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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **COUNCIL** will be held in the Council Chamber - Council Offices, Narborough on **TUESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2026** at **5.30 p.m.**. Please find attached a number of supplemental items that are required for the meeting and are in addition to the agenda and report pack that has already been circulated.

Yours faithfully



**Gemma Dennis**  
**Corporate Services Group Manager**



## **SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

### **SECTION 6 - REPORTS FOR DECISIONS**

To consider any reports submitted for consideration by Council.

11. Recommendations of the Cabinet Executive: Council Tax 2026/27 (Pages 3 - 16)

To consider the report of the Finance Group Manager (enclosed).

12. Recommendations of the Cabinet Executive: General Fund Budget Proposals 2026/27 (Pages 17 - 26)

To consider the report of the Executive Director (Section 151 Officer) (enclosed).

## Blaby District Council Council

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| <b>Date of Meeting</b>  | 24 February 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Title of Report</b>  | <b>Recommendations of the Cabinet Executive: Council Tax 2026/27</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                         | This is not a Key Decision and is on the Forward Plan                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Lead Member</b>      | <b>Cllr. Cheryl Cashmore - Finance, People and Transformation (Deputy Leader)</b>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Report Author</b>    | Finance Group Manager                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Strategic Themes</b> | All Themes: Enabling communities and supporting vulnerable residents; Enhancing and maintaining our natural and built environment; Growing and supporting our economy; Keeping you safe and healthy; Ambitious and well managed Council, valuing our people |

### 1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The Council is required to set out the total amount that needs to be raised from the collection of Council Tax in the forthcoming year. This is known as the Council Tax Requirement for Blaby District Council and forms part of the funding towards the services provided by the Council. The report sets the amount of Council Tax charged to each household in the district.

### 2. Recommendation(s) to Council

- 2.1 The Council Tax Requirement for 2026/27 is set at £7,006,913.
- 2.2\* The District Council Band D Council Tax is set at £200.62, reflecting an increase of 2.99% (£5.83), all other bands being determined in accordance with the relevant Sections of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.
- 2.3 The precepts and Band D Council Tax for Leicestershire County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), the Combined Fire Authority, and the various Parish Councils within the District, be determined as set out in the following report, with all other bands being determined in accordance with the relevant Sections of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.

\*Recommendation 2.2 is subject to consideration of feedback following the end of the public consultation period at midnight on Monday 16th February 2026.

### **3. Reason for Decisions Recommended**

- 3.1 The Council is statutorily required to determine its own Council Tax Requirement and to determine the Council Tax for the 2026/27 financial year, after considering precepts set by the other preceptors.

### **4. Matters to consider**

#### Background

Setting the level of Council Tax to be charged and calculating the total amount of Council Tax to be drawn from the Collection Fund, is the final stage of the budget process. The amount of funding the Council may raise in Council Tax is limited by:

- The number and size of properties in the district on which a charge for Council Tax can be applied (referred to as the Council Tax Base), and
- The maximum increase that may be applied to the current Council Tax level (without a referendum being triggered).

Blaby's Council Tax Base for 2026/27 is 34,926.50 and this was approved at a meeting of the Cabinet Executive on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Each year the government sets out the principles that determine whether a local authority's proposed council tax increase is excessive. For 2026/27, the basic amount of council tax for a shire district council is considered excessive if:

- It is 3%, or more than 3%, greater than the basic amount of council tax in 2025/26; **and**
- It is more than £5 greater than the basic amount of council tax in 2025/26.

This means that Blaby can increase its Band D council tax by the greater of 2.99% or £5 in 2026/27 without triggering a referendum. If a referendum were to be triggered this would require the local electorate to be given an opportunity to vote to support or veto the increase in council tax.

The table below illustrates the impact on each council tax band if the council tax is increased by 2.99%:

| A     | B     | C     | D     | E     | F     | G     | H      |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| £3.88 | £4.53 | £5.18 | £5.83 | £7.12 | £8.41 | £9.71 | £11.66 |

## 4.2 Proposal(s)

The OPCC set its budget and Council Tax on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026, which resulted in the Police and Crime Panel approving a 5% (£15) increase for a Band D property. The Combined Fire Authority approved an increase of 5.77% (£5) to its Band D Council Tax at a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Finally, Leicestershire County Council are due to set its Council Tax requirement on 18th February 2026, proposing an increase of 2.99%. Both the PCC and Combined Fire Authority increases represent the maximum increase permissible under the Council Tax Referendum Principles.

The Council Tax Requirement for Blaby has been determined to be £7,006,913 and is calculated as follows:

|                                      | 2025/26<br>£     | 2026/27<br>£     |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| General Fund Budget Requirement      | 15,406,931       | 19,177,658       |
| Finance by:                          |                  |                  |
| Revenue Support Grant                | (95,767)         | (6,484,521)      |
| National Non Domestic Rates          | (3,861,306)      | (1,557,667)      |
| Lower Tier Services Grant            | 0                | 0                |
| Funding Guarantee                    | 0                | 0                |
| Funding Floor                        | (1,573,114)      | 0                |
| Section 31 Grant - NNDR Compensation | (2,738,694)      | (2,431,498)      |
| Services Grant                       | 0                | 0                |
| New Homes Bonus Grant                | (426,048)        | 0                |
| Transitional Funding                 | 0                | (321,867)        |
| Adjustment Support Grant             | 0                | (1,382,660)      |
| Council Tax (Surplus) / Deficit      | 42,056           | 7,468            |
| <b>Council Tax Requirement</b>       | <b>6,754,058</b> | <b>7,006,913</b> |

The Council Tax Requirement, including all preceptors, is shown in the table below. The percentage increase takes account of both the increase in the Council Tax Base, and the increase in Band D Council Tax.

|                                                                     | 2025/26<br>£      | 2026/27<br>£      | Change<br>£      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Leicestershire County Council                                       | 58,302,212        | 60,485,304        | 2,183,092        |
| Leicestershire, Leicestershire & Rutland<br>Combined Fire Authority | 3,004,491         | 3,201,112         | 196,621          |
| Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for<br>Leicestershire     | 10,409,807        | 11,009,888        | 600,081          |
| Blaby District Council                                              | 6,754,058         | 7,006,913         | 252,855          |
| Parish Councils (Aggregate)                                         | 4,978,992         | 5,271,519         | 292,527          |
| <b>Total</b>                                                        | <b>83,449,560</b> | <b>86,974,736</b> | <b>3,525,176</b> |

The Average Council Tax for each household is calculated by taking the precept requirement and dividing it by the Council Tax Base. This average is always shown as a Band D equivalent.

The table below shows the resulting Band D Council Tax amount for each of the preceptors that comprise the Council Tax bill. The Parish element is not shown in this table but is added on depending on the Parish in which the household is situated. Appendix A provides details of all individual Parish precepts.

|                                                                     | 2025/26<br>£    | 2026/27<br>£    | Change       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Leicestershire County Council                                       | 1,681.50        | 1,731.79        | 2.99%        |
| Leicestershire, Leicestershire & Rutland<br>Combined Fire Authority | 86.65           | 91.65           | 5.77%        |
| Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for<br>Leicestershire     | 300.23          | 315.23          | 5%           |
| Blaby District Council                                              | 194.79          | 200.62          | 2.99%        |
| <b>Total</b>                                                        | <b>2,263.17</b> | <b>2,339.29</b> | <b>3.36%</b> |

All other bands are calculated by applying a ratio to the Band D Council Tax.

The average parish Council Tax is £150.93 which, when added to the figures in the table above, gives an overall Band D average charge of £2,490.22. By way of comparison, the current year Band D average charge is £2,406.77. The relevant Council Tax for each of the bands, including the average Parish charge, is:

| A         | B         | C         | D         | E         | F         | G         | H         |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| £1,660.15 | £1,936.84 | £2,213.53 | £2,490.22 | £3,043.60 | £3,596.97 | £4,150.35 | £4,980.44 |

In accordance with Section 30-36 of the Local Government and Finance Act, 1992, the Council Tax payable for each band of property has been determined taking into account the individual precept requirement for each Parish Council. This information is set out in Appendix B.

#### 4.3 Relevant Consultations

Major preceptors and all Parishes have been consulted to obtain their precept requirements for 2026/27.

As part of the annual budget consultation exercise, residents have been asked for their views on increasing the Council Tax for 2026/27. The consultation had not closed at the point of publication of this report. The results will be included at Appendix D and a verbal update will be given when the report is presented at the Cabinet Meeting.

#### 4.4 Significant Issues

In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities and there are no areas of concern.

### 5. Environmental impact

- 5.1 No Net Zero and Climate Impact Assessment (NZCIA) is required for this report.

**6. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?**

- 6.1 The financial implications of this report are dealt with in the report General Fund Budget Proposals 2026/27 also included on this agenda.

## 7. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

## 7.1

| Current Risk                                                                                                 | Actions to reduce the risks                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Not performing the calculations correctly and therefore issuing Council Tax demands to residents incorrectly | All precept amounts are formally notified to the Council by each authority or Parish.<br>Meticulous calculations and independent checks are made to ensure accuracy |
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## 8. Other options considered

- 8.1 None – the setting of the Council Tax Requirement is a statutory requirement, and changes to Council Tax Support and discretionary liability must be approved by Full Council.

## 9. Appendix

- 9.1 Appendix A – Comparison of Band D Tax by Parish
- 9.2 Appendix B – Total Council Tax Amounts by Band 2026/27
- 9.3 Appendix C – Draft Resolution

## 10. Background paper(s)

- 10.1 General Fund Budget Proposals 2026/27  
Council Tax Setting 2026/27 files held by Finance Services

## 11. Report author's contact details

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|--------|
| Appendix A                          |                                                                                    |           |          |          |      |                   |          |                     |        |
| Comparison of Band D Tax by Parish: |                                                                                    |           |          |          |      |                   |          | APPENDIX A          |        |
|                                     |                                                                                    | Total Tax |          | Increase |      | Parish Components |          | Increase/(Decrease) |        |
|                                     |                                                                                    | 2026/27   | 2025/26  | £        | %    | 2026/27           | 2025/26  | £                   | %      |
|                                     | Aston Flamville                                                                    | 2,339.29  | 2,263.17 | 76.12    | 3.36 | 0.00              | 0.00     | 0.00                | 0.00   |
|                                     | Blaby                                                                              | 2,546.15  | 2,470.88 | 75.27    | 3.05 | 206.86            | 207.71   | (0.85)              | (0.41) |
|                                     | Braunstone Town                                                                    | 2,577.30  | 2,493.49 | 83.81    | 3.36 | 238.01            | 230.32   | 7.69                | 3.34   |
|                                     | Cosby                                                                              | 2,503.53  | 2,412.49 | 91.04    | 3.77 | 164.24            | 149.32   | 14.92               | 9.99   |
|                                     | Countesthorpe                                                                      | 2,530.32  | 2,438.85 | 91.47    | 3.75 | 191.03            | 175.68   | 15.35               | 8.74   |
|                                     | Croft                                                                              | 2,582.98  | 2,454.30 | 128.68   | 5.24 | 243.69            | 191.13   | 52.56               | 27.50  |
|                                     | Elmesthorpe                                                                        | 2,383.48  | 2,305.57 | 77.91    | 3.38 | 44.19             | 42.40    | 1.79                | 4.22   |
|                                     | Enderby                                                                            | 2,489.63  | 2,403.67 | 85.96    | 3.58 | 150.34            | 140.50   | 9.84                | 7.00   |
|                                     | Glenfield                                                                          | 2,452.38  | 2,373.17 | 79.21    | 3.34 | 113.09            | 110.00   | 3.09                | 2.81   |
|                                     | Glen Parva                                                                         | 2,496.84  | 2,416.29 | 80.55    | 3.33 | 157.55            | 153.12   | 4.43                | 2.89   |
|                                     | Huncote                                                                            | 2,500.35  | 2,409.59 | 90.76    | 3.77 | 161.06            | 146.42   | 14.64               | 10.00  |
|                                     | Kilby                                                                              | 2,420.69  | 2,340.47 | 80.22    | 3.43 | 81.40             | 77.30    | 4.10                | 5.30   |
|                                     | Kirby Muxloe                                                                       | 2,457.24  | 2,375.51 | 81.73    | 3.44 | 117.95            | 112.34   | 5.61                | 4.99   |
|                                     | Leicester Forest East                                                              | 2,419.81  | 2,340.73 | 79.08    | 3.38 | 80.52             | 77.56    | 2.96                | 3.82   |
|                                     | Leicester Forest West                                                              | 2,339.29  | 2,263.17 | 76.12    | 3.36 | 0.00              | 0.00     | 0.00                | 0.00   |
|                                     | Lubbesthorpe                                                                       | 2,391.42  | 2,319.27 | 72.15    | 3.11 | 52.13             | 56.10    | (3.97)              | (7.08) |
|                                     | Narborough                                                                         | 2,493.31  | 2,405.82 | 87.49    | 3.64 | 154.02            | 142.65   | 11.37               | 7.97   |
|                                     | Potters Marston                                                                    | 2,339.29  | 2,263.17 | 76.12    | 3.36 | 0.00              | 0.00     | 0.00                | 0.00   |
|                                     | Sapcote                                                                            | 2,490.14  | 2,389.15 | 100.99   | 4.23 | 150.85            | 125.98   | 24.87               | 19.74  |
|                                     | Sharnford                                                                          | 2,443.39  | 2,364.76 | 78.63    | 3.33 | 104.10            | 101.59   | 2.51                | 2.47   |
|                                     | Stoney Stanton                                                                     | 2,439.78  | 2,359.82 | 79.96    | 3.39 | 100.49            | 96.65    | 3.84                | 3.97   |
|                                     | Thurlaston                                                                         | 2,459.29  | 2,378.56 | 80.73    | 3.39 | 120.00            | 115.39   | 4.61                | 4.00   |
|                                     | Whetstone                                                                          | 2,456.81  | 2,376.61 | 80.20    | 3.37 | 117.52            | 113.44   | 4.08                | 3.60   |
|                                     | Wigston Parva                                                                      | 2,339.29  | 2,263.17 | 76.12    | 3.36 | 0.00              | 0.00     | 0.00                | 0.00   |
|                                     | Parish Average                                                                     | 2,490.22  | 2,406.77 | 83.45    | 3.47 | 150.93            | 143.60   | 7.33                | 5.10   |
|                                     | Blaby District Council                                                             |           |          |          |      | 200.62            | 194.79   | 5.83                | 2.99   |
|                                     | the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Leicestershire            |           |          |          |      | 315.23            | 300.23   | 15.00               | 5.00   |
|                                     | Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority                        |           |          |          |      | 91.65             | 86.65    | 5.00                | 5.77   |
|                                     | Leicestershire County Council - includes an element for Adult Social Care Services |           |          |          |      | 1,731.79          | 1,681.50 | 50.29               | 2.99   |

| APPENDIX B                                |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total Council Tax Amounts By Band 2026/27 |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Parish                                    | Precept   | A        | B        | C        | D        | E        | F        | G        | H        |
| Aston Flamville                           | 0         | 1,559.53 | 1,819.45 | 2,079.37 | 2,339.29 | 2,859.13 | 3,378.96 | 3,898.80 | 4,678.58 |
| Blaby                                     | 456,881   | 1,697.44 | 1,980.34 | 2,263.25 | 2,546.15 | 3,111.96 | 3,677.76 | 4,243.57 | 5,092.30 |
| Braunstone Town                           | 1,167,526 | 1,718.20 | 2,004.57 | 2,290.93 | 2,577.30 | 3,150.03 | 3,722.75 | 4,295.48 | 5,154.60 |
| Cosby                                     | 193,507   | 1,669.02 | 1,947.19 | 2,225.36 | 2,503.53 | 3,059.87 | 3,616.19 | 4,172.53 | 5,007.06 |
| Countesthorpe                             | 497,618   | 1,686.88 | 1,968.03 | 2,249.17 | 2,530.32 | 3,092.61 | 3,654.89 | 4,217.18 | 5,060.64 |
| Croft                                     | 137,566   | 1,721.99 | 2,008.99 | 2,295.98 | 2,582.98 | 3,156.97 | 3,730.96 | 4,304.95 | 5,165.96 |
| Elmesthorpe                               | 13,640    | 1,588.99 | 1,853.82 | 2,118.65 | 2,383.48 | 2,913.14 | 3,442.79 | 3,972.45 | 4,766.96 |
| Enderby                                   | 293,790   | 1,659.75 | 1,936.38 | 2,213.00 | 2,489.63 | 3,042.87 | 3,596.11 | 4,149.36 | 4,979.26 |
| Glenfield                                 | 434,879   | 1,634.93 | 1,907.41 | 2,179.90 | 2,452.38 | 2,997.36 | 3,542.32 | 4,087.29 | 4,904.76 |
| Glen Parva                                | 295,420   | 1,664.57 | 1,941.99 | 2,219.42 | 2,496.84 | 3,051.70 | 3,606.54 | 4,161.39 | 4,993.68 |
| Huncote                                   | 103,247   | 1,666.91 | 1,944.72 | 2,222.54 | 2,500.35 | 3,055.99 | 3,611.61 | 4,167.24 | 5,000.70 |
| Kilby                                     | 10,545    | 1,613.80 | 1,882.76 | 2,151.73 | 2,420.69 | 2,958.62 | 3,496.54 | 4,034.47 | 4,841.38 |
| Kirby Muxloe                              | 243,490   | 1,638.16 | 1,911.19 | 2,184.22 | 2,457.24 | 3,003.29 | 3,549.33 | 4,095.39 | 4,914.48 |
| Leicester Forest East                     | 198,434   | 1,613.21 | 1,882.07 | 2,150.94 | 2,419.81 | 2,957.54 | 3,495.26 | 4,032.99 | 4,839.62 |
| Leicester Forest West                     | 0         | 1,559.53 | 1,819.45 | 2,079.37 | 2,339.29 | 2,859.13 | 3,378.96 | 3,898.80 | 4,678.58 |
| Lubbesthorpe                              | 60,000    | 1,594.28 | 1,860.00 | 2,125.71 | 2,391.42 | 2,922.84 | 3,454.26 | 3,985.68 | 4,782.84 |
| Narborough                                | 464,000   | 1,662.21 | 1,939.24 | 2,216.28 | 2,493.31 | 3,047.38 | 3,601.43 | 4,155.50 | 4,986.62 |
| Potters Marston                           | 0         | 1,559.53 | 1,819.45 | 2,079.37 | 2,339.29 | 2,859.13 | 3,378.96 | 3,898.80 | 4,678.58 |
| Sapcote                                   | 189,582   | 1,660.09 | 1,936.77 | 2,213.46 | 2,490.14 | 3,043.50 | 3,596.85 | 4,150.21 | 4,980.28 |
| Sharnford                                 | 41,280    | 1,628.93 | 1,900.42 | 2,171.91 | 2,443.39 | 2,986.37 | 3,529.33 | 4,072.31 | 4,886.78 |
| Stoney Stanton                            | 148,839   | 1,626.53 | 1,897.61 | 2,168.70 | 2,439.78 | 2,981.95 | 3,524.12 | 4,066.29 | 4,879.56 |
| Thurlaston                                | 34,751    | 1,639.53 | 1,912.78 | 2,186.03 | 2,459.29 | 3,005.79 | 3,552.29 | 4,098.79 | 4,918.58 |
| Whetstone                                 | 286,524   | 1,637.88 | 1,910.86 | 2,183.83 | 2,456.81 | 3,002.77 | 3,548.71 | 4,094.67 | 4,913.62 |
| Wigston Parva                             | 0         | 1,559.53 | 1,819.45 | 2,079.37 | 2,339.29 | 2,859.13 | 3,378.96 | 3,898.80 | 4,678.58 |
|                                           | 5,271,519 |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |

**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**COUNCIL TAX 2026/27**

The Council is recommended to resolve as follows:

1. That it be noted that on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base for 2026/27.
  - (a) for the whole district as 34,926.50 [Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act), as amended by the Localism Act 2011; and
  - (b) for dwellings in those parts of its district to which a Parish precept relates as listed below:

| <b>Parish of:</b>     | <b>Band D<br/>Equivalent<br/>Properties</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Aston Flamville       | 109.18                                      |
| Blaby                 | 2,208.62                                    |
| Braunstone Town       | 4,905.42                                    |
| Cosby                 | 1,178.20                                    |
| Countesthorpe         | 2,604.93                                    |
| Croft                 | 564.51                                      |
| Elmesthorpe           | 308.67                                      |
| Enderby               | 1,954.23                                    |
| Glenfield             | 3,845.26                                    |
| Glen Parva            | 1,875.04                                    |
| Huncote               | 641.03                                      |
| Kilby                 | 129.54                                      |
| Kirby Muxloe          | 2,064.32                                    |
| Leicester Forest East | 2,464.51                                    |
| Leicester Forest West | 15.92                                       |
| Lubbesthorpe          | 1,150.96                                    |
| Narborough            | 3,012.61                                    |
| Potters Marston       | 13.34                                       |
| Sapcote               | 1,256.79                                    |
| Sharnford             | 396.53                                      |
| Stoney Stanton        | 1,481.09                                    |
| Thurlaston            | 289.60                                      |
| Whetstone             | 2,438.06                                    |
| Wigston Parva         | 18.14                                       |

2. Calculate that the Council Tax Requirement for the Council's own purposes for 2026/27 (excluding Parish precepts) is £7,006,913.
3. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2026/27 in accordance with new Sections 31 to 36 of the Act:
  - (a) £48,024,635 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils (**i.e., gross expenditure including parish precepts**).
  - (b) £35,746,203 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act (**i.e., gross income including government grants**).
  - (c) £12,278,432 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate of 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act) (**i.e., Council Tax Requirement including parish precepts**).
  - (d) £351,5506 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R) divided by the amount at 1(a) above (Item T), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (**i.e., average Band D Council Tax including parish precepts**).
  - (e) £5,271,519 being the aggregate amount of all special items (Parish precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (**i.e., Parish Council precepts**).
  - (f) £200.6188 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its areas to which no special item relates (**i.e., District Council Band D Council Tax**).

(g) Basic Amount of Council Tax by Parish 2026/27 (£)

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Aston Flamville       | 200.6188 |
| Blaby                 | 407.4815 |
| Braunstone Town       | 438.6261 |
| Cosby                 | 364.8583 |
| Countesthorpe         | 391.6481 |
| Croft                 | 444.3098 |
| Elmesthorpe           | 244.8084 |
| Enderby               | 350.9542 |
| Glenfield             | 313.7136 |
| Glen Parva            | 358.1728 |
| Huncote               | 361.6830 |
| Kilby                 | 282.0222 |
| Kirby Muxloe          | 318.5705 |
| Leicester Forest East | 281.1354 |
| Leicester Forest West | 200.6188 |
| Lubbesthorpe          | 252.7492 |
| Narborough            | 354.6381 |
| Potters Marston       | 200.6188 |
| Sapcote               | 351.4650 |
| Sharnford             | 304.7219 |
| Stoney Stanton        | 301.1117 |
| Thurlaston            | 320.6153 |
| Whetstone             | 318.1401 |
| Wigston Parva         | 200.6188 |

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2(f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

(h) Calculation of Basic Amounts of Council Tax by parish for Different Valuation Bands

The amounts shown in Table A attached being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2(g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4. That it be noted for the year 2026/27 the major precepting authorities have issued precepts to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table below: -

| <u>Precepting Authority</u>                                  | <u>Valuation Bands (£)</u> |            |   |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Leicestershire County Council                                | A                          | 1,154.5255 | E | 2,116.6301 |
|                                                              | B                          | 1,346.9465 | F | 2,501.4720 |
|                                                              | C                          | 1,539.3674 | G | 2,886.3138 |
|                                                              | D                          | 1,731.7883 | H | 3,463.5766 |
| Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire | A                          | 210.1535   | E | 385.2814   |
|                                                              | B                          | 245.1790   | F | 455.3325   |
|                                                              | C                          | 280.2046   | G | 525.3837   |
|                                                              | D                          | 315.2302   | H | 630.4604   |
| Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority  | A                          | 61.1019    | E | 112.0201   |
|                                                              | B                          | 71.2855    | F | 132.3874   |
|                                                              | C                          | 81.4692    | G | 152.7547   |
|                                                              | D                          | 91.6528    | H | 183.3056   |

5. That the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2024/25 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwelling shown in Table B attached.
6. Determines that the Council's basic amount of Council Tax for 2026/27 is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

|         |                                              |          |          |          |          |          |          |                      |          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|----------|
| Table A |                                              |          |          |          |          |          |          | Appendix C - Table A |          |
|         | District Council Tax Amounts By Band 2026/27 |          |          |          |          |          |          |                      |          |
|         |                                              | A        | B        | C        | D        | E        | F        | G                    | H        |
|         | Aston Flamville                              | 133.7459 | 156.0368 | 178.3278 | 200.6188 | 245.2008 | 289.7827 | 334.3647             | 401.2376 |
|         | Blaby                                        | 271.6544 | 316.9300 | 362.2058 | 407.4815 | 498.0330 | 588.5844 | 679.1359             | 814.9630 |
|         | Braunstone Town                              | 292.4174 | 341.1536 | 389.8898 | 438.6261 | 536.0986 | 633.5710 | 731.0435             | 877.2522 |
|         | Cosby                                        | 243.2389 | 283.7786 | 324.3185 | 364.8583 | 445.9380 | 527.0175 | 608.0972             | 729.7166 |
|         | Countesthorpe                                | 261.0988 | 304.6151 | 348.1316 | 391.6481 | 478.6811 | 565.7139 | 652.7469             | 783.2962 |
|         | Croft                                        | 296.2066 | 345.5742 | 394.9420 | 444.3098 | 543.0454 | 641.7808 | 740.5164             | 888.6196 |
|         | Elmesthorpe                                  | 163.2056 | 190.4065 | 217.6074 | 244.8084 | 299.2103 | 353.6121 | 408.0140             | 489.6168 |
|         | Enderby                                      | 233.9695 | 272.9643 | 311.9593 | 350.9542 | 428.9441 | 506.9338 | 584.9237             | 701.9084 |
|         | Glenfield                                    | 209.1424 | 243.9994 | 278.8565 | 313.7136 | 383.4278 | 453.1419 | 522.8560             | 627.4272 |
|         | Glen Parva                                   | 238.7819 | 278.5788 | 318.3758 | 358.1728 | 437.7668 | 517.3607 | 596.9547             | 716.3456 |
|         | Huncote                                      | 241.1220 | 281.3090 | 321.4960 | 361.6830 | 442.0570 | 522.4310 | 602.8050             | 723.3660 |
|         | Kilby                                        | 188.0148 | 219.3506 | 250.6864 | 282.0222 | 344.6938 | 407.3654 | 470.0370             | 564.0444 |
|         | Kirby Muxloe                                 | 212.3804 | 247.7770 | 283.1738 | 318.5705 | 389.3640 | 460.1574 | 530.9509             | 637.1410 |
|         | Leicester Forest East                        | 187.4236 | 218.6608 | 249.8981 | 281.1354 | 343.6100 | 406.0845 | 468.5590             | 562.2708 |
|         | Leicester Forest West                        | 133.7459 | 156.0368 | 178.3278 | 200.6188 | 245.2008 | 289.7827 | 334.3647             | 401.2376 |
|         | Lubbesthorpe                                 | 168.4995 | 196.5827 | 224.6659 | 252.7492 | 308.9157 | 365.0822 | 421.2487             | 505.4984 |
|         | Narborough                                   | 236.4254 | 275.8296 | 315.2338 | 354.6381 | 433.4466 | 512.2550 | 591.0635             | 709.2762 |
|         | Potters Marston                              | 133.7459 | 156.0368 | 178.3278 | 200.6188 | 245.2008 | 289.7827 | 334.3647             | 401.2376 |
|         | Sapcote                                      | 234.3100 | 273.3616 | 312.4133 | 351.4650 | 429.5684 | 507.6717 | 585.7750             | 702.9300 |
|         | Sharnford                                    | 203.1480 | 237.0059 | 270.8639 | 304.7219 | 372.4379 | 440.1538 | 507.8699             | 609.4438 |
|         | Stoney Stanton                               | 200.7412 | 234.1979 | 267.6548 | 301.1117 | 368.0255 | 434.9391 | 501.8529             | 602.2234 |
|         | Thurlaston                                   | 213.7436 | 249.3674 | 284.9914 | 320.6153 | 391.8632 | 463.1110 | 534.3589             | 641.2306 |
|         | Whetstone                                    | 212.0934 | 247.4423 | 282.7912 | 318.1401 | 388.8379 | 459.5357 | 530.2335             | 636.2802 |
|         | Wigston Parva                                | 133.7459 | 156.0368 | 178.3278 | 200.6188 | 245.2008 | 289.7827 | 334.3647             | 401.2376 |
|         |                                              |          |          |          |          |          |          |                      |          |

|                |                                                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                             |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Table B</b> |                                                  |          |          |          |          |          |          |          | <b>Appendix C - Table B</b> |
|                | <b>Total Council Tax Amounts By Band 2026/27</b> |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |                             |
|                |                                                  | <b>A</b> | <b>B</b> | <b>C</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>G</b> | <b>H</b>                    |
|                | Aston Flamville                                  | 1,559.53 | 1,819.45 | 2,079.37 | 2,339.29 | 2,859.13 | 3,378.96 | 3,898.80 | 4,678.58                    |
|                | Blaby                                            | 1,697.44 | 1,980.34 | 2,263.25 | 2,546.15 | 3,111.96 | 3,677.76 | 4,243.57 | 5,092.30                    |
|                | Braunstone Town                                  | 1,718.20 | 2,004.57 | 2,290.93 | 2,577.30 | 3,150.03 | 3,722.75 | 4,295.48 | 5,154.60                    |
|                | Cosby                                            | 1,669.02 | 1,947.19 | 2,225.36 | 2,503.53 | 3,059.87 | 3,616.19 | 4,172.53 | 5,007.06                    |
|                | Countesthorpe                                    | 1,686.88 | 1,968.03 | 2,249.17 | 2,530.32 | 3,092.61 | 3,654.89 | 4,217.18 | 5,060.64                    |
|                | Croft                                            | 1,721.99 | 2,008.99 | 2,295.98 | 2,582.98 | 3,156.97 | 3,730.96 | 4,304.95 | 5,165.96                    |
|                | Elmesthorpe                                      | 1,588.99 | 1,853.82 | 2,118.65 | 2,383.48 | 2,913.14 | 3,442.79 | 3,972.45 | 4,766.96                    |
|                | Enderby                                          | 1,659.75 | 1,936.38 | 2,213.00 | 2,489.63 | 3,042.87 | 3,596.11 | 4,149.36 | 4,979.26                    |
|                | Glenfield                                        | 1,634.93 | 1,907.41 | 2,179.90 | 2,452.38 | 2,997.36 | 3,542.32 | 4,087.29 | 4,904.76                    |
|                | Glen Parva                                       | 1,664.57 | 1,941.99 | 2,219.42 | 2,496.84 | 3,051.70 | 3,606.54 | 4,161.39 | 4,993.68                    |
|                | Huncote                                          | 1,666.91 | 1,944.72 | 2,222.54 | 2,500.35 | 3,055.99 | 3,611.61 | 4,167.24 | 5,000.70                    |
|                | Kilby                                            | 1,613.80 | 1,882.76 | 2,151.73 | 2,420.69 | 2,958.62 | 3,496.54 | 4,034.47 | 4,841.38                    |
|                | Kirby Muxloe                                     | 1,638.16 | 1,911.19 | 2,184.22 | 2,457.24 | 3,003.29 | 3,549.33 | 4,095.39 | 4,914.48                    |
|                | Leicester Forest East                            | 1,613.21 | 1,882.07 | 2,150.94 | 2,419.81 | 2,957.54 | 3,495.26 | 4,032.99 | 4,839.62                    |
|                | Leicester Forest West                            | 1,559.53 | 1,819.45 | 2,079.37 | 2,339.29 | 2,859.13 | 3,378.96 | 3,898.80 | 4,678.58                    |
|                | Lubbesthorpe                                     | 1,594.28 | 1,860.00 | 2,125.71 | 2,391.42 | 2,922.84 | 3,454.26 | 3,985.68 | 4,782.84                    |
|                | Narborough                                       | 1,662.21 | 1,939.24 | 2,216.28 | 2,493.31 | 3,047.38 | 3,601.43 | 4,155.50 | 4,986.62                    |
|                | Potters Marston                                  | 1,559.53 | 1,819.45 | 2,079.37 | 2,339.29 | 2,859.13 | 3,378.96 | 3,898.80 | 4,678.58                    |
|                | Sapcote                                          | 1,660.09 | 1,936.77 | 2,213.46 | 2,490.14 | 3,043.50 | 3,596.85 | 4,150.21 | 4,980.28                    |
|                | Sharnford                                        | 1,628.93 | 1,900.42 | 2,171.91 | 2,443.39 | 2,986.37 | 3,529.33 | 4,072.31 | 4,886.78                    |
|                | Stoney Stanton                                   | 1,626.53 | 1,897.61 | 2,168.70 | 2,439.78 | 2,981.95 | 3,524.12 | 4,066.29 | 4,879.56                    |
|                | Thurlaston                                       | 1,639.53 | 1,912.78 | 2,186.03 | 2,459.29 | 3,005.79 | 3,552.29 | 4,098.79 | 4,918.58                    |
|                | Whetstone                                        | 1,637.88 | 1,910.86 | 2,183.83 | 2,456.81 | 3,002.77 | 3,548.71 | 4,094.67 | 4,913.62                    |
|                | Wigston Parva                                    | 1,559.53 | 1,819.45 | 2,079.37 | 2,339.29 | 2,859.13 | 3,378.96 | 3,898.80 | 4,678.58                    |

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# Appendix D

## Budget 2026-27 Consultation Results

February 2026

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# 1. Executive Summary

## Introduction

Each year we run a public consultation on our budget proposals, including any potential rise in Council Tax. The Budget Consultation for fiscal year 2026-27 took place between Tuesday 20 January and Monday 16 February 2026. The annual public consultation sought to gain views on service priorities and appetite for any Council Tax changes ahead of the budget-setting Full Council meeting on Tuesday 24 February.

## Responses

The consultation was conducted exclusively online and received **366 responses**. Based on an estimated population of 103,300, this represents approximately 0.35% of the community. Sample size calculations indicate that 272 responses would be sufficient to achieve 90% confidence, with a 5% margin of error, meaning the consultation exceeded the threshold required for results to be considered broadly representative. However, the total fell slightly short of the 383 responses needed to reach a 95% confidence level.

# 2. Consultation methodology and responses

The consultation was created in SurveyMonkey and hosted online exclusively. It was promoted to:

- Residents of Blaby District
- Elected Members
- Parish Councils
- Local Media

## Communications reach

**Press release:** A new release was published on the website to coincide with the survey going live on Monday 20 January, and also sent out to the usual external media contacts and usual news release distribution list.

**Social media:** It was publicised on Facebook social media:

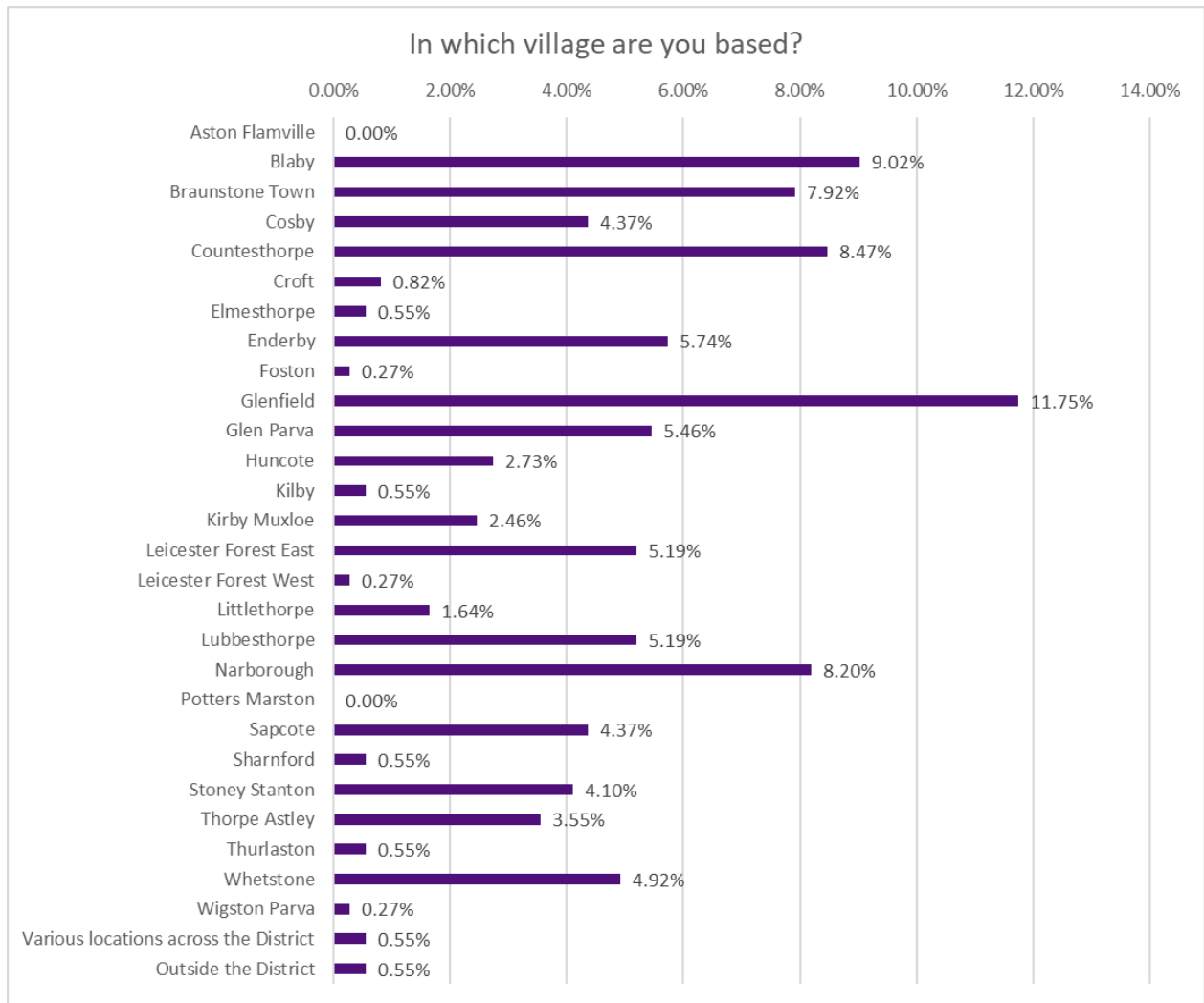
- 21 Jan (3 interactions)
- 27 Jan – with a video of Cllr Cheryl Cashmore (62 interactions and 6.6k views)
- 3 Feb (19 interactions)
- 12 Feb (two interactions).

**eNewsletters:** Two articles on the consultation with links to the online survey were also included in the General eNewsletters

- 23 Jan - overall opens 3,126 and 381 clicks on the survey link – 24% of clicks.
- 6 Feb - overall opens 4,630 and 51 clicks on the survey link – 4% of clicks.

Note: Apple iPhone users may not be included in the stats due to privacy changes

Responses were received from all villages in the District apart from the hamlets of Potters Marston and Aston Flamville, with Glenfield (43 responses), Blaby (33) and Narborough (30) the most represented.

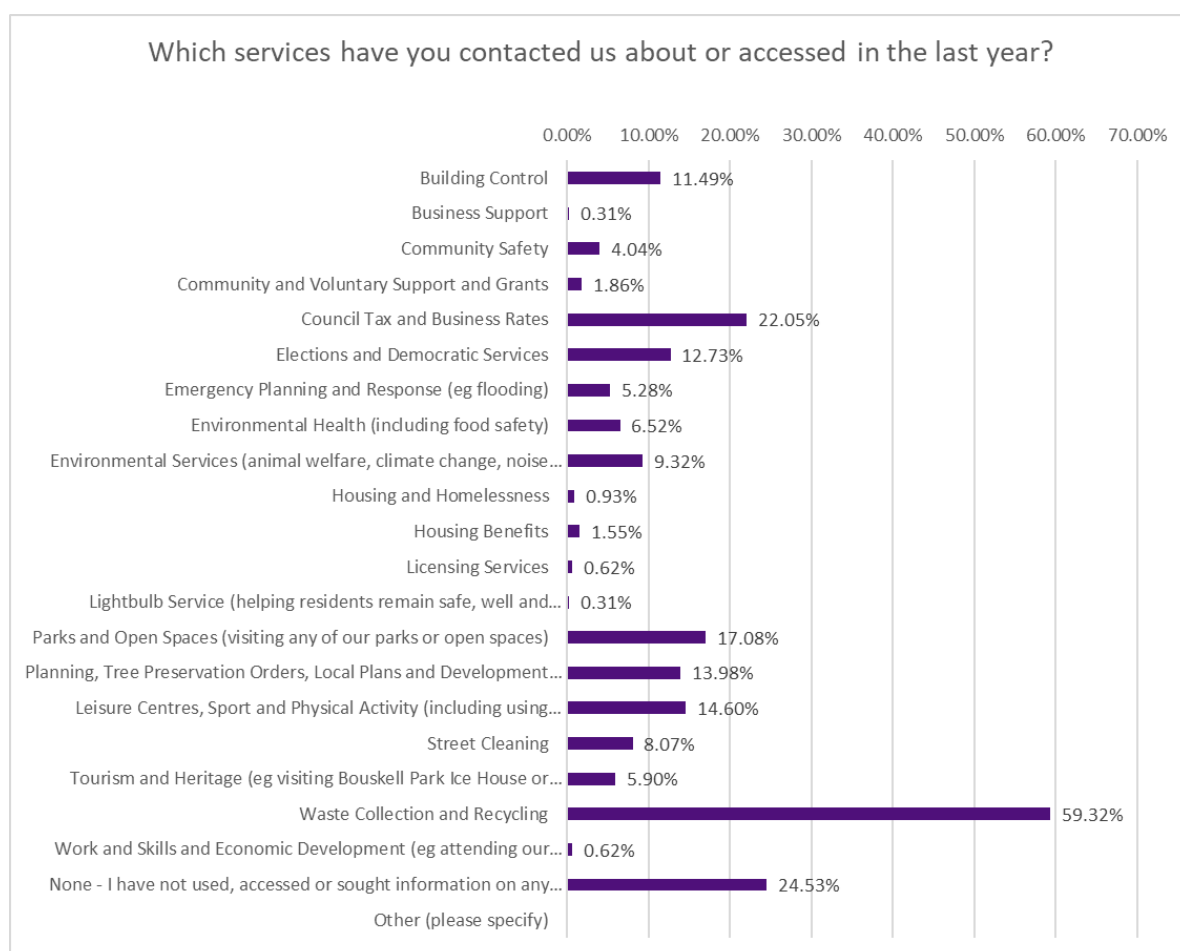


### 3. Contacting the Council

**Question: Which services have you contacted us about or accessed in the last year? Including checking information on our website.**

Residents reported a variety of services accessed with waste collection and recycling being the most popular – 26.83% (191 out of 712 total choices)

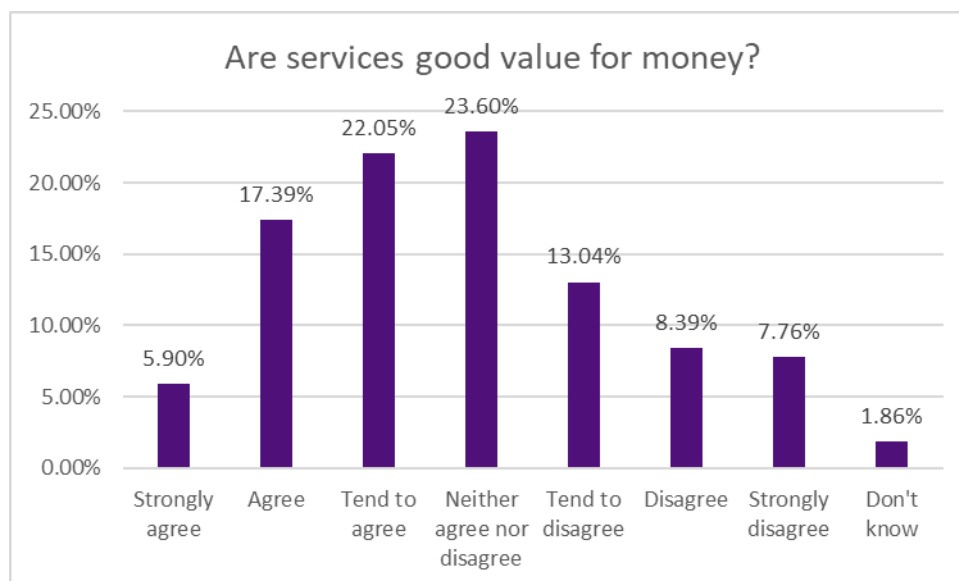
Surprisingly 11.10% of respondents indicated they had not used any Council services in the past year.



## 4. Are services good value for money

**Question: To what extent do you agree or disagree that services provided by Blaby District Council are 'good value for money'?**

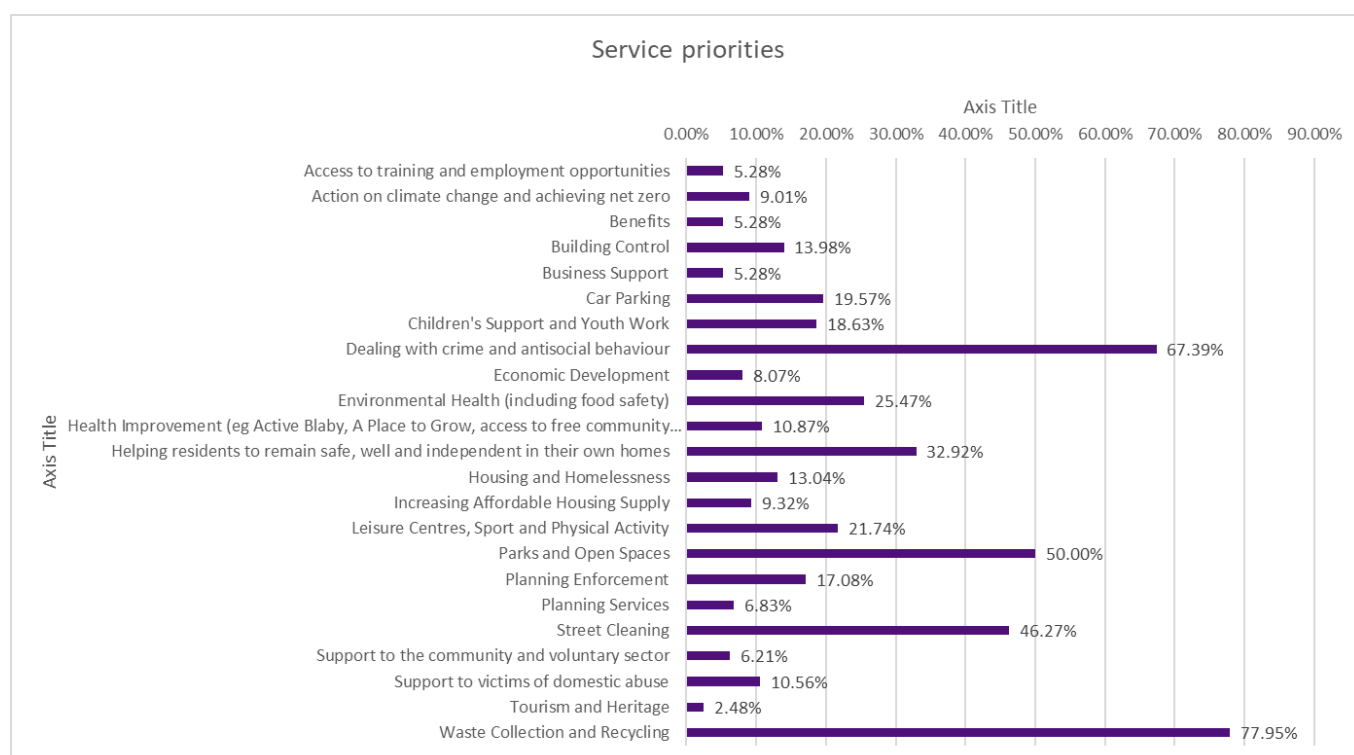
Overall there was a consensus that Council services are value for money with almost half (45%) of respondents agreeing, while almost a quarter (23.6%) being neutral.



## 5. Which services do you consider to be a priority

**Question: The Council provides numerous services which are getting more expensive to run each year. Which of these services do you consider to be a priority when share funds across the whole of the Council? Please choose five priority services.**

We asked people to pick their five priority services. Waste collection and recycling and dealing with crime and antisocial behaviour were clearly the top two priorities with parks and open spaces, street cleaning and helping residents remain safe, well and independent in their own homes also gathering strong support.

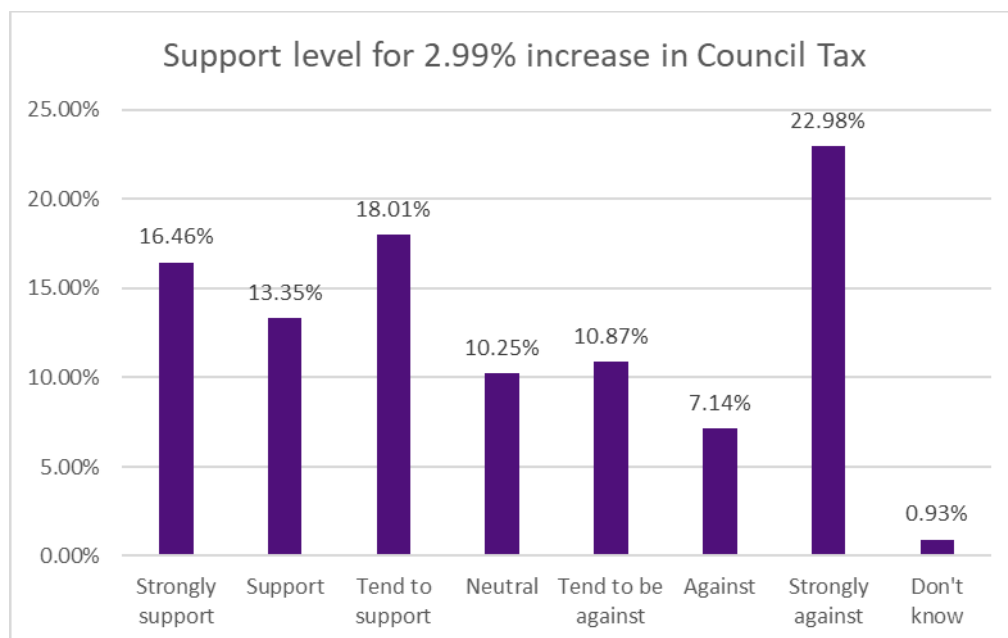


## 6. Do you support an increase in Council Tax

**Question: The Council is required to set a balanced budget each year. In order to continue to maintain the levels of services currently provided, additional funds are required. One way of doing this is to increase Council Tax by 2.99% which equates to an extra £5.82 a year for the average Band D property. To what extent do you support this?**

While a significant number of respondents (22.98%) were strongly opposed to a 2.99% increase in Council Tax there was general support for the rise.

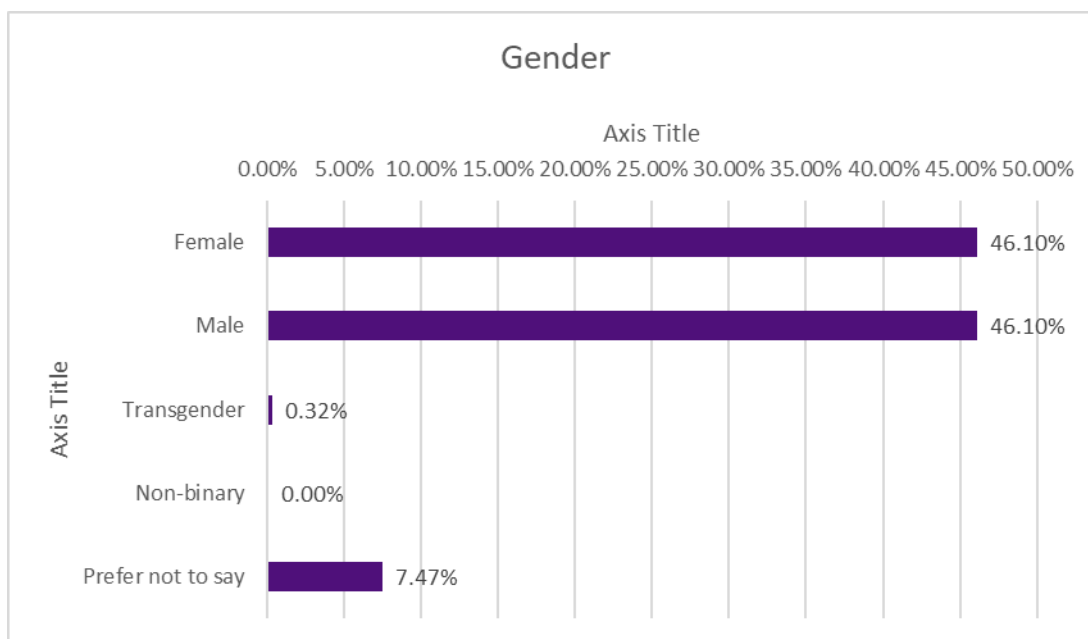
Those who replied in support of the increase amounted to 47.82% of respondents while those against were 40.99%.



## Appendix 1: Demographic breakdown

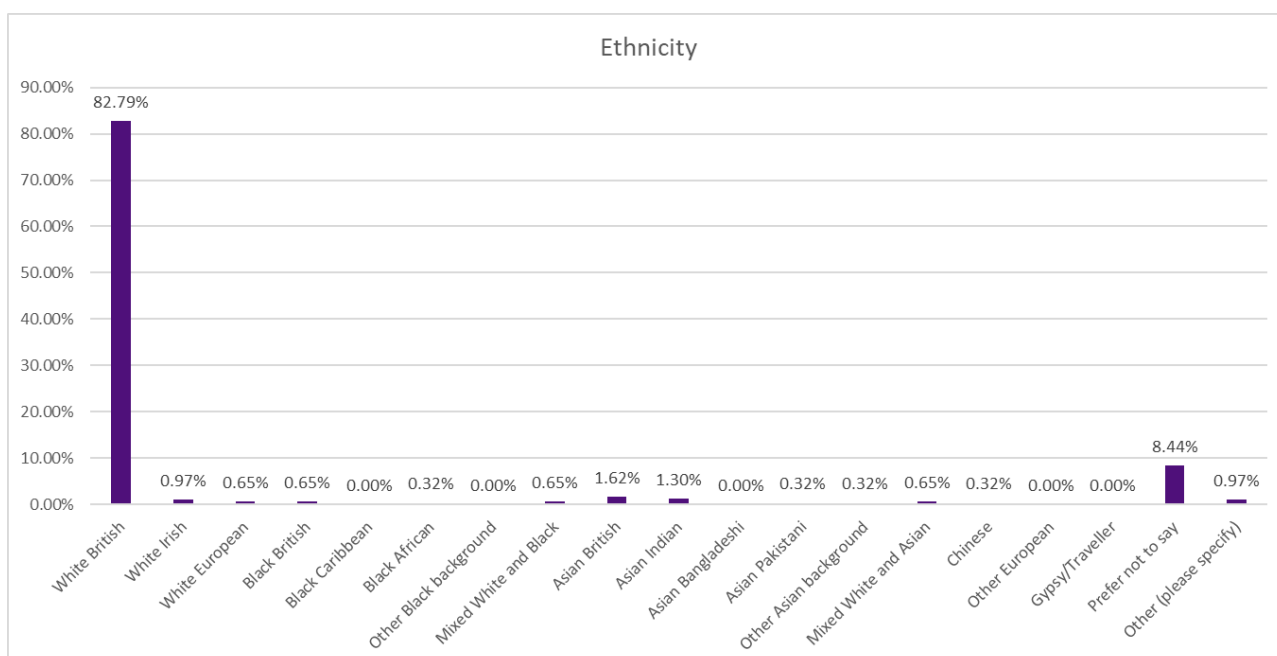
### Gender

There was an equal split between male and female with 7.47% preferring not to say and 0.32% saying they were transgender.



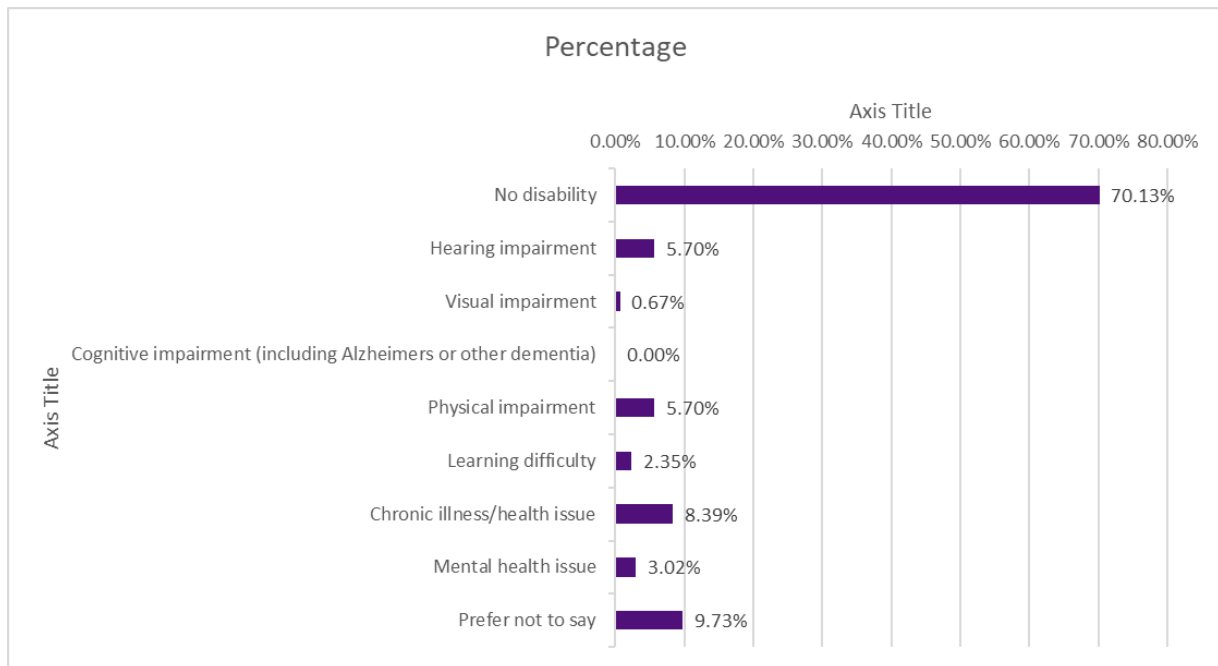
## Ethnicity

The vast majority of respondents were White British (82.79%) with 8.44% preferring not to say. This correlates to the ethnic make-up of the District. In the 2021 census data 86.2% of residents identified as White.



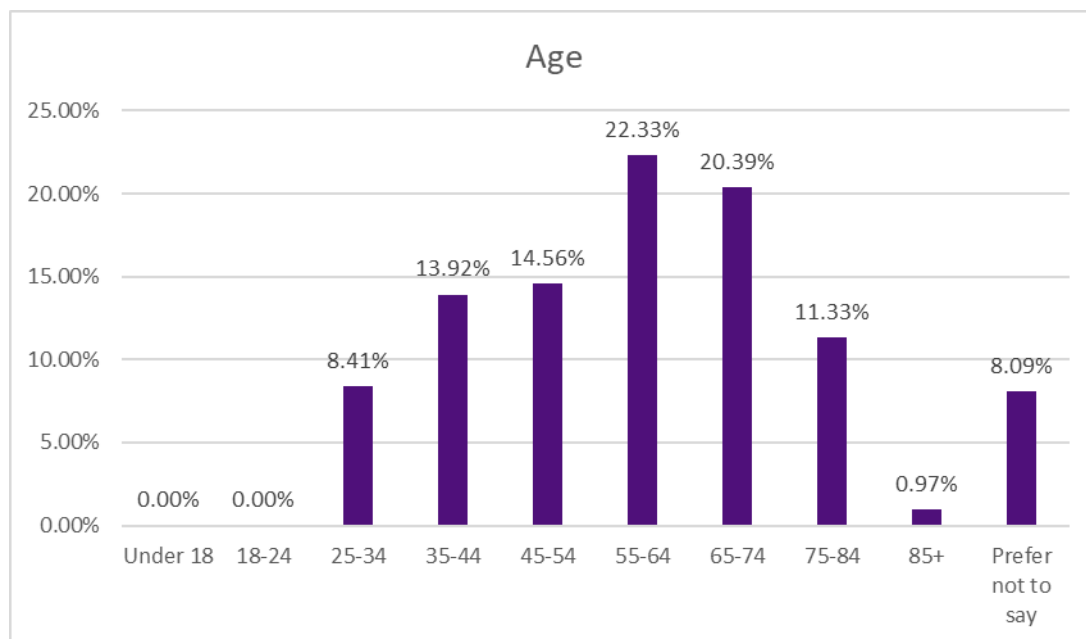
## Disability

The vast majority of people (70.13%) cited having no disability. Chronic health issue (8.39%), hearing impairment (5.70%) and physical impairment (5.70%) were the most cited disabilities.



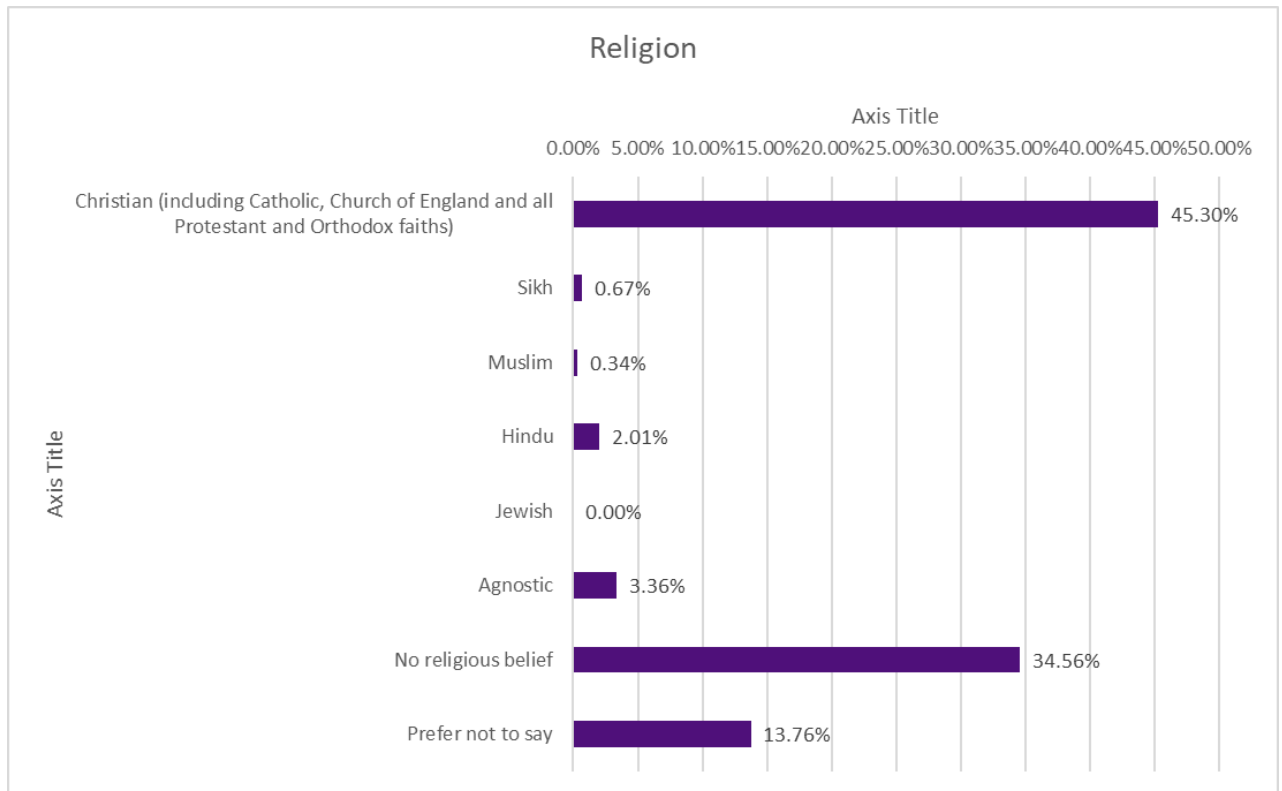
## Age

More than half (55.02%) of respondents were over 55 while almost a third (28.48%) were aged 35 to 55. There were no respondents under 24. This broadly reflects the age of population regularly engaging with Council services.



## Religion

Almost half of respondents (45.3%) said they were of the Christian faith but there was also a significant number (34.56%) who cited they had no religious belief and 13.76 preferred not to say, the highest percentage in the demographic questions.



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