



Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

Non-confidential

Business Rate Splitting and Support

Report to: Full Council

Report by: Clerk

Power/duty which decision falls under:

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 S19

Which council objective(s) it falls under:

- Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities
- Improve the well-being of residents
- To foster public participation and engagement

Public Sector Equality Duty

Consider how policies/decisions affect those protected under the Equality Act)

Covering business rates supports the continued operation of local recreational clubs, which are open to all members of the community. There is no disproportionate negative impact anticipated on any group protected under the Equality Act. Positive impact may include increased access to recreational activities for groups who may otherwise face barriers to participation, including children, older people, and those with disabilities.

Duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity

Supporting the bowls and tennis clubs does not directly involve land management changes; however, maintenance of club grounds may contribute to local green space.

Potential positive impact if clubs maintain hedgerows, grass areas, and planting schemes that support local biodiversity.

Consideration on carbon reduction:

- Financial support for local clubs may indirectly reduce carbon emissions compared with residents seeking alternative facilities further afield.
- Maintenance of grounds may involve minor emissions from mowing, but overall impact is small.

Does the report consider any new activity? If 'Yes', has a risk assessment, including risk management proposals, been included for consideration and adoption by the council?

(Financial Regulation 17b)

No.

REPORT

1. Background

On 26 March 2026, confirmation was received from the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) regarding the backdating of the business rates splitting date for Saxilby Bowls Club and Saxilby Tennis Club to 15 April 2025. Following this, the Council contacted West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) on 27 March 2026 to request updated business rates and clarification concerning potential overpayment of the 2025/26 rates for the council.

2. Current Status

- Updated rates are pending from WLDC.
- Clarification has been sought regarding any overpayment for 2025/26 following the VOA's backdating decision.

3. Proposed Council Position

Should the clubs not qualify for any business rates relief, the Council proposes to cover the 2025/26 business rates for both Saxilby Bowls Club and Saxilby Tennis Club. This approach is justified on the following grounds:

- The Council had already budgeted for the full business rates while the review process was ongoing, no unplanned financial impact on the council
- Covering the rates ensures no disproportionate financial impact falls on these local clubs.
- This action aligns with the Council's strategic objectives to:
 - Maintain and improve community facilities and amenities.
 - Improve the well-being of residents.
 - Foster public participation and engagement.

4. Financial Implications

Estimated maximum costs for 2025/26, excluding any applicable rates relief, are as follows:

Club	Business Valuation (£)	Multiplier	Estimated Cost (£)
Saxilby Bowls Club	1,500	0.0499	673.5
Saxilby Tennis Club	464	0.0499	231.53

5. RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. Request clubs submit business rates relief applications to WLDC and await the outcome.
2. If full relief is not granted, the Council will cover the 2025/26 business rates for both clubs up to 100% of the amount, as a one-off transition support contribution.
3. Record expenditure in line with the Council's commitment to supporting community recreation.