

COUNCIL TAX Information 2016 - 2017



Putting People First



Crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) is at the lowest level since 2012.

Victims and vulnerable people now have better protection and support and surveys show that public satisfaction has increased.

Reports of sexual and domestic violence are increasing, illustrating higher levels of confidence in the police.

Other positive changes since 2012 see Nottinghamshire Police with one of the lowest levels of stop and search, and an increase in the "arrest" and "positive outcome" rate in 2015/16. Our workforce is more representative of our local communities.

People suffering mental health crisis are now provided with appropriate care, not custody, thanks to partnership agreements and the introduction of the mental health triage team.

The award-winning work to tackle alcohol issues means that the proportion of alcohol-related violence in the City has reduced and is less than half of that estimated nationally. Special initiatives

to help cut crime in rural communities have been introduced and our youth re-offending rate is much lower than the national average.

All this, and much more, has been achieved in the face of really tough financial challenges. It's true that the Government grant for policing was better than expected, but when the Chancellor and Home Secretary said that the police budget will see no further reductions in the next four years, this was dependent on Police and Crime Commissioners increasing the amount local people pay towards policing through the council tax by around 2% each year. And here in Nottinghamshire we still need to find a further £12m in savings as a result of the last round of budget reductions.

So, financial pressures remain, but so too does the commitment to deliver a strong policing presence in our communities to keep people safe – and feeling safe.

Paddy Tipping

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner



This Year's Policing Budget

Our budget for 2016/2017 will be £190.2m. The main portion of our funding, the Police Grant, has reduced slightly (£0.7m) from the 2015/16 figure. The amount of council tax paid towards policing will rise to make a net increase in total funding of £1.6m.

With the support of the Police and Crime Panel, the amount of council tax paid towards policing will increase by 1.99% – an extra 7p a week or £3.51 a year for householders in a Band D property, taking the total yearly contribution for policing to £179.91 a year.

The increase is less than a penny a day for the majority of residents.



What this means where you live:

Tax Band	Annual Increase £	Total Amount £
Band A	2.34	119.94
Band B	2.73	139.93
Band C	3.12	159.92
Band D	3.51	179.91
Band E	4.29	219.89
Band F	5.07	259.87
Band G	5.85	299.85
Band H	7.02	359.82

The part of the locally raised council tax that goes towards policing provides 29% of our total funding. The remaining 71% is provided by the Home Office Police Grant. This grant is calculated by a funding formula which has never been fully implemented, thus leaving Nottinghamshire financially disadvantaged. I continue to ask the Government for a review of this funding formula to ensure Nottinghamshire receives the appropriate level of funding.

The estimated funding for the next four years is:

Source	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Police and Crime Grant	126.8	126.1	123.4	120.7	118.1
Council Tax Legacy Grant	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Precept	52.4	54.4	55.8	57.2	58.6
Collection fund surplus/ (deficit)	0.7				
TOTAL	189.6	190.2	188.9	187.6	186.4

Following successful bids to the Home Office Innovation Fund, which are now financing projects expected to deliver efficiency savings in future years, further proposals for funding will be submitted.



Balancing the books

Although the grant settlement for 2016-17 was better than anticipated, there are still cost pressures and savings are required to deliver a balanced budget.

If the amount of council tax paid towards policing did not increase this year, it would mean a further budget cut at a time when we are still having to make efficiencies. New cost pressures of £11m include inflation, wage rises and changes to National Insurance contributions.

We will continue to monitor and challenge the force in the way it performs and delivers value for money, and ensure that any risks identified are assessed and mitigated during the year.

Efficiency measures include a reduction in the number of high ranking officers from Inspectors upwards and the redeployment of people to bolster frontline policing. We will also be exploring new opportunities to establish police bases in community hubs.

Work is currently underway, with our colleagues in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire, to prepare a detailed business case to form a Strategic Alliance across the three force areas. This will help each force to protect the quality of local policing services by consolidating many support areas of work. Some investment will be required initially but an Alliance of this scale will deliver significant savings in future years.

If the detailed business case proves viable, a full Alliance could be in place by 2020.

Some achievements

It is estimated that by the end of 2015-2016 compared to 2011-12:

- **Overall crime** will have **reduced** between **4%** and **5%**
- **ASB** will be **down** by **38.5%**
- **Burglary** from a dwelling will have **reduced** by **26.5%**
- **Robbery** will be **down** by **22.4%**
- **Theft** from a person will have **reduced** by **45.2%**
- Over **3000 fewer** victims
- In June 2015, **59.5%** of people **agreed** that "the police and local councils are dealing with **ASB** and **other crime** issues"
- In December 2015, Nottinghamshire Police had the **third best reduction**, nationally, in overall **crime figures**
- In December 2015, Nottingham City had the **highest reduction** in crime over a four-year period (**-8%**) compared to eight major cities



The Police and Crime Commissioner

An elected figure often referred to as the PCC, the Commissioner's role is to represent the public and to hold the police to account on their behalf. In consultation with local residents and groups, the PCC sets local priorities which can be found in the Police and Crime Plan, commissions services to improve community safety and ensures victims receive the right support service to help them cope and recover. Also responsible for the overall police budget, PCCs appoint, and if necessary remove, Chief Constables.

The PCC does not run the police force or get involved in operational policing, such as crime investigation or the day to day management of police officers and staff, all of which is the responsibility of the Chief Constable.

The next elections for PCCs will take place on 5 May 2016, so make sure you are registered to vote. For more information on the election, please visit: <http://www.nottspcc-election.co.uk/>

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 issues that affect where you live. There are lots of ways to do this, so watch out for local walkabouts and meetings where you live.

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