

COUNCIL TAX Information 2014 - 2015



Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner - Paddy Tipping

As your Commissioner, I've set out some ambitious goals to make Nottinghamshire safer, including a promise to bolster the frontline at a time when many Forces are getting slimmer. It's an unfortunate reality that not much can be achieved without funding and investment and if we are to meet the improvements I've set out in my refreshed Police and Crime Plan then we need to strengthen capacity and make the best of the resources we have.

My financial plans for 2014-15 received the support of the Police and Crime Panel and I am pleased to say that this year's budget will enable me to continue to fund more bobbies and PCSOs to honour my pledge.

It's important to remember that this sustained recruitment relies on our ability to recognise efficiencies elsewhere in the budget and make bold decisions when necessary to the way we operate. That's why we will continue to review the way we use our buildings and seek ways to work more closely with regional colleagues and local partners to make every penny go as far as it can.

I am also determined to see policing delivered in the way that you, the public, want. I have listened to what you say and I believe that we are putting in place changes that recognise your views. But we will keep on learning and if you have something to say about policing please get in touch.



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Police Performance

It's no secret that maintaining reductions in crime in the face of falling budgets is a challenge. At the end of January 2014 the Force was recording a year-to-date increase of 0.8% (438 offences) but forecast figures suggest that the Force will end the 2013/14 performance year with fewer crimes than in 2012/13.

Key Crimes in numbers compared to the same period in 2012/13

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| All Crime | 57,258 | UP 0.8% (438) |
| Violent Crime | 6,831 | UP 3.8% (536) |
| Theft and Handling | 17,298 | UP 6.4% (1,046) |
| Burglary Dwelling | 3,835 | UP 14.3% (479) |
| Criminal Damage | 8,502 | DOWN 5.5% (495) |
| Theft of a motor vehicle | 1,186 | UP 6.8% (76) |
| Theft from a motor vehicle | 4,293 | DOWN 4.4% (197) |

The Police and Crime Plan

This refreshed Police and Crime Plan takes a good look at the key aims and objectives I identified when I was first elected. The actions in that original plan are now well underway and the refreshed version is the next step on the road to reaching our ambitious aims.

I know that crime and public safety matter to everyone, but the police cannot tackle these alone which is why there is even more focus on strong partnership working, encouraging volunteers to join us and supporting local crime prevention initiatives and work to tackle reoffending. I have made it clear in this year's plan that I intend to see priority crime types addressed.

The intention is to continue with the Police and Crime Plan's bold strategies and clear targets to reduce crime, achieve safer communities, improve trust and confidence in high quality policing, ensure fairer treatment of victims and citizens and demonstrate using public resources wisely.

My top priorities:

- Protect, support and respond to victims, witnesses and vulnerable people
- Improve the efficiency, accessibility and effectiveness of the criminal justice process
- Focus on priority crime types and 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 Funding Position

The financial challenge shows no sign of easing and having already identified £42m in savings, we are now trying to save a further £12.7m in the coming year with an estimated further £10m per year for the next three years.

How we will find the savings:

| EFFICIENCIES | 2014-15 | £m |
|--------------------------|---------|------------|
| Collaboration | | 0.3 |
| Procurement | | 1.3 |
| Estates | | 1.4 |
| Corporate Services | | 2.9 |
| Fleet | | 0.2 |
| Operational Efficiencies | | 0 |
| Income generation | | 1.2 |
| Commissioner's Office | | 0.1 |
| Total | | 7.4 |

The Force is working to deliver major transformational change for the future which indicates the following savings in the coming year.

Transformational change savings:

| SAVINGS | 2014-15 | £m |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
| Collaboration | | 0.3 |
| Local policing redesign | | 2.0 |
| Systems Thinking | | 2.0 |
| Regional ICT | | 1.0 |
| Total | | 5.3 |



This Year's Budget

The police budget for 2014-15 is £193.8m – a reduction of £2m on the previous year - £143.3m (73%) of this is funded by the Government and £50.5m (26%) through the police portion of your council tax bill.

The amount of council tax you pay towards policing will increase by 1.96% 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.

What this means where you live:

| TAX BAND | ANNUAL INCREASE | TOTAL AMOUNT |
|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| Band A | £2.22 | £115.32 |
| Band B | £2.59 | £134.54 |
| Band C | £2.96 | £153.76 |
| Band D | £3.33 | £172.98 |
| Band E | £4.06 | £211.41 |
| Band F | £4.80 | £249.85 |
| Band G | £5.54 | £288.29 |
| Band H | £6.65 | £345.95 |

Budget Overview

| | 2013-14 | 2014-15 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £m | £m |
| Expenditure | 199.7 | 200.8 |
| Income | -2.8 | - 5.0 |
| Net Expenditure | 196.9 | 195.8 |
| Government Grants | 150.0 | 143.3 |
| Council Tax Surplus | 0.1 | 0 |
| (Contribution to) Use of Reserves | (1.7) | 2.0 |
| Precept funding | 48.5 | 50.5 |

Details of Budget Changes

| | £m |
|---|------------|
| Inflation, pay and commitments | 9.6 |
| Less efficiency Savings | 12.7 |
| Net Reduction in Costs | (3.1) |
| Add Investments to meet changing demands | 2.0 |
| Net increase in costs | 1.1 |

How the Money is Spent:

| | £m |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Staff Costs | 163.7 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 49.8 |
| Income | (5.0) |
| Efficiency Savings | (12.7) |
| Use of Reserves | (2.0) |
| Total | 193.8 |



About the Police and Crime Commissioner

The Commissioner is elected 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 the Chief Constable's responsibility.

Important parts of the Commissioner's 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 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.

He has already...

- Funded work to tackle antisocial behaviour and disorder
- Ensured agencies are working together to tackle alcohol abuse
- Expanded support services for victims of domestic violence
- Funded the recruitment of an additional 120 police officers and 75 PCSOs
- Funded specialist research into repeat domestic violence, victims and BME representation

This year will see...

- Better police visibility with more police officers and PCSOs on the streets by April 2015
- A more preventative approach to crime including:
 - A rural alert system
 - Rural special constables
 - Focus on high volume offenders
 - New technology and innovation
- Scrutiny of a new Victims' Code and the use of 'Track my Crime'
- More joint work with regional forces and partners to improve efficiency

Tell us what you think

It's important that local policing is delivered in the way you want, so you need to tell the Commissioner about issues that affect you and your community. There are lots of ways to do this, so watch out for local meetings or you can contact him using the details below.



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**POLICE & CRIME
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How to contact us:

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