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To: All Parish Councils / Parish Meetings

### Budget Consultation for 2017

West Lindsey District Council would like to offer you the opportunity to have your say on how you think the Council should spend its budget for 2018 to 2019.

As you will no doubt be aware, times are challenging for local government. With reduced budgets from central government it is critical that we direct our resources in a way that benefits our residents and meets their needs and priorities.

The Council will shortly be setting the council tax for 2018/19 and, as part of this process, we want to keep businesses and residents of West Lindsey informed on this issue. We would therefore like to invite you to take part in an event of which you will have a chance to understand the current situation and to give your views on how this affects your community.

As always, it is important that we hear from all members of the community, so we hope that you can spare about 2 hours of your time to attend this event. You do not need any specific knowledge of the Council to take part although if you wish to look at our budgets there is information on our website under [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/budgetconsultation](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/budgetconsultation). These events are open to all residents of West Lindsey so please feel free to pass this onto any resident you feel might be interested.

The event will take place in a friendly group atmosphere on the following times and venues:

Date	Location	Time
11 September 2017	Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre 28 Plough Hill Caistor LN7 6LZ	6-8pm
14 September 2017	Council Chamber WLDC Marshalls Yard Gainsborough	6-8pm



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19 September 2017	Old School Hall Mill Hill Nettleham LN2 2PE	2-4pm

If you are not able to attend one of our events you can also take part by completing the online budget allocator. The online budget allocator is a tool that we are using at both the events and for those who cannot attend to gather your views on the level of council tax, the budget for our services and how to spend the New Homes Bonus. This can be found at <http://westlindsey.budgetallocator.com>. Further supporting information can be found at [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/budgetconsultation](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/budgetconsultation).

I very much hope you will be able to take part and feel sure that you will find it interesting. If you have any questions or queries please contact Katy Allen on [katy.allen@west-lindsey.gov.uk](mailto:katy.allen@west-lindsey.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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