

North West Leicestershire District Council

Council Tax Guide 2013 - 2014



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Welcome to the North West Leicestershire Council Tax Guide for 2013/14.

This guide has been designed to help you understand how we collect your Council Tax and how we, as a Council, make every penny count, carefully investigating and maintaining services for everyone in our community.

You may be a current resident or someone who has recently moved into the District. Either way, we are committed to providing you with value for money.

North West Leicestershire District Council collects your Council Tax. Your bill will list how much of that is spent by the District Council and how much is distributed to Parish Councils, Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner, Leicestershire Fire Authority.

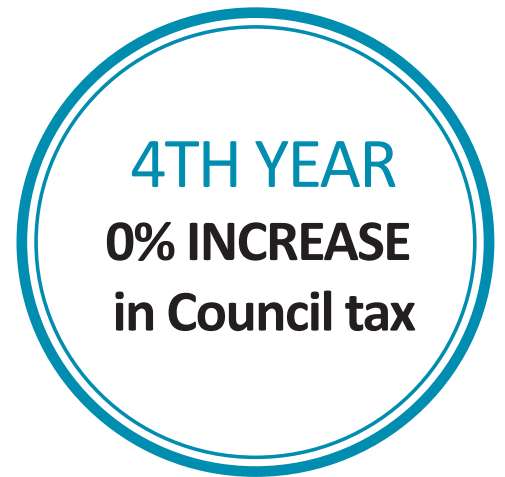
I hope that this publication gives you an insight into how, as a District, North West Leicestershire is improving. An important part of those improvements involves feedback from the residents and businesses in our District. We are always interested to hear your views or meet with you at one of our community meetings.



Christine E. Fisher

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

North West Leicestershire District Council is the Council responsible for collecting the Council Tax in this area. We keep less than one ninth and pay the rest over to the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Fire Authority and Parish and Town Councils.

2013/14 BUDGET

As a Council, we continue to deliver value for money in the services we provide as the Government moves forward with its deficit reduction programme. The Government has reviewed the funding of local authorities and provided opportunities to reward business growth and increase housing stock, but it is clear that the overall level of funding will continue to fall.

For 2013/14 our Government grant allocation was reduced by 7.5% compared to 2012/13. Through our medium term financial planning, we had anticipated such a reduction, and have continued to identify and deliver savings to meet overall expected funding reductions up to the end of 2015/16. We will continue our drive for efficiency, economy and effectiveness in everything we do.

It is expected that total annual savings of £1.8M will be required by the end of 2015/16, of which approximately £600,000 has been found for 2013/14, contributing to a zero increase in the level of District Council Tax for the fourth year running.



4TH YEAR 0% INCREASE IN COUNCIL TAX

COUNCIL TAX VALUATION BANDS

The Valuation Office Agency (not your local Council) has allocated every property into one of eight 'Valuation Bands'. Further details are available on the Valuation Office 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 you 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/
Fax: 03000 505145

For further information regarding banding appeals see the Valuation Office website www.voa.gov.uk or go to our website www.nwleics.gov.uk

OTHER APPEALS

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

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

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 1 April 2013, 'Council Tax Benefit' is being replaced by 'Council Tax Support'. If you are under state pension age you will now have to pay some of your Council Tax. It is important that you contact us as soon as you receive your Demand Notice, if you need help and advice on how to pay your charge.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All changes in circumstances should be reported within a month of the change occurring. Failure to do this will be dealt with as an act of fraud.

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

Following a change in legislation, Council Tax instalments can now be spread over 12 months instead of 10. Provided the request is received by 15th April 2013, you can take advantage of the full 12 months. However, requests received after this date can still be spread to March 2014. Your request for 12 monthly instalments will automatically apply to the next financial year. If you would like to pay your Council Tax over 12 instalments, please email your request detailing your name, address and reference number to revenues@nwleicestershire.gov.uk or contact the Customer Services Team 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 2013/14 instalment has been collected, no further payments will be taken until the 2014/15 financial year commences, and the first instalment becomes due in April 2014.

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. Alternatively, email us at: revenues@nwleicestershire.gov.uk



DISCOUNTS

Council Tax assumes there are at least 2 adults living in the home. If you live on your own you are entitled to a 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.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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

EXEMPTIONS

Please note that due to changes to the legislation from the 1 April 2013 we have now adopted a local discount scheme for:

- 1) Properties that are in need of, or undergoing major repair work or structural alteration - From 1 April 2013 these properties will be entitled to a 50% discount from Council Tax for up to twelve months. Please note, if, on 1 April 2013, the property was already receiving a 'Class A' exemption (*See table below), this will immediately be converted to a local discount, whereupon, the remainder of your entitlement will be charged at 50%.
- 2) Properties that are unoccupied and unfurnished - From 1 April 2013 these properties will be entitled to a one month discount of 100%. Please note, if, on 1 April 2013, the property was already receiving a 'Class C' exemption (**See table below) and had been for more than one calendar month, then an immediate charge of 100% Council Tax will apply.

Some properties may be exempt from Council Tax and the following is a broad description.

CLASS	UNOCCUPIED PROPERTIES	ENTITLEMENT
A	Undergoing or require major repair work OR undergoing structural alteration	Until 31 March 13, 100% exemption for up to 12 months. *From 1 April 2013, this exemption will be replaced by a local discount. The local discount will give 50% relief for up to 12 months. See details above.
B	Owned by a charity	Up to 6 months
C	Unoccupied and unfurnished	Until 31 March 13, 100% for up to 6 months. **From 1 April 2013, this exemption will be replaced by a local discount. The local discount will give 100% relief for one calendar month only, followed by a full charge. See details above.
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 Billing Section on 01530 454499. If you receive a discount/exemption then you must tell the Council Tax Billing Section 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.

All financial information was previously enclosed with your Demand Notice. Below you will find information about the Council's budget requirement and expenditure.

If you would like a hard copy of this information, please contact the Customer Services Team on 01530 454499.

LOCAL PARISH PRECEPTS

2012/13 PRECEPT £	PARISH	2013/14 PRECEPT £	Effect on a Band D Property £
14,500.00	APPLEBY MAGNA	13,335.77	32.29
346,200.00	ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH	313,854.72	69.56
92,150.00	ASHBY WOULD'S	78,804.00	74.98
0.00	BARDON	0.00	0
15,000.00	BELTON	13,622.86	49.18
13,000.00	BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL	11,937.50	31.25
160,910.00	CASTLE DONINGTON	153,981.52	73.96
3,000.00	CHARLEY	3,067.43	39.84
0.00	CHILCOTE	0.00	0
0.00	COALVILLE	0.00	0
14,000.00	COLEORTON	13,281.66	26.67
57,851.00	ELLISTOWN & BATTLEFLAT	46,806.00	62.08
11,497.00	HEATHER	10,274.73	33.91
21,505.00	HUGGLESCOTE & DONINGTON LE HEATH	23,447.95	19.11
125,000.00	IBSTOCK	112,367.50	64.21
395.00	ISLEY WALTON-CUM-LANGLEY	367.74	13.62
87,871.00	KEGWORTH	87,411.00	81.85
6,700.00	LOCKINGTON cum HEMINGTON	7,722.06	33
29,000.00	LONG WHATTON and DISEWORTH	29,331.72	41.08
101,779.00	MEASHAM	89,738.71	63.6
0.00	NORMANTON-LE-HEATH	0.00	0
43,000.00	OAKTHORPE, DONISTHORPE and ACRESFORD	39,200.36	52.41
4,960.00	OSGATHORPE	3,750.63	21.19
17,750.00	PACKINGTON	19,000.00	55.23
48,488.00	RAVENSTONE	42,585.14	57.7
6,176.00	SNARESTONE	6,125.62	50.21
	STAUNTON HAROLD	100.00	1.69
0.00	STRETTON-EN-LE-FIELD	0.00	0
20,000.00	SWANNINGTON	18,000.00	41.47
4,882.00	SWEPSTONE	5,086.60	20.35
31,050.00	WHITWICK	28,080.00	10.85
9,000.00	WORTHINGTON	8,237.01	15.63
1,285,664.00		TOTALS 1,179,518.23	

Additional Financial information - Local Parish Precepts of £140,000 or more

	£	For all services administered	£
Castle Donington Parish Council The Parish Rooms, Hillside, Castle Donington Derby DE74 2NH Tel: (01332) 810432	2012/13		2013/14
	210,463	Estimated Gross Expenditure	223,797
	94,407	Allocated Expenditure - Rolling Programme*	80,493
	-27,720	Less income to offset	-29,920
	-400	Less interest	-200
	-21,433	Less from Reserves / Balances	-27,357
	-94,407	Less from Rolling Programme Reserves*	-80,493
	160,910	Gross Budget Requirement	166,320
		Less Council Tax Support Grant	12,338
		Precept requested	153,982
2,255	Council Tax Base of Parish	2,082	
£71.36	Precept for a Band D property	£73.96	

* 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".

Photo: Castle Donington



The Parish Council's estimated gross expenditure has risen from last years due to inflationary costs and due to the fact that additional responsibilities and services have been provided, or may be provided for in the future. The amount of money received through the Market Charter has also decreased to changes in the market climate and peoples shopping patterns; this has a major effect on the amount of additional money that is available to undertake capital projects going forward. With the changes to the Council Tax Support Grant 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.

Additional Financial information - Local Parish Precepts of £140,000 or more

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council Legion House South Street Ashby-de-la-Zouch Leics LE65 1BQ Tel: (01530) 416961 info@ashbytowncouncil.org.uk www.ashbytowncouncil.org.uk	£	For all services administered	£	Effect on a
	2012/13		2013/14	Band D property
	394,700	Estimated Gross Expenditure	444,250	£98.46
	-48,500	Less income to offset	-130,395	£-28.90
	0	Less interest	0	£0.00
	0	Less from reserves / balances	0	£0.00
	346,200	Budget Requirement (Precept)	313,855	£69.56
	4,977	Council Tax Base of Parish	4,512	
	£69.56	Precept for a Band D property	£69.56	

Estimated Gross Expenditure has increased by 12.55% due to planned further events in the town and a new town website. This is offset by anticipated increased income. The precept for a Band D property remains unchanged.

Photo: Ashby De La Zouch



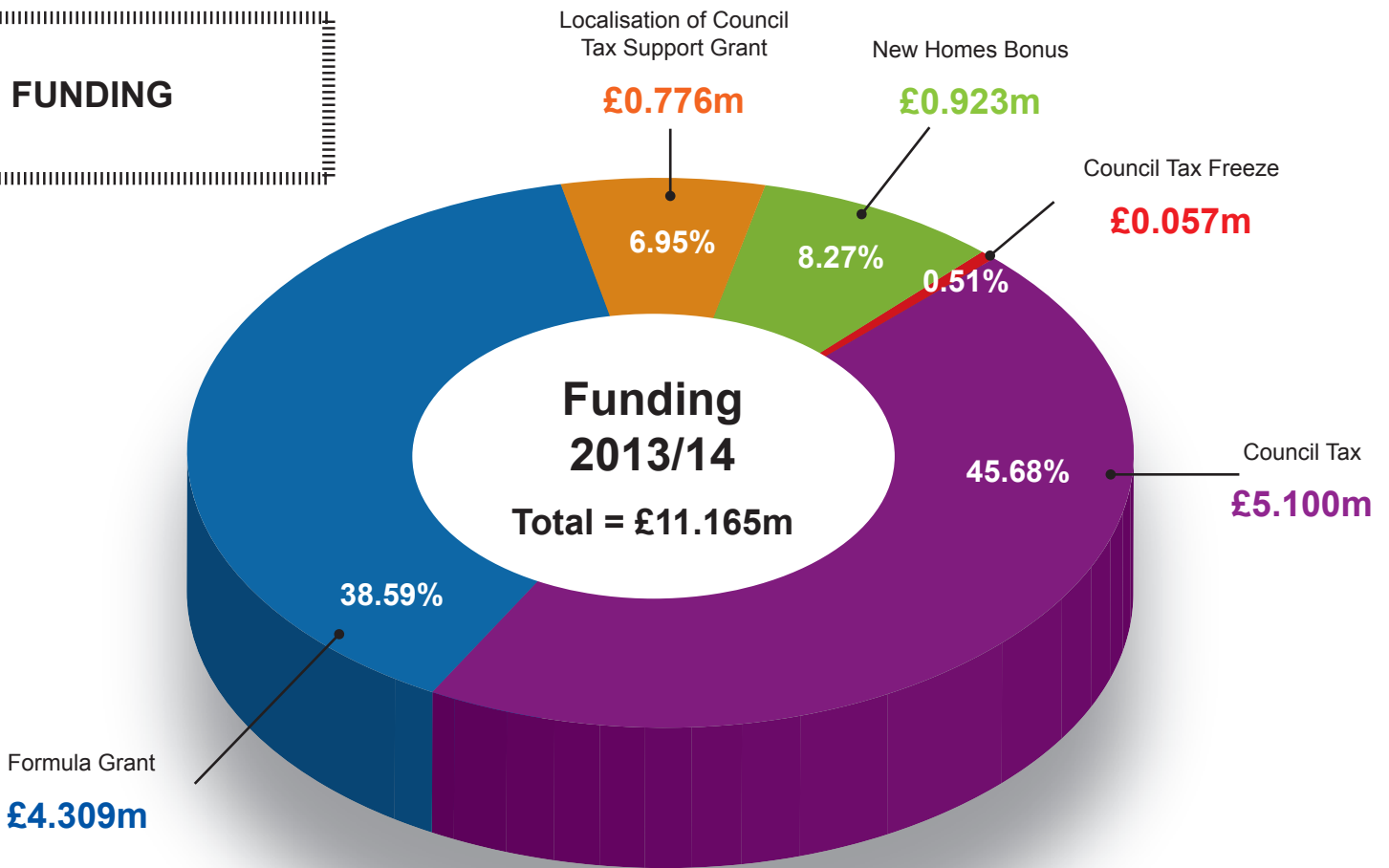
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Although there have been significant changes in the level of Income and Expenditure, for the fourth year running there is no increase in the District element of the council tax

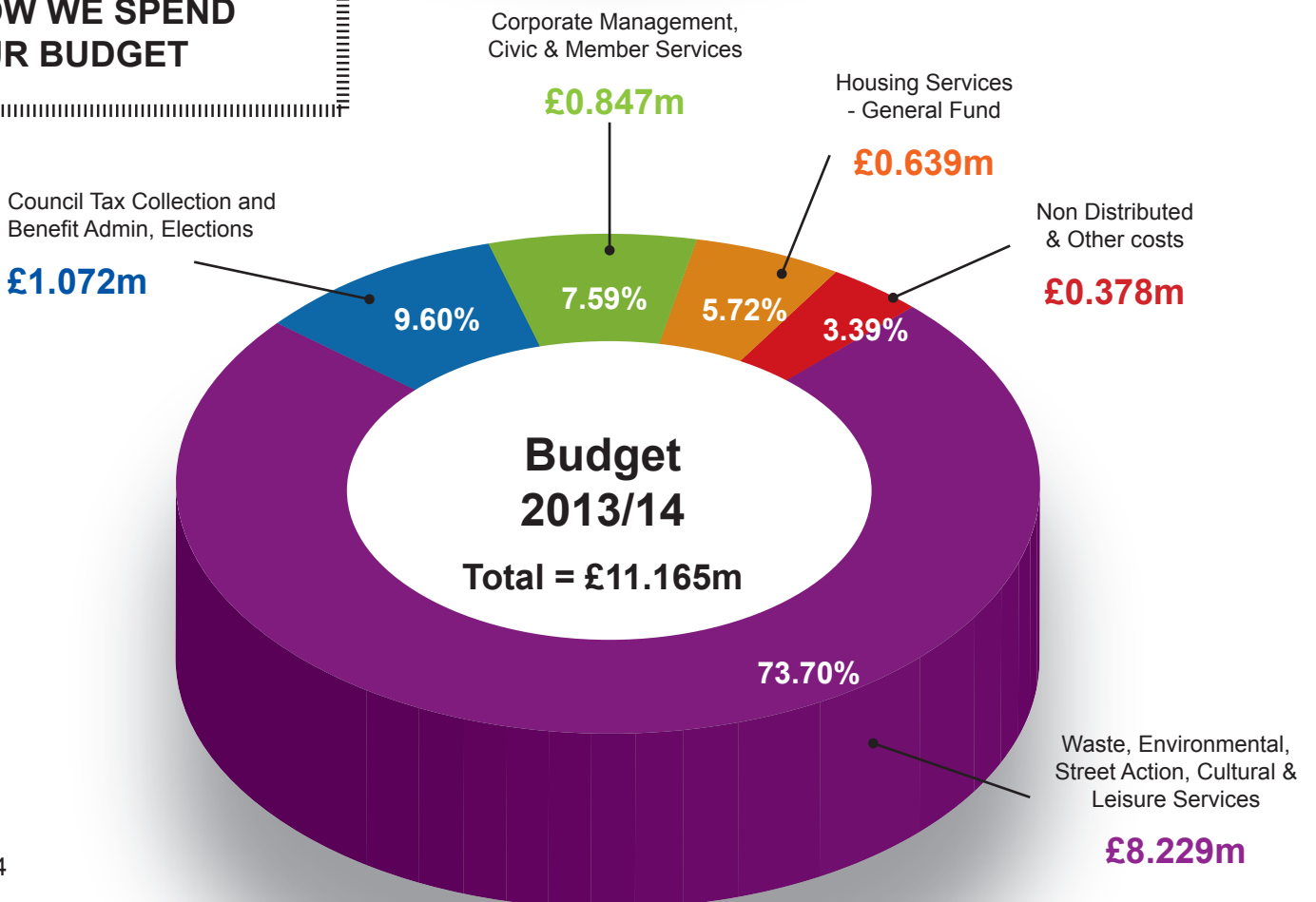
2012/2013 £'000	For Services Administered by the District Council	2013/2014 £'000	Effect on a Band D Property £ p
61,106	Estimated Gross Expenditure	55,553	1953.97
(26,030)	Less Specific Grants	(20,622)	(725.35)
(25,609)	Less Other Income	(25,477)	(896.11)
1,035	Net Financing Costs	1,175	41.35
454	Addition to Balances	58	2.02
-	Localisation of Council Tax Support - Parish	118	4.16
230	Contingency Provision	360	12.66
11,186	Net Budget	11,165	392.70
Reasons for the change in amount			
11,326	2012 / 2013 Net Budget	11,186	393.45
	For 2013 / 2014 changes are required:		
17	Cost pressures	1,091	38.37
(222)	Efficiency/Budget Savings	(761)	(26.78)
(235)	change in fee income	(104)	(3.66)
310	change in use of reserves / balances	(432)	(15.18)
-	One off expenditure falling out	(9)	(0.34)
-	Council Tax Benefit Changes	194	6.84
(10)	revenue contributions to capital	0	0.00
11,186	2013 / 2014 Net Budget	11,165	392.70
653	Special Expenses Areas only District Requirement	675	23.73
10,533		10,490	368.97
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653	Special Expenses	675	23.73
1,286	Parish Precepts	1,298	45.64
(4,755)	Less Distributed National Non-Domestic Rates	(4,309)	(151.55)
0	Localisation of Council Tax Support Grant	(656)	(23.07)
(283)	Less Council Tax Reduction Grants	(56)	(1.99)
(463)	Less New Homes Bonus	(923)	(32.47)
0	Council Tax Transitional grant	(20)	(0.72)
(34)	Transfers (from) / to Collection Funds	(17)	(0.59)
6,937	Net District Council Requirement for Council Tax	6,482	227.95
(653)	Less: Special Expenses	(675)	(23.73)
(1,286)	Less: Parish Precepts	(1,298)	(45.64)
4,998	Net District Council Requirement for Council Tax	4,509	158.58
33,504	Leicestershire County Council Precept	30,222	1,063.00
1,682	Combined Fire Authority Precept	1,660	58.38
5,480	Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner Precept	4,943	173.87

COUNCIL BUDGET

FUNDING



HOW WE SPEND OUR BUDGET



SPECIAL EXPENSES

With regard to certain types of expenditure both District and Parish Councils have discretionary powers to undertake them. When these are carried out by the District Council on behalf of a Parish, or because there is no Parish Council in a particular area these become the SPECIAL EXPENSES of the District Council and are only charged on the Council Tax payers in the area concerned.

The table below shows where Special Expenses are charged, together with the details of how the charges are made up.

2012/2013 Budget Provision £	SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA		2013/2014 Budget Provision £	Effect on a Band D Property £ p
	Coalville			
342,100		Parks, Play Areas, Allotments etc.	350,060	
49,880		Burial Grounds & Memorials	44,950	
22,450		Christmas Decorations	34,750	
13,930		Coalville Verge Maintenance	14,210	
41,530		Events & Other Exp	39,200	
-		Capital Schemes	-	
469,890			483,170	
-59,960		Net Financing Cost	-66,410	
-2,449		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
407,481			416,760	£63.53
	Whitwick			
133,040		Parks, Play Areas, Allotments etc.	134,240	
21,460		Burial Grounds	22,720	
4,280		Verge Maintenance	4,370	
14,000		Other	12,500	
172,780			173,830	
-3,070		Net Financing Cost	-3,000	
-3,658		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
166,052			170,830	£58.04
	Hugglescote & Donington Le Heath			
49,800		Parks, Play Areas, Allotments etc.	50,800	
23,870		Burial Grounds	24,240	
3,210		Verge Maintenance	3,270	
4,250		Other	4,250	
81,130			82,560	
-10,820		Net Financing Cost	-10,820	
-3,423		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
66,887			71,740	£49.29
	Coleorton			
1,130		Maintenance of Recreation Ground	1,130	
2,030		Maintenance of Closed Churchyard	2,030	
-372		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
2,788			3,160	£5.31
	Measham			
1,800		Maintenance of Closed Churchyard (Net)	1,800	
-72		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
1,728			1,800	£1.08
	Stretton en le Field			
1,290		Maintenance of Closed Churchyard (Net)	1,290	
-206		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
1,084			1,290	£57.05
	Osgathorpe			
340		Maintenance of Play Area - Orchard Close	340	
-5		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
335			340	£1.78
	Lockington cum Hemington			
1,770		Maintenance of Closed Churchyard (Net)	1,770	
1,010		Maintenance of Recreation Ground (Net)	1,010	
7		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
2,787			2,780	£11.06
	Kegworth			
400		Maintenance of Play Area Windmill Close (Net)	400	
-26		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
374			400	£0.32
	Ravenstone with Snibston			
340		Maintenance of Open Space	340	
-14		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
326			340	£0.41
	Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford			
3,670		Maintenance of Open Space	3,670	
-117		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
3,553			3,670	£4.22
	Appleby Magna			
0		Maintenance of Open Space	1,550	
0		Transfer From (-) / To Balances	0	
0			1,550	£3.94

FLOOD DEFENCE

The County Council pays flood defence levies to the Midland and Anglian Regions of the Environment Agency.

	2012-13 £000	2013-14 £000
Midland	215	230
Anglian	39	44
Total	254	274

The total levy for the Midland Region in 2013/14 is £3m.

The total levy for the relevant part of the Anglian Region in 2013/14 is £1.6m.

LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority

<http://www.leicestershire-fire.gov.uk/fireservice/corporate-documents/council-tax.shtml>



Leicestershire County Council

<http://www.leics.gov.uk/budget>



Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner

<http://www.leics.pcc.police.uk/Planning-and-Money/Council-Tax-2013-14.aspx>

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY MIDLANDS REGION
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 2488 kilometres of main river and along tidal and sea defences in the area of the Severn 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 Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	
	2012/2013 '000s	2013/2014 '000s
Gross Expenditure	£23,870	£10,546
Levies Raised	£1,084	£1,084
Total Council Tax Base	1,037	712

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 'matching' funding the Agency may seek funding from County and Metropolitan Councils, Unitary Authorities and London Boroughs in the form of a Local Levy. The Local Levy is shared on the basis of Band D Equivalents between all contributing bodies within the Committee Area.

Changes in the Gross Budgeted expenditure between the years reflects the impact of the Government Spending Review and national prioritisation of capital projects.

The total Local Levy raised has remained the same in 2013/2014 as 2012/2013 at £1,084,000.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY ANGLIAN REGION
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	
	2012/2013 '000s	2013/2014 '000s
Gross Expenditure	£38,552	£35,589
Levies Raised	£1,547	£1,624
Total Council Tax Base	598	525

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Changes in the Gross Budgeted expenditure between the years reflects the impact of the Government Spending Review and national prioritisation of capital projects. The total Local Levy raised has increased by 5%.

The total Local Levy raised has increased from £1,547,086 in 2012/2013 to £1,624,000 for 2013/2014.



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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 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		
2012/2013 '000s	2013/2014 '000s	
Gross Expenditure	£27,196	£34,320
Levies Raised	£1,936	£1,936
Total Council Tax Base	1,887	1,628

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 'matching' funding the Agency may seek funding from County and Metropolitan Councils, Unitary Authorities and London Boroughs in the form of a Local Levy. The Local Levy is shared on the basis of Band D Equivalents between all contributing bodies within the Committee Area.

Changes in the Gross Budgeted expenditure between the years reflects the impact of the Government Spending Review and national prioritisation of capital projects.

The total Local Levy raised has remained the same in 2013/2014 as 2012/2013 at £1,936,000.



