

## Finance

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Dear Mrs Palmer

### **PARISH/TOWN PRECEPTS FOR 2025/26**

Further to my previous letter on the 23 December 2024 a decision has subsequently been approved by the Council's Cabinet which impacts on the Council Tax Base of your town/parish.

On the 9 January 2025, Cabinet approved the following changes to the discounts and exemptions for Council Tax:

1. Second Homes Owners will pay double council tax (a 100% surcharge from day one)
2. Removal of the 6 months/50% discount for major repairs and charge full council tax from the point of ownership
3. Changes to empty properties to:
  - a. Years One to Five – twice standard council tax (200%)
  - b. Years Five to Ten – thrice standard council tax (300%)
  - c. Years Ten plus - quadruple standard council tax (400%)

The full report is available at:

[Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 9th January, 2025, 5.00 pm - North West Leicestershire District Council](#)

These changes have increased your council tax 3015 to 3024. A revised worked example is included below:

#### **2025/26 PARISH TAX BASE -**

Your provisional Council tax base is 3024. Below is a worked example of your precept using the council tax figure for band D properties from last year multiplied by this years Council tax base.

Your worked example is:

1. 3024 (Council Tax Base) x £162.94 (Band D Property Council Tax for prior year) = £492,731  
(Precept available)

This is summarised below with comparison to the current year.

	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
<b>Example Precept Available</b>	£492,731	£480,504

The Council Tax Base is due to be considered by Cabinet on 28 January 2025 and formally approved by Council on 20 February 2025.

To calculate the Council Tax for a Band 'D' property, divide the precept amount you require by the Council Tax base figure.

The precept will continue to be paid in two equal instalments on or around the 25 April 2025 and 26 September 2025.

The deadline for your precept return remains at the **31 January 2025**.

Yours Sincerely,



Anna Crouch  
Head of Finance and Deputy S151 Officer