

# COUNCIL TAX Information 2015 - 2016



## Working Hard to Offset Policing's Shrinking Funds



Preventing crime and reducing the number of victims of crime is really what policing is all about. That's why, despite an ever-shrinking purse, I am determined that changes borne of financial necessity will nevertheless pave the way for an enhanced police service.

The transformational changes that are taking place will deliver much needed savings, but they are also driving a programme of modernisation that will focus on risk, threat and harm. Policing today has to change in order to keep pace with the rapidly changing face of crime. While visible local policing is important, so too are the often unseen police officers and staff who tackle issues such as organised crime, cyber-crime, child sexual exploitation, hate crime and domestic abuse.

Disappointingly there have been some changes to our long-term plans to increase still further the number of police officers and PCSOs, which will now be put on hold until the future funding position is clearer.

However, this year's budget does provide the resources for new ways of making our different communities safer, such as crime prevention work to reduce the demand for services and a renewed focus on the needs of rural areas. We have also been able to support schemes delivered with our partners which will benefit all our communities.

The 2015-16 budget has been the toughest yet and there will be continuing uncertainty over future funding until the next Comprehensive Spending Review has been published later this year.

Whatever the challenges ahead, with the support of my Deputy Chris Cutland I am determined to stay focused on the priorities in my Police and Crime Plan and ensure that they reflect what you have told me you expect from your police service.

**Paddy Tipping**

Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner



## The Police and Crime Plan

I look carefully at my Police and Crime Plan every year to make sure that it prioritises the policing concerns that local residents have told me are the most important.

These priorities continue to embrace the key aims and objectives that I identified when first elected as your Commissioner.

The top priorities are:

- 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 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 re-offending
- Spending your money wisely.

## This Year's Policing Budget

Our budget from April will be £189.6m, of which £3m will be financed from reserves and which, in real terms, is a reduction of around £11m if you take into account inflation and a £6.8m cut in the Government's funding grant.

Following consultation with local residents and with the approval of the Police and Crime Panel, the amount of council tax paid towards policing will increase by 1.98% - £3.42 extra a year for a Band D property - from April 2015.

Tax Band	Annual Increase £	Total Amount £
Band A	2.28	117.60
Band B	2.66	137.20
Band C	3.04	156.80
Band D	3.42	176.40
Band E	4.18	215.60
Band F	4.94	254.80
Band G	5.70	294.00
Band H	6.84	352.80

## The estimated funding for the next four years is:

Source	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Police & Crime Grant	126.8	120.3	114.2	108.4
Council Tax Legacy Grant	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Precept	52.4	53.4	54.5	55.6
Collection fund surplus/ (deficit)	0.7			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>189.6</b>	<b>183.4</b>	<b>178.4</b>	<b>173.7</b>

I will continue to bid for additional funding from the Home Office Innovation Fund following earlier successful bids which are now financing projects expected to deliver savings to help balance the budget in future years.



## Making the Necessary Savings

Over the past four years we have had to deliver £42m in cost-saving and efficiencies. This is a delicate programme that's not solely focused on making ends meet. It's also about ensuring that performance is actually improved by the change process.

There are cost-cutting plans in place to meet the anticipated budget gap of around £11m.

These include a redesigned police estate; better use of technology; increased joint-working with other forces in the region and a transformational change programme currently being implemented across the force.

## Performance and Achievements

We've been very open about the fact that we will see fewer people employed within Nottinghamshire Police in the future. I am, however, committed to protecting the community safety budget and ensuring that the Force does all it can to meet the needs of the public.

Key crimes, such as burglary, robbery and vehicle crime, are down compared to this time last year but it is a fact that overall crime is showing an increase of around 6% in the current year. Changes in the way some crimes are recorded have had an impact on crime levels, most noticeably in violent crime which is showing an increase of just over 20%.

### We have:

**Increased frontline capacity** thanks to the new Crime Resolution and Incident Management Team which reduces demand on resources.

### Improved victim satisfaction and public confidence

following the introduction of the Victim's Code of Practice. I have now started to commission work designed to transform the way **victims' services** are delivered.

**Provided resources** to local partners and third sector organisations to improve:

- **Services and support to victims**
- **Work to tackle domestic abuse, sexual exploitation of young people, hate crime and alcohol-related problems**
- **Crime prevention activities and housing security**

### Helped to ensure appropriate care for those in mental health crisis.

By April, children detained under the Mental Health Act will be taken to a more appropriate place of care than a police cell. By October this will apply to adults as well. In addition, through a multi-agency approach, 50.8% fewer non-crime related mental health patients were detained in the Force Custody Suites between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.



## The Police and Crime Commissioner

The Commissioner's role, with the help of his Deputy Commissioner Chris Cutland, is to represent the public and to hold the police to account on their behalf.

The Commissioner sets the strategic direction for Nottinghamshire Police but he does not run the Police Force. The Chief Constable is responsible for all operational policing matters such as crime prevention and investigation, neighbourhood policing and community safety.

## Have Your Say on Policing

It's important that local policing meets your needs and expectations. The Commissioner is always pleased to hear your views, good or bad, about policing and community safety where you live. There are lots of ways to do this, so watch out for local walkabouts and meetings or use the details opposite to contact him directly.



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