



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
Creating Safer Communities



Your Council Tax 2013/14



How your money is being spent in the coming year



Who does what?



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Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner:

- is elected to represent the public and hold the police to account
- sets the budget alongside local police and crime priorities
- sets the amount of council tax paid towards policing
- publishes a five-year plan to meet local objectives
- puts the needs of victims first
- consults local people, ensuring action is taken in response
- appoints - and if necessary dismisses - the Chief Constable
- works with partner agencies to tackle crime and reoffending
- ensures resources are available to balance local and national threats to public safety
- ensures value for money.



Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

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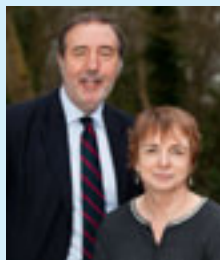
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Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service:

- works with people to prevent fires and accidents happening, with a particular focus on those who are high risk
- works with businesses to help them keep their staff, customers and property safe from fire
- provides an emergency fire and rescue service using the best equipment possible
- plans the frontline response it will deliver in the event of major incidents
- recruits, trains and develops its staff to a high standard and keeps them safe at work
- manages its business and resources well, in order to provide a value-for-money service.

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

About the Police and Crime Commissioner



Nottinghamshire's first Police and Crime Commissioner, Paddy Tipping and Deputy Commissioner Chris Cutland.

Last November the people of Nottinghamshire elected Paddy Tipping as Nottinghamshire's first Police and Crime Commissioner, to replace the outgoing Police Authority.

The Commissioner's job is to represent the public and to hold the police to account on their behalf.

The Commissioner doesn't run the police force; operational policing is still the job of Chief Constable Chris Eyre.

Important parts of the role include:

- Setting the priorities for Nottinghamshire Police
- Consulting and responding to the needs of victims and communities
- Setting a budget that will fund both local and national priorities
- Monitoring the performance of the Police Force
- Appointing the Chief Constable
- Ensuring that community safety organisations work effectively together and are funded appropriately.

The Commissioner is supported in his work by the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Chris Cutland and a small executive team.

Boosting Police Numbers

This year's budget, the first one to be set by the Police and Crime Commissioner, will bring more police officers and PCSOs to both Nottingham City and the County.

As a result, 150 police officers will be recruited this year with a further 240 planned over the next two years. There will also be 35 PCSOs recruited in 2013-14 and another 65 by March 2016.

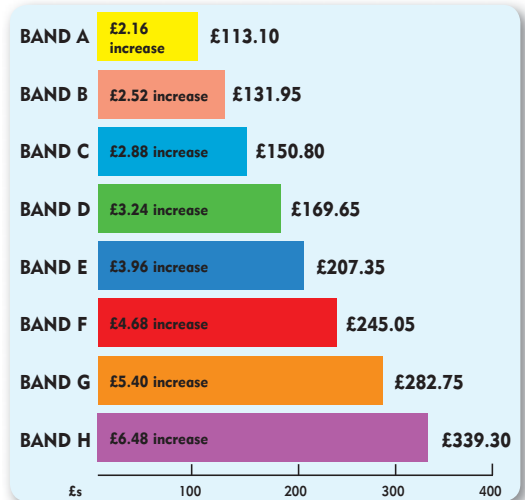


How much policing costs

The police budget for 2013-14 is £198.5m, with £150.0m (76%) of this funded by the Government and £48.5m (24%) through the police portion of your council tax bill.

The amount of council tax you pay towards policing will increase by 1.95% in the next financial year which amounts to less than 1p a day for the majority of households.

This decision, taken after consultation with local residents, will help to pay for the recruitment programme this year while protecting officer numbers in the future.



Planning ahead - listening to you

Both the budget and the introductory Police and Crime Plan have been formed with the benefit of public opinion. The feedback from widespread consultation has been reflected in the plans for the future and public views will continue to be sought over the coming months and years to find out what you think about policing as a result.

The priorities within the Police and Crime Plan are:

- Protect support and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people.
- Improve the efficiency, accessibility and effectiveness of the criminal justice process.
- Focus on those local areas that are most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol on levels of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Reduce the threat from organised crime.

- Prevention, early intervention and reduction in reoffending.
- Spending your money wisely.

The Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable and other partners to deliver and improve policing performance in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire; to cut crime and anti-social behaviour; and to continue to build trust and confidence in policing.

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Always seeking to improve

Even in these challenging economic times, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's employees continue to deliver excellent services to the people of Nottinghamshire.

The Service continues to reduce costs while tackling a significant programme of change. Whether it is the rebuilding of fire stations to make them more energy-efficient, the procurement of equipment, the provision of new training programmes or the recruitment of firefighters, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is always seeking to improve.

Our employees delivering services directly to the public continue to target vulnerability in our communities in order to improve safety in the home, and our resources are now even better placed to provide emergency services to the people of Nottinghamshire.

The Service does have more work to do in order to shore up its financial position over the coming years, but cash in our reserves should help to reduce the impact felt from having our Government grant reduced.

The Fire Authority took account of this when reaching its decision not to increase Council Tax contributions in 2013/14. Instead, they will be pegged at the same level as for the last three years, in recognition of the financial difficulties people are experiencing.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service is by no means immune from these difficult times and we will continue to work smarter and more creatively in order to maintain the level of service the people of Nottinghamshire deserve.

Creating safer communities

Over the last 12 months, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service has continued to make changes to strengthen its ability to respond to fires and other emergency situations. It has recruited more on-call and full-time firefighters, with 12 new firefighters starting training in March. It has also gone through an internal restructure to provide stability for the organisation.

The Service continues to use hard evidence to support its strategic and operational decision-making. Data that showed changing risk patterns led to the reorganisation of resources in 2011 and 2012. This included changing our station at Edwinstowe from one with on-call firefighters to one that is staffed full-time, due to the risks in that area. This information and data provided by our partners is also leading to a more intelligence-led approach to our preventative work.

This helps target services towards those people who are more vulnerable, at higher risk of being involved in a fire at home and less able to protect themselves. This might be because they have complex personal problems, mobility or mental health issues or are older and have no nearby support.

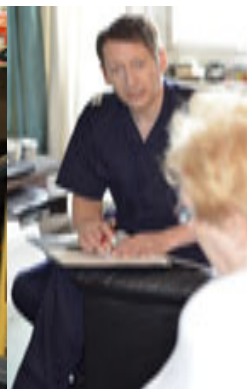
Fire crews, new district-based Risk Reduction Teams and professionals dedicated to dealing with different aspects of vulnerability are working together with our partners to keep people safer in their homes. Many of us require less specialist support and are able to buy, fit and test our own smoke alarms. Alarms can be readily bought from DIY stores and installed with relative ease.

Our Fire Protection Team continues to educate and, where necessary, prosecute businesses for breaching the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. This is essential to keep the customers and employees of these businesses safe from fire.

Reductions in our grant from the Government mean that we've needed to tighten our belts and look for ways to save money.

This situation is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, but we will make sure that we continue our work to create safer communities and that the funds we do have available are invested wisely.

We continue to look towards the future and, in the coming months, we will be consulting with people in Nottinghamshire about our strategic plan for the next five years.



Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service

Breakdown of emergency calls and other activities over the last 5 years

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	5 yr change
Total calls	15,666	15,204	13,135	13,114	10,323	-34%
Fire deaths in dwellings	3	4	6	6	3	0%
Fire casualties in dwellings	77	47	45	55	49	-36%
Fires in dwellings	804	825	805	738	703	-13%
Other building fires	350	316	349	308	244	-30%
Vehicle fires	1,106	928	670	584	505	-54%
Hoax calls	498	378	305	262	226	-55%
Other fires	3,813	3,865	3,440	4,072	1,962	-49%
Other calls	4,684	4,355	3,339	3,239	3,015	-36%
Non-fire emergencies	2,453	2,467	2,224	2,031	2,076	-15%
Specialist fire investigations	136	160	158	126	102	-25%

Budget changes

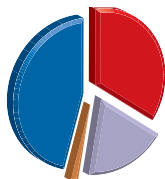
	2013/14 £000's
Opening base budget	46,494
Reductions to the budget	-1,558
On going effects	10
Change requirements	192
Inflation & increments	433
Growth	553
Revenue implications of capital exp	-1,344
Contributions to/from reserves	-881
Allowable budget	43,899

How much do we take from your Council Tax?

Property Band	£
A	46.46
B	54.20
C	61.95
D	69.69
E	85.18
F	100.66
G	116.15
H	139.38

Where the money COMES FROM (£ millions)

2013/14

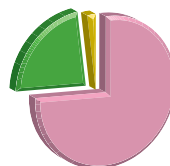


Fire Authority Council Tax	£19.9	●
Business Rates	£7.9	●
Government Grant	£15.3	●
Council Tax Freeze Grant	£0.8	●

TOTAL £43.9 Million

Where the money IS SPENT (£ millions)

2013/14



Employees	£33.4	●
Running Costs	£9.7	●
Fire Pensions (Net)	£0.8	●

TOTAL £43.9 Million

Capital Programme 2013/14 We plan to spend £5.2 million

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