



Council

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Subject: Collection Fund Surplus & Council Tax Base 2013/14

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Purpose / Summary:

The report sets out the declaration of the estimated surplus on the Council's Collection Fund at the end of March 2013 and how it is shared amongst the constituent precepting bodies.

It also sets out the tax base calculation for 2013/14. The tax base is a key component in calculating both the budget requirement and the council tax charge.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Council:-

- 1) Notes that the estimated surplus of £539,000 be declared as accruing in the Council's Collection Fund at 31 March 2013 relating to Council Tax transactions, and**
- 2) That the Council uses its element of the Council Tax surplus in calculating the level of Council Tax in 2013/14, and**
- 3) That the calculations of the Council's tax base for 2013/2014 as set out in Appendix A be approved, and that in accordance with the Local Authorities' (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1993 (as amended), the tax base for each part of the Authority's area shall be as set out in Appendix B.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: It is a requirement under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that the Council calculate the tax base for council tax purposes. This must be done before 31 January prior to the financial year to which the tax base relates. It is also a requirement that the resolution determining the calculation must be notified to the County Council between 1 December 2012 and 31 January 2013.

It is a requirement under the Local Government Finance Act 1992 that any estimated surplus on the previous year's Collection Fund shall be shared amongst the major precepting bodies.

Financial : The sum of £539,000 estimated surplus in respect of Council Tax is shared as follows:-

Lincolnshire County Council £385,257

Lincolnshire Police Authority £ 67,351

West Lindsey District Council £ 86,392

Staffing : None directly arising as a result of this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :None directly arising as a result of this report.

Risk Assessment : The Council is bound by legislation undertake the necessary work to determine the Council Tax Base and to distribute the estimated surplus on the Collection Fund. Failure to do so would mean that the Council would be acting illegally and would be prone to appropriate sanctions.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None arising as a result of this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

Collection Fund Surplus for 2013/14

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council is required to declare an estimate of the surplus or deficit that will occur on the Collection Fund at the end of each year. The Collection Fund records the amount of income collected from Council Tax, together with precept payments to principal authorities. These two items will generate a surplus or a deficit which should be taken into account when determining the Council Tax for the following year.
- 1.2 Any surplus or deficit generated through the Collection fund is shared between the County Council, the Lincolnshire Police Authority and this Council in the same proportion as the amount of their precepts for 2012/13.
- 1.3 A surplus or deficit may occur in the Collection Fund if the Council tax base is larger or smaller than originally anticipated or collection rates are higher or lower than expected.

2 Estimated Surplus for 2012/13

- 2.1 The amount calculated as available from the Collection Fund for distribution during 2013/14 has been calculated at £539,000.
- 2.2 This amount will be shared amongst the precepting authorities as follows:

	£
Lincolnshire County Council	385,257
Lincolnshire Police Authority	67,351
West Lindsey District Council	86,392

	539,000

- 2.3 This Council must take the £ 86,392 into account when it sets its element of the Council Tax for 2013/14.

3 The Council's Tax base for 2013/14

- 3.1 The tax base is an important factor in determining the level of Council Tax for the next year. It is expressed as the equivalent of the number of dwellings in Band D.
- 3.2 The calculation takes into account the following factors:-
 - 3.2.1 The number of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band in each Parish on 18 December 2012.

- 3.2.2 The number of discounts available to single and other eligible persons and for vacant dwellings.
 - 3.2.3 The number of valuation band reductions for dwellings adapted for the disabled.
 - 3.2.4 The number of dwellings exempt from liability.
 - 3.2.5 The estimated amount of Council Tax collection in the financial year.
 - 3.2.6 The proportion which dwellings in each band bear to Band D, on a full year basis.
- 3.3 For the year 2013/14 a number of additional changes to the calculation have been made. Details of these changes can be found in our Localisation of Council Tax Support scheme. These are shown in Appendix A as adjustments under Technical Reforms and Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
 - 3.4 The number of chargeable dwellings in each valuation band has been taken from the valuation list supplied by the Valuation Office on 31 October 2012 and updated by the Council tax department on 18th December 2012. A summary of the calculation and adjustments taken into account is shown at Appendix A. The overall tax base for 2013/14 is estimated to be 27,656.36 Band D properties.
 - 3.5 The number of properties exempt from Council Tax, including Ministry of Defence buildings, has been deducted from the initial tax base. Direct payments in lieu are received from the Ministry of Defence and these are included later in the tax base calculation.
 - 3.6 A loss of collection from Council Tax equal to 1.70% has been taken into account, reflecting current levels of collection and assumed collection rates for the changes proposed.
 - 3.7 The Council levies additional amounts for the precepts of Local Councils, and separate tax bases are required for those areas. These are shown at Appendix B.

Appendix A

Band	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	TOTAL
Number of dwellings	0.00	15,396.00	7,722.00	7,345.00	5,510.00	3,303.00	1,355.00	510.00	61.00	41,202.00
Exempt properties	0.00	(744.00)	(245.00)	(172.00)	(71.00)	(33.00)	(23.00)	(4.00)	(6.00)	(1,298.00)
No of Chargeable dwellings	0.00	14,652.00	7,477.00	7,173.00	5,439.00	3,270.00	1,332.00	506.00	55.00	39,904.00
Disablement relief	24.00	18.00	2.00	(1.00)	(4.00)	(22.00)	(3.00)	(3.00)	(11.00)	0.00
Adjusted Chargeable dwellings	24.00	14,670.00	7,479.00	7,172.00	5,435.00	3,248.00	1,329.00	503.00	44.00	39,904.00
Discounts on relevant day	(1.75)	(1,863.00)	(681.00)	(547.75)	(308.25)	(135.00)	(66.50)	(29.00)	(5.75)	(3,638.00)
Total Discounts	22.25	12,807.00	6,798.00	6,624.25	5,126.75	3,113.00	1,262.50	474.00	38.25	36,266.00
Deletions expected in year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Additions expected in year	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Adjusted Total Dwellings	22.25	12,807.00	6,798.00	6,624.25	5,126.75	3,113.00	1,262.50	474.00	38.25	36,266.00
Ratio to Band D	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9	
Band D equivalent Dwellings	12.40	8,538.00	5,287.30	5,888.20	5,126.80	3,804.80	1,823.60	790.00	76.50	31,347.60

	Value	Average Band D								
Technical Changes	£1,112,836	£1,491.06	746.34							
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	-£6,095,444	£1,491.06	-4087.99							
Adjusted Tax Base 2013-14			28,005.95							
Anticipated Collection Rate			98.30%							
Band D equivalent collectable	12.21	8,409.93	5,207.99	5,799.88	5,049.90	3,747.73	1,796.25	778.15	75.35	27,529.84
Crown Properties (MoD)	0.00	47.00	39.34	30.24	6.50	0.00	1.44	0.00	2.00	126.52
Final Tax Base 2013-14	12.21	8,456.93	5,247.33	5,830.12	5,056.40	3,747.73	1,797.69	778.15	77.35	27,656.36

Parish	2012/13 Taxbase
Aisthorpe	34.69
Bardney - Apley - Stainfield	640.73
Bigby	120.32
Bishop Norton	113.03
Blyborough	31.70
Blyton	365.42
Brampton	27.84
Brattleby	45.40
Broadholme	35.30
Brocklesby	32.75
Brookenby	163.70
Broxholme	26.96
Bullington	10.98
Burton	287.26
Buslingthorpe	20.20
Cabourne	25.56
Caenby	23.19
Caistor	843.35
Cammeringham	42.06
Cherry Willingham	1131.49
Claxby	64.72
Corringham	154.39
Dunholme	643.12
East Ferry	39.69
East Stockwith	69.73
Faldingworth	141.22
Fenton	111.01
Fillingham	76.32
Fiskerton	356.47
Friesthorpe	10.71
Fulnetby	4.31
Gainsborough	4894.72
Glentham	153.60
Glentworth	106.09
Golto	22.57
Grange de Lings	12.82
Grasby	172.65
Grayingham	51.12
Great Limber	82.46
Greetwell	269.87
Hackthorn - Cold Hanworth	76.58
Hardwick	14.40
Harpswell	21.08
Heapham	36.36
Hemswell	114.70

Parish	2012/13 Taxbase
Hemswell Cliff	166.86
Holton Beckering	37.77
Holton le Moor	59.54
Ingham	291.92
Keelby	628.45
Kettlethorpe	149.12
Kexby	112.85
Kirmond le Mire	12.56
Knaith	104.95
Langworth - Barlings - Newball	195.93
Laughton	136.13
Lea	352.43
Legsby	71.31
Linwood	33.28
Lissington	50.32
Market Rasen	1183.83
Marton - Gate Burton	227.90
Middle Rasen	658.84
Morton	397.30
Nettleham	1189.10
Nettleton	227.54
Newton-On-Trent	125.84
Normanby-By-Spital	132.61
Normanby le Wold	20.72
North Carlton	53.31
North Kelsey	315.63
North Willingham	46.19
Northorpe	44.35
Osgodby	191.45
Owersby	87.56
Owmbly-By-Spital	93.71
Pilham	24.85
Rand	15.63
Reepham	309.39
Riby	44.61
Riseholme	93.53
Rothwell	64.72
Saxby	15.63
Saxilby - Ingleby	1249.96
Scampton	333.44
Scothern	286.21
Scotter	1057.54
Scotton	199.18
Searby cum Owmbly	72.46
Sixhills	15.98

Parish	2012/13 Taxbase
Snarford	16.43
Snelland	28.80
Snitterby	84.31
Somerby	20.72
South Carlton	34.51
South Kelsey	201.02
Spridlington	78.95
Springthorpe	52.08
Stainton le Vale	29.60
Stow	115.84
Sturton-By-Stow	446.22
Sudbrooke	620.55
Swallow	83.69
Swinhope	50.23
Tealby	238.08
Thonock	9.13
Thoresway	35.22
Thorganby	13.70
Thorpe le Fallows	6.23
Toft Newton	124.18
Torksey	252.93
Upton	152.72
Waddingham	193.82
Walesby	95.99
Walkerith	21.87
Welton	1319.33
West Firsby	10.54
West Rasen	28.98
Wickenby	77.98
Wildsworth	25.29
Willingham	180.38
Willoughton	101.96
Total	27656.36