



Policing Hertfordshire

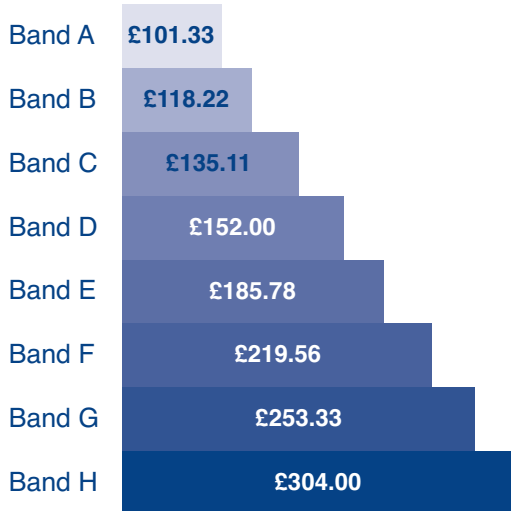
Your Council Tax 2017-18

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A breakdown of your 2017/18 Council Tax Policing Precept

Your Council Tax

This chart shows the police and crime precept of the Council Tax for properties in each valuation band for 2017/18 in Hertfordshire.



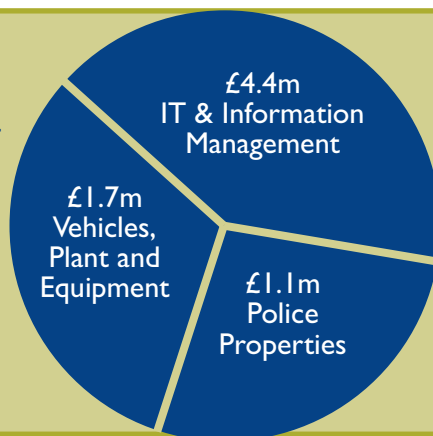
Where the money comes from	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m
Central Government Funding	118.0	116.5
Council Tax	63.0	66.3
Collection Fund	1.1	1.3
Net Budget	182.1	184.1
Fees and Charges	6.1	6.9
Other Government Grants	3.4	3.7
Partner Funding for PCSOs	0.7	0.7
Use of Reserves	7.6	6.8
Gross Budget	199.9	202.2

How it is spent	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m
Police Officers and Staff	165.2	166.6
Supplies, Contracted Services, Premises and Vehicles	30.7	30.7
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	1.0	1.6
PCC Commissioning	3.0	3.3
Total	199.9	202.2

Capital Spending

This chart shows our planned capital spending of £7.2 million in 2017/18.

This is funded by government grant and the accumulated receipts from the sale of surplus police properties.



How our budget has changed	£m
Net Budget 2016/17	182.1
Standstill Pressures	2.6
Investment	1.7
One-off Spending	-0.3
Savings	-2.2
Use of Reserves	0.8
One-Off Grants	-0.6
Net budget 2017/18	184.1

Contacting Hertfordshire Constabulary

Non-emergency number **101** Please use this number for general enquiries and to report a crime if there is no suspect nearby. If you have a calling plan that offers free 01 numbers, you can also reach Hertfordshire Constabulary on **01707 354000**.

Textphone: **01707 390990**

In an emergency, always dial 999.

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David Lloyd
Police and Crime Commissioner

Each year as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire, I have written to the public explaining how we spend the money raised from the Council Tax. For the last six years, I have not had to raise the police precept for Council Tax due to a well-developed efficiency programme in place to meet the savings targets whilst protecting frontline local policing. However, this year has presented a set of new challenges.

The level of funding we receive from government has reduced by £1.5 million. We're investing more in protecting and safeguarding the most vulnerable people in society. We had planned to make up the shortfall from savings delivered through a nine-force IT collaboration programme which would have improved efficiency between the forces, however this project has been delayed.

The Chief Constable has set out alternate savings plans but tells me he can only reach the target by reducing local policing teams as these constitute nearly fifty per cent of our budget. You will know that maintaining the local policing model lies at the heart of my

Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan for Hertfordshire (2017-2022), and is the very bedrock of effective policing. The public have told me consistently that they value the Hertfordshire way of policing because it improves visibility and contact with the public. The Chief Constable tells me it is the best way to cut crime.

I undertook a public consultation in order to understand the thoughts of the public on the principles I outlined in my manifesto and plan: that I will only take from the public what is absolutely required for policing in order to deliver my five-year plan, provide the level of service needed to protect the style of local policing in Hertfordshire, and to invest in new and emerging areas of crime. I am grateful to the respondents who took the time to provide detailed responses. Of those who responded, three quarters would be willing to pay the increased level of precept. The majority of those in favour cited the considered approach to taxation over the last six years as part of their reasoning for favouring an increase. Of those who were in favour of the rise, nearly a third said they would be in favour of paying more than the £5.00 increase in future years.

Taking this into account, I will make up the shortfall through an increase in the police element of the Council Tax. This equates to a £5 a year increase for a Band D property, a 3.4 per cent rise, to a figure of £152.00 per annum. An increase in the precept would mean that the vast majority of households would pay between 6 and 10 pence per week more than in 2016/17. Even with this increase Hertfordshire residents will still continue to pay some of the lowest Council Tax for their police service across the country. Increasing the precept will generate an additional £2.182m of income in 2017/18, enabling us to maintain and protect strong local policing teams whilst delivering an improvement in our capacity and capability to meet new demands, including those around safeguarding and cybercrime.

You'll note that in addition to spending £3.3m on victims' commissioning, the budget has also increased by £600,000 to fund the new services and responsibilities I have taken on including the Customer Service Unit, which will improve further the public's contact with the police.

The new Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan outlines some of the important areas we will focus our attention on: keeping vulnerable people safe, dealing with scammers and those who take advantage of others, and keeping local policing in Hertfordshire.

Role of Your Police and Crime Commissioner

Your Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd, was elected in November 2012 for a three-and-a-half-year term of office to represent the people of Hertfordshire and to set the strategy for Hertfordshire Constabulary.

His role as commissioner also includes:

- Publishing a five year Police and Crime Plan (called 'Everybody's Business') and deciding the policing priorities for Hertfordshire
- Setting the policing budget and the police element of council tax
- Holding the Chief Constable to account for operational policing
- Working with local partners to prevent crime and re-offending
- Commissioning support services for victims of crime
- Appointing and, if necessary, dismissing the Chief Constable.

Contacting the Commissioner

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