

### **Budget Consultation**

WLDC are currently consulting on the planned budget for 2023/2024.

There is an online questionnaire that they would like individuals to complete – this includes questions on the Green Bin Service.

<https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/5eae19f1-3201-48ae-9d60-d451439c9672>

### **Fixed Penalty Fines**

Last night WLDC agreed to increase the Fixed Penalty Fines to the Maximum amount allowed by The Government.

- Fly-Tipping £1000
- Household waste duty of care offence £600
- Littering or Graffiti £500

### **Police**

Reorganisation of Lincolnshire Police will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

The Neighbourhood Policing in Market Rasen will be reduced to a Sargent [shared with other areas] and a Police Officer. There will no longer be any PCSOs based in Market Rasen.

In effect this reduction has already occurred as the two MR based PCSOs have taken early redundancy.

In future there will be a team of 7 PCSOs based in Gainsborough – this is a reduction from the 20 strong team spread across the district. When required PCSOs will be despatched to MR from Gainsborough – provided that they are not needed elsewhere.

PC Wilson – the current MR Neighbourhood Officer is being transferred to SCAMPTON from next month. She will be replaced by PC Rachel Harrison.

Sgt. Jason Bennett and Inspector Mike Head will continue in their current roles.

### **Public Order**

The Middle Rasen based individual who is **Sleeping Rough** and begging has been to court on several occasions recently for various offences including the theft of a purse from the Church.

Magistrates, despite requests from the police, keep letting him out on conditional bail.

**Stockmore Lane.** The needles and cider cans have been cleared up. The matter has been reported to The Police and West Lindsey – who have add it to their intelligence.

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### **LCC Finances 2022/2023**

LCC spent £1,196million on providing public services, including highway management, in 2022/2023 – approximately £1 555 per person.

At the end of the year there was an unallocated sum of £8.7m which has been ringfenced for highways repairs and initiatives including work on the pavements!

LCC invested £197m in capital investment – major road schemes and schools.

LCC and WLDC Finances are healthy with good levels of Medium Term Reserves. However, the prospect of future funding cuts by Central Government will present serious challenges if the councils are to deliver the essential level of services.

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### **West Lindsey: Fly Tipping**

There were 1852 reported fly-tipping incidents in 21/22

Estimated cost of clearance £147 381 although there may be some double counting as some is collected by regular kerb side collections.

Out of hours patrols and covert fly-tipping cameras have been introduced.

In 2023/24 first quarter six fixed penalty fines have been issued.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact if you have any questions or concerns.

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