

Sutton Bridge Parish Council

South Holland Parish Precept Benchmarking over the Council's Term of Office

As detailed in the [Budget 2023/24](#) and as resolved at the Parish Council meeting held 13 December 2022 (minute [22.273.05](#)), the precept for Sutton Bridge Parish Council was set at £77,036.00 for 2023/24. This represents a £5.41 per annum increase in the Parish Councils portion of the Band D Council Tax charge, a 9.65% increase on the previous year. The Consumer Price Index including housing costs (CPIH) at the time the budget was being considered in November 2022, was [9.3%](#).

Reviewing South Holland Parish Council Precepts against those for Sutton Bridge (see Appendix 1 & 2), the following conclusions can be drawn.

1. Excluding Sutton Bridge, the average increase across South Holland Parish Council precepts for 2023/24 was 9.8% (11.4% excluding Spalding).
2. Since 2019, the Council Tax Precept for Sutton Bridge has, in total, increased by £9.20 at Band D. This equates to an average increase of £2.30 per annum, equivalent to 4.4% per annum.
3. Inflation (CPIH) over the same period has increased on average [4.3%](#) per annum.
4. Long Sutton Parish Council, which is of comparable size to Sutton Bridge, has over the same period increased its precept for a Band D Council Tax by an average of 13.3% per annum.
5. Over the last four years, the total precept for all South Holland Parishes has increased by an average of 7.2% per annum.
6. The Precept for Sutton Bridge accounts for 3% of total Council Tax at Band D.
7. Excluding Spalding District Council, South Holland local parishes account for 2.7% of the total Council Tax charged at Band D. Long Sutton Parish Council accounts for 3.9% of the total Council Tax charged at Band D.

Appendix 1

Parish	Item	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Av. Δ p.a.
	CPIH Index (source ONS [January])	106.40	108.30	109.30	114.60	124.80	
	Annual increase	1.82%	1.74%	0.90%	4.81%	8.82%	4.3%
Sutton Bridge	Total Band D Council Tax				£ 1,954.17	£ 2,051.74	
Sutton Bridge	Parish Band D Council Tax	£ 52.29	£ 53.46	£ 53.51	£ 56.07	£ 61.48	£ 9.20
Sutton Bridge	Parish % of Total at Band D				2.87%	3.00%	4.4%
Sutton Bridge	Total Parish Precept	£ 63,841.00	£ 65,759.00	£ 65,759.00	£ 70,033.00	£ 77,036.00	
Sutton Bridge	Precept Annual %Δ	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%	6.5%	10.0%	
Sutton Bridge	Tax Base	1,221	1,230	1,229	1,249	1,253	
Long Sutton	Total Band D Council Tax		£ 1,823.25		£ 1,975.93	£ 2,070.86	
Long Sutton	Parish Band D Council Tax	£ 52.58	£ 54.57	£ 68.71	£ 77.83	£ 80.60	£ 28.01
Long Sutton	Parish % of Total at Band D				3.94%	3.89%	13.3%
Long Sutton	Total Parish Precept	£ 81,607.00	£ 86,000.00	£ 110,000.00	£ 125,000.00	£ 130,000.00	
Long Sutton	Precept Annual %Δ	7.4%	5.4%	27.9%	13.6%	4.0%	
Long Sutton	Tax Base	1,552	1,576	1,601	1,606	1,613	
Lutton	Total Band D Council Tax				£ 1,954.47	£ 2,046.49	
Lutton	Parish Band D Council Tax	£ 47.86	£ 59.70	£ 49.02	£ 56.37	£ 56.23	£ 8.38
Lutton	Parish % of Total at Band D				2.88%	2.75%	4.4%
Lutton	Total Parish Precept	£ 19,000.00	£ 24,000.00	£ 20,000.00	£ 23,000.00	£ 23,000.00	
Lutton	Precept Annual %Δ	0.0%	26.3%	-16.7%	15.0%	0.0%	
Lutton	Tax Base	397	402	408	408	409	
Tydd St Mary	Total Band D Council Tax				£ 1,978.46	£ 2,070.38	
Tydd St Mary	Parish Band D Council Tax	£ 74.34	£ 72.73	£ 79.75	£ 80.36	£ 80.12	£ 5.78
Tydd St Mary	Parish % of Total at Band D				4.06%	3.87%	1.9%
Tydd St Mary	Total Parish Precept	£ 23,566.00	£ 23,782.00	£ 26,000.00	£ 27,000.00	£ 27,000.00	
Tydd St Mary	Precept Annual %Δ	2.5%	0.9%	9.3%	3.8%	0.0%	
Tydd St Mary	Tax Base	317	327	326	336	337	
Holbeach	Total Band D Council Tax				£ 1,968.21	£ 2,076.30	
Holbeach	Parish Band D Council Tax	£ 63.69	£ 63.36	£ 65.26	£ 70.11	£ 86.04	£ 22.35
Holbeach	Parish % of Total at Band D				3.56%	4.14%	8.8%
Holbeach	Total Parish Precept	£ 207,770.00	£ 213,589.00	£ 223,315.00	£ 244,340.57	£ 307,692.80	
Holbeach	Precept Annual %Δ	5.0%	2.8%	4.6%	9.4%	25.9%	
Holbeach	Tax Base	3,262	3,371	3,422	3,485	3,576	
Spalding	Total Band D Council Tax			£ 1,815.15	£ 1,922.67	£ 2,015.73	
Spalding	Parish Band D Council Tax	£ 23.67	£ 23.83	£ 24.18	24.57	25.47	£ 1.80
Spalding	Parish % of Total at Band D				1.28%	1.26%	1.9%
Spalding	Total Parish Precept	£ 217,700.00	£ 223,300.00	£ 226,943.00	£ 233,130.00	£ 241,124.00	
Spalding	Precept Annual %Δ	2.9%	2.6%	1.6%	2.7%	3.4%	
Spalding	Tax Base	9197	9372	9384	9490	9467	
Average	Total Band D Council Tax				£ 1,951.05	£ 2,049.09	
Average	Parish Band D Council Tax	£ 38.10	£ 39.33	£ 40.36	£ 42.46	£ 45.96	
Average	Parish % of Total at Band D				2.18%	2.24%	
Average	Total Band D Council Tax (excl. Spalding)				£ 1,957.57	£ 2,056.21	
Average	Parish Band D Council Tax (excl. Spalding)				£ 50.99	£ 55.47	
Average	Parish % of Total at Band D (excl. Spalding)				2.60%	2.70%	
Total	Total Parish Precept	£ 1,064,190.00	£ 1,120,494.00	£ 1,162,137.00	£ 1,247,944.80	£ 1,371,358.00	
Total	Precept Annual %Δ	5.8%	5.3%	3.7%	7.4%	9.9%	7.2%
Total	Tax Base	27,931	28,492	28,794	29,393	29,841	

Appendix 2

	2022/23						2023/24						Yr/Yr % Δ
	Tax Base (a)	Band D Total (b)	Parish Band D	Parish % of Total	Parish Precept (c)		Tax Base (a)	Band D Total (b)	Parish Band D	Parish % of Total	Parish Precept (c)		
Cowbit	524	£ 1,925.92	£ 27.82	1.40%	£ 14,576.00		535	£ 2,018.44	£ 28.18	1.40%	£ 15,076.00	3.43%	
Crowland	1,670	£ 1,971.31	£ 73.21	3.69%	£ 122,261.00		1770	£ 2,066.56	£ 76.30	3.69%	£ 135,051.00	10.46%	
Deeping St Nicholas	569	£ 1,931.68	£ 33.58	2.03%	£ 19,107.00		579	£ 2,031.51	£ 41.25	2.03%	£ 23,883.75	25.00%	
Donington	945	£ 1,947.84	£ 49.74	2.27%	£ 47,000.00		974	£ 2,036.46	£ 46.20	2.27%	£ 45,000.00	-4.26%	
Fleet	752	£ 1,939.37	£ 41.27	2.05%	£ 31,035.00		781	£ 2,031.98	£ 41.72	2.05%	£ 32,587.00	5.00%	
Gedney	705	£ 1,954.84	£ 56.74	2.77%	£ 40,000.00		706	£ 2,046.92	£ 56.66	2.77%	£ 40,000.00	0.00%	
Gedney Hill	254	£ 1,939.03	£ 40.93	2.19%	£ 10,395.00		267	£ 2,034.74	£ 44.48	2.19%	£ 11,877.00	14.26%	
Gosberton	923	£ 1,925.19	£ 27.09	1.50%	£ 25,000.00		924	£ 2,020.56	£ 30.30	1.50%	£ 28,000.00	12.00%	
Holbeach	3,485	£ 1,968.21	£ 70.11	4.14%	£ 244,340.57		3576	£ 2,076.30	£ 86.04	4.14%	£ 307,692.80	25.93%	
Little Sutton	36	£ 1,916.16	£ 18.06	2.25%	£ 650.00		35	£ 2,035.97	£ 45.71	2.25%	£ 1,600.00	146.15%	
Long Sutton	1,606	£ 1,975.93	£ 77.83	3.89%	£ 125,000.00		1613	£ 2,070.86	£ 80.60	3.89%	£ 130,000.00	4.00%	
Lutton	408	£ 1,954.47	£ 56.37	2.75%	£ 23,000.00		409	£ 2,046.49	£ 56.23	2.75%	£ 23,000.00	0.00%	
Moulton	1,202	£ 1,933.90	£ 35.80	1.79%	£ 43,035.00		1244	£ 2,026.58	£ 36.32	1.79%	£ 45,186.75	5.00%	
Pinchbeck	1,914	£ 1,951.65	£ 53.55	2.82%	£ 102,500.00		1945	£ 2,047.96	£ 57.70	2.82%	£ 112,236.00	9.50%	
Quadring	425	£ 1,923.51	£ 25.41	1.36%	£ 10,800.00		436	£ 2,017.78	£ 27.52	1.36%	£ 12,000.00	11.11%	
Spalding	9,490	£ 1,922.67	£ 24.57	1.26%	£ 233,130.00		9467	£ 2,015.73	£ 25.47	1.26%	£ 241,124.00	3.43%	
Surfleet	481	£ 1,898.35	£ 0.25	0.01%	£ 120.00		506	£ 1,990.50	£ 0.24	0.01%	£ 120.00	0.00%	
Sutton Bridge	1,249	£ 1,954.17	£ 56.07	3.00%	£ 70,033.00		1253	£ 2,051.74	£ 61.48	3.00%	£ 77,036.00	10.00%	
Sutton St Edmund	219	£ 1,941.31	£ 43.21	2.62%	£ 9,462.23		222	£ 2,043.81	£ 53.55	2.62%	£ 11,888.02	25.64%	
Sutton St James	356	£ 1,940.23	£ 42.13	2.08%	£ 15,000.00		355	£ 2,032.51	£ 42.25	2.08%	£ 15,000.00	0.00%	
Tydd St Mary	336	£ 1,978.46	£ 80.36	3.87%	£ 27,000.00		337	£ 2,070.38	£ 80.12	3.87%	£ 27,000.00	0.00%	
Weston	705	£ 1,926.47	£ 28.37	1.45%	£ 20,000.00		736	£ 2,019.47	£ 29.21	1.45%	£ 21,500.00	7.50%	
Whaplode	1,139	£ 1,910.83	£ 12.73	0.62%	£ 14,500.00		1171	£ 2,002.64	£ 12.38	0.62%	£ 14,500.00	0.00%	
Total/Weighted Mean	29,393	£ 1,951.05	£ 42.46	2.24%	£ 1,247,944.80		29,841	£ 2,049.09	£ 45.96	2.24%	£ 1,371,358.32	9.89%	