



Policing Hertfordshire

Your Council Tax 2016-17

Police and Crime Commissioner
for Hertfordshire



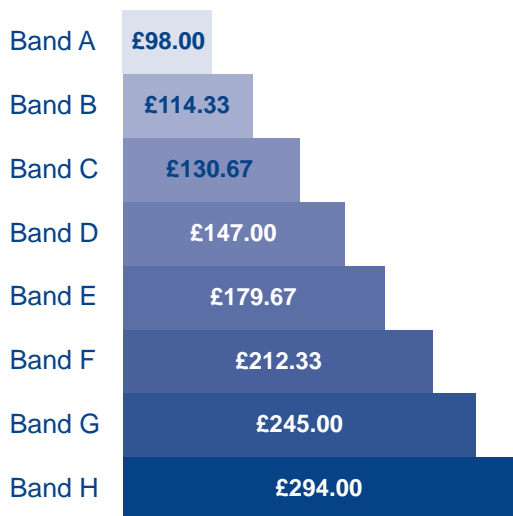
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A breakdown of your 2016/17 Council Tax Policing Precept

Your Council Tax

This chart shows the police and crime precept of the Council Tax for properties in each valuation band for 2016/17 in Hertfordshire.



Where the money comes from

	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m
Central Government Funding	118.6	118.0
Council Tax	62.4	63.0
Collection Fund Surplus	1.4	1.1
Net Budget	182.4	182.1
Fees and Charges	6.2	6.1
Other Government Grants	3.4	3.5
Partner funding including PCSOs	0.9	0.7
Use of Reserves	0.9	7.6
Gross Budget	193.8	200.0

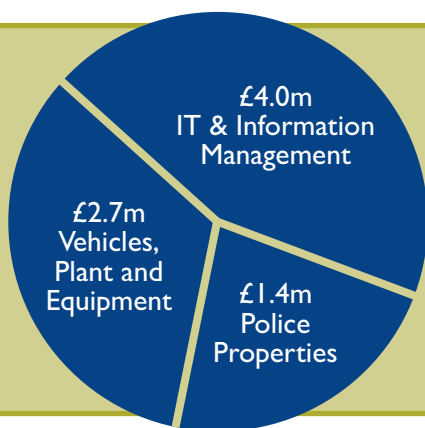
How it is spent

	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m
Police Officers and Staff	161.5	166.4
Supplies, Contracted Services, Premises and Vehicles	28.9	29.6
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	1.0	1.0
Commissioner funded initiatives	2.4	3.0
Total	193.8	200.0

Capital Spending

This chart shows our planned capital spending of £8.1 million in 2016/17.

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 2015/16	182.4
Standstill Pressures	4.9
Investment	4.2
One-Off Spending	3.1
Savings	-4.9
Use of Reserves	-7.6
Net Budget 2016/17	182.1

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.

Your Council Tax for Policing in 2016-17



David Lloyd
Police and Crime
Commissioner

In November 2015, Hertfordshire was preparing for a difficult policing settlement with an anticipated real terms reduction of up to 25 per cent in grant funding. It is a tribute to the good financial management of Hertfordshire Constabulary that we were in a better position than the vast majority of forces to meet those expectations. We had a well-developed efficiency programme in place to meet the savings targets whilst protecting frontline local policing, and had prudently built up very substantial reserves to support that process.

Only a month later, the government's Comprehensive Spending Review confirmed that the overall policing budget would be protected in real terms until 2019/20, with Hertfordshire's police grant settlement reducing only slightly by £0.6 million to £118 million in 2016/17. The situation had changed fundamentally and, as the Police and Crime Commissioner, it is my duty to ensure that I am responsive to these changes and act upon them accordingly. The government, rightly, requires us to continue to deliver the efficiencies we have committed to, but has provided us with more grant income than we had expected. We therefore have much more flexibility in our spending plans.

In response to the new financial situation, and what the public told me through the consultation process, I have decided to return a small proportion of council tax to you by way of a cut of 0.55 per cent in the policing element of the precept for 2016/17. This is a small reduction, but an important one as it reinforces the principle that taxes should not simply rise automatically, but only after a careful analysis of what is needed. I want to ensure that the Constabulary's reserves adjust to a level, in-line with other public services and to reflect our spending plan, so that we continue to achieve 'outstanding' for our financial sustainability from our policing inspectorate, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary.

Even after this small cut, our overall income from the precept will still be approximately £0.3 million higher than last year as the number of households paying council tax continues to rise. We have also achieved significant savings from collaborating with Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire with some £2 million of savings made in 2015/16, and more in subsequent years through shared back office functions, including ICT and HR. Taken together, this means I will be investing more in policing during 2016/17, not less. The overall budget for policing in Hertfordshire will be rising from £193.8 million in 2015/16 to £200.0 million in 2016/17. This represents a 3 per cent increase.

My primary focus for this year's budget is investment in policing. I will be investing to develop our capability and resilience to tackle new and emerging crimes, including cyber-crime and child sexual exploitation, and in new technology to improve productivity and safeguarding. I am particularly pleased to be supporting the new Domestic Abuse Investigation and Safeguarding Unit to provide an effective end to end service for victims to meet growing demands, support repeat victims and deal with perpetrators. I have set aside £1.6 million into an Operational Capability Fund so should more money be needed to bring to bear a range of tactics to respond to rising crime trends or operational demands, we will be able to do so. I will also be responding to key areas that matter to the public, and those outlined in my Police and Crime Plan, Everybody's Business (2015-2020), by investing resources to tackle anti-social behaviour, speeding and fly-tipping.

Let me be clear, I will continue to reform and transform services, achieving efficiency savings, and ensuring that the public continue to receive a first class policing service. Hertfordshire Constabulary continues to be a high performing force, maintaining its position as having one of the lowest rates of crime in the country, and the highest levels of satisfaction, confidence and crime detections in the country. My priorities remain to cut crime and keep people safe, spend wisely, protect local policing, and be a voice for victims.

Role of Your Police and Crime Commissioner

Your Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd, was elected 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
- 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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