

Cllr. Stephen Bunney's Report to Local Parish Councils in Market Rasen Wolds January 2023

Happy New Year!

I know that logistically I will not be able to attend all the Parish/Town meetings this month – so if I do not attend, please accept my apologies.

Lincolnshire County Council Budget. The executive have proposed the following budget for the period 2023 – 2024. The main expenditure items are:

£275m for adult care and community wellbeing

£84m for children's social care

£47m for highways

£22m for Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue

It has been a challenge to set a balanced budget whilst maintaining the services that residents rely on. Full details can be found on the following link

<https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s55220/Council%20Budget%202023-24.pdf>

The proposals include three options for a rise in council tax of between 3% to 5%. The council will still need to use between £3.4m to £10.3m from its reserves to balance the budget.

LCC would like to know what you think of the options. Please give us your feedback before 26 January 2023 here:

- Open Hyper Link [Budget and council tax proposal 2023/24 | Let's Talk Lincolnshire](#)
- Email finance@lincolnshire.gov.uk
- Post to Financial Services, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Newland
Lincoln. LN1 1YL

Lincolnshire Bus Services

LCC is currently considering its bus service provision. Details and a response form can be found at the following hyperlink:

[Bus service improvement plan - engagement survey report \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](#)

For passengers who do not have a concessionary pass the £2 cap per journey applies to buses in Lincolnshire. In some cases, this represents a substantial decrease in cost to the customer.

West Lindsey Sports Centre

I can confirm that The Market Rasen Sports Centre is available for hire for those groups wishing to book it for inside 5 aside football.

Local Elections May 4th 2023

Elections will be held on Thursday May 4th 2023 for West Lindsey District Council and all Town and Parish Councils in the area.

Further information regarding nominations etc. will be sent to Parish Clerks. In the meantime if you have any questions information can be obtained by contacting the election office at:

ereq@west-lindsey.gov.uk or phoning [01427 676676](tel:01427676676)

The current Government proposal is that electors will need to take some form of **approved photo ID** to the polling station along with their polling card. For those without suitable ID appropriate documentation will be available from WLDC. Once the exact details have been confirmed they will be widely circulated.

Support

As usual I am always happy to help councils and residents with any issues/concerns that they may be experiencing. I can be contacted in any of the following ways.

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