

Support for the future of policing



The 2017/18 budget will enable the Chief Constable to protect the public of Cheshire, protect front-line services and achieve the priorities of the Police & Crime Plan.

The previous Chancellor's commitment to 'maintain overall police force budgets at current cash levels' has been confirmed by the current Chancellor and remains dependent upon Commissioners increasing their local council tax precept by up to 2% in each year through to 2020. However, the Government has not honoured this commitment as the Provisional Grant Settlement for Cheshire is lower than implied in 2015.

During my consultation with residents and businesses across Cheshire, there was strong support for a small increase in local contributions to support your police service. By increasing the police share of council tax by 6p per week, an additional £1.16m will be raised to support policing in Cheshire. As a result, the 2017/18 budget for the Constabulary is £193 million.

However, the increase in the police share of council tax does not cover the cost of inflation, existing commitments and priority developments. These additional costs, together with the net change in funding, will be met through efficiencies and savings of £5.4 million. This will enable investments for the upcoming financial year to meet the priorities detailed within the Police & Crime Plan 2016-21, priorities that were developed with residents of Cheshire every step of the way.

Cheshire residents have my commitment that I will remain focused on ensuring that your police service delivers value for money and will be taking a leading role in scrutinising how your money is spent.



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Police & Crime Commissioner
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Priority developments

Investments for the forthcoming year will focus on ensuring that our police service is ready to meet current and future challenges in a robust and sustainable way. This will assist to meet the vision for a police service focused on community policing, putting victims first.

- New and cutting edge technology supporting officers to spend more time within their communities and enhance public contact
- Provision of a modern, fit for purpose estate connected with our communities, in partnership with others where appropriate
- Investment in improving the safety of Cheshire's roads

- Cyber-crime – including data investigation and training both within the Constabulary, via the website and in the community
- Management of sexual and violent offenders to protect victims and prevent re-offending
- Continuing funding for Non-Recent Sexual Abuse Team to support victims of such abuse and bring those responsible to justice
- Support to give the public a voice in policing in Cheshire
- Supporting specials and volunteers such as rural watch and many others who provide their free time to support the policing of Cheshire and serve their communities

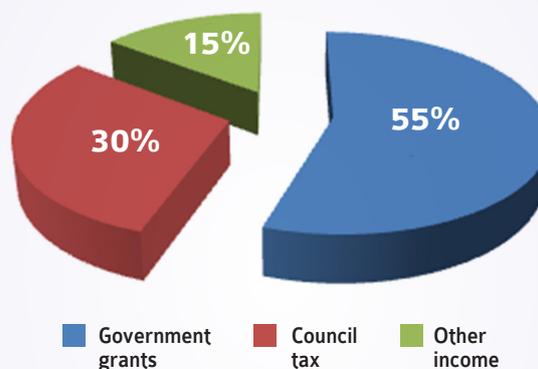
Council tax bands for policing

Government has stipulated that any increase in the precept above 2% in Cheshire would require a countywide referendum which would incur considerable costs of £1.2 million to the public purse and any reduction in the precept would result in cuts to local police funding. As Commissioner, that this is something I am not comfortable with. Therefore, alongside strong public support, I have agreed to a 1.99% increase in the policing precept.

2017/18 police precept by council tax band

Band	£	Band	£
A	109.63	E	200.98
B	127.90	F	237.52
C	146.17	G	274.07
D	164.44	H	328.88

Where does the funding come from?



Funding	£
Government grants	104,763,000
Council tax precept	60,147,000
Other income & specific grants	28,076,000
Total funding and income	192,986,000

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