Town Council has increased its precept by 3.5%. This is only the second increase in the last six years. The revenue generated from this increase will be used to fund the three main events which are organised by the town council: Jim's Tractor Run and Family Fun Day in July, the Christmas Fair in December and, additionally in 2016, a street party to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th Birthday. This is less than 5p per week on a Band D property.



Ashby de la Zouch

Additional financial information (Local parish precepts of £140,000 or more)

Ibstock Parish Council

	£ 2015/16	For all services administered	£ 2016/17	Effect on a Band D property
Ibstock Parish Council 57 High St. Ibstock, Leicestershire LE67 6LH Tel: (01530) 267318	151,000	Estimated gross expenditure	190,000	£93.96
	-5,000	Less income to offset	-5,000	£77.58
	0	Less interest	0	£0.00
	0	Less from reserves / balances	0	£0.00
	146,000	Budget requirement (Precept)	185,000	£16.38
	1,882	Council tax base of parish	1,969	
	£77.58	Precept for a Band D property	£93.96	

Ibstock parish council has increased its precept to continue to improve the village facilities in line with the recent levels of housing development. The parish has increased in size dramatically, therefore the parish council responsibilities and areas to cover and maintain have also increased. The parish council is looking to turn around two major projects this year to add to the many completed projects last year; The Miners Welfare Social Club will be a much needed community space and the cemetery chapel has been derelict and out of use, yet is a vital piece of Ibstock's history. Other small projects have also been identified to undertake. The effect on a band D property is just over £1 per month increase.



Ibstock

Additional financial information (Local parish precepts of £140,000 or more)

Whitwick Parish Council

Whitwick Parish Council clerk@whitwickpc.org.uk www.whitwickpc.org.uk	For all services	2015/16	2016/17
	Estimated Expenditure	£266,451	£227,837
	Less Estimated Income	£74,336	£20,435
	Less NWLDC Estimated Special Expense Balance Transfer	£11,776	£0
	Less Estimated balances to be carried forward from 2015/16	£0	£22,768
	Budget Requirement (Precept)	£180,339	£184,634
	Council Tax Base Figure	2625	2635
	Effect on a Band D Property	£68.70	£70.70

A small increase in estimated gross expenditure has been budgeted to take account of inflation, the parish council's increasing responsibilities and to provide flexibility to respond to demand for community projects which come forward during the year. The parish council has had regard to the impact on council taxpayers and will use an estimated carry forward on 31 March 2016 to reduce the budget requirement.



Whitwick

Leicestershire County Council pays flood defence levies to the Midland and Anglian regions of the Environment Agency.

	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000
Midland	229	233
Anglian	46	46
Total	275	279

The total levy for the Midland region in 2016/17 is £3.1 million.

The total levy for the relevant part of the Anglian region in 2016/17 is £1.7 million.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2486 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Severn & Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion. The financial details are:

	Severn & Wye Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	
	2015/2016 '000s	2016/2017 '000s
Gross Expenditure	£11,544	£17,667
Levies Raised	£1,064	£1,084
Total Council Tax Base	901	923

The majority of funding for flood defence comes directly from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). However, under the new Partnership Funding rule not all schemes will attract full central funding. To provide local funding for local priorities and contributions for partnership funding the Regional Flood and Coastal Committees recommend through the Environment Agency a local levy.

A change in the gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which you contribute. The total Local Levy raised by this committee has increased by 1.9%

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £1,064,000 in 2015/2016 to £1,084,216 for 2016/2017.

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The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2369 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion. The financial details are:

	Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	
	2015/2016 '000s	2016/2017 '000s
Gross Expenditure	£51,205	£41,575
Levies Raised	£1,936	£1,975
Total Council Tax Base	1,692	1,727

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A change in the gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which you contribute. The total Local Levy raised by this committee has increased by 2.0%

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £1,936,000 in 2015/2016 to £1,974,720 for 2016/2017.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency is a levying body for its Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Functions under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

The Environment Agency has powers in respect of flood and coastal erosion risk management for 2292 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Anglian Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. Money is spent on the construction of new flood defence schemes, the maintenance of the river system and existing flood defences together with the operation of a flood warning system and management of the risk of coastal erosion. The financial details are:

	Anglian Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	
	2015/2016 '000s	2016/2017 '000s
Gross Expenditure	£42,833	£43,957
Levies Raised	£1,681	£1,681
Total Council Tax Base	545	560

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A change in the gross budgeted expenditure between years reflects the programme of works for both capital and revenue needed by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to which you contribute. The total Local Levy raised by this committee has stayed the same.

The total Local Levy raised has remained the same in 2016/2017 as 2015/2016 at £1,680,840.

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