

How your Council Tax helps Fund Surrey Police

Message from Police and Crime Commissioner Kevin Hurley



As the elected Police & Crime Commissioner, one of my key responsibilities is to decide the amount that local taxpayers pay towards policing through their council tax precept. For 2016/7, I have set the level of council tax that a Band D property pays for policing at £220.19 for the year, an increase of 1.99% on last year's figure of £215.89. This amounts to just £4.30 per Band D household, or 8p per week. This decision was unanimously endorsed by the Police and Crime Panel. The increase, together with the Government grant settlement for policing, allows us to meet Chancellor George Osborne's commitment to keep funding for Surrey Police broadly the same as last year. We also plan to make £10m of savings during 2016/17, largely through a restructuring of the way we deliver policing services and also through collaboration with other police forces.

Your council tax and the savings we have made will be invested into key areas of policing to make sure that Surrey continues to be a very safe county and to equip our police officers and staff to meet the operational challenges of the future.

Through our investments in local policing, Surrey has more police officers than it did in 2012 when the former Police Authority was abolished. Also, our officers will be significantly better equipped to carry out their duties more effectively and efficiently. The increase in council tax will allow Surrey Police to purchase hand operated data terminals that provide up-to-date operational information. Officers will soon have access to body worn video allowing easier collection of evidence. We will also increase Taser capability, meaning officers will be able to subdue violent offenders with reduced risk of physical harm. Surrey Police will also be investing £0.8m in improving its firearms capability in light of recent terrorist activity. All of this will keep police out on the streets and more visible in dealing with all forms of anti-social behaviour.



In the year ahead, Surrey Police is investing an extra £2.3m into protecting vulnerable children and adults from physical and sexual abuse. Surrey Police has seen unprecedented rises in reports of these types of crimes and we need to ensure that we have enough trained detectives to bring offenders of these terrible crimes to justice. A £1.5m investment into digital forensics will help the police catch on-line paedophiles and tackle the growing problem of cybercrime and online fraud.

Surrey Police will have the tools to continue to hunt down paedophiles, tackle domestic violence, crack down on fraudsters who target the elderly and vulnerable in our society, deal with the new threats posed by cyber-crime, respond more quickly to emergency calls for help, tackle violent extremists where required and reduce burglary by an even greater extent, so that we can all feel properly protected. That is what the Surrey public tell me they want.

What you will pay for policing in Surrey in 2015/16

Valuation Band	Council Tax payable per property £
Band A	146.79
Band B	171.26
Band C	195.72
Band D	220.19
Band E	269.12
Band F	318.05
Band G	366.98
Band H	440.38

How the money is spent

	2016/7	2015/6
Employees	182.2	177.7
Premises	7.9	8.0
Supplies and services	27.8	25.2
Transport	5.7	5.6
Income	-11.0	-10.7
Gross expenditure	212.6	205.7
Collection fund surplus	-1.8	0
To/(from) balances	-3.0	-0.7
Net revenue budget	207.8	205.0
Precept Legacy Grants	-9.2	-9.2
Net budget requirement	198.6	195.8

How the spending has changed

2015/16 Gross Expenditure	205.7
Inflation	2.1
Commitments	5.4
Protecting Your Local Policing	4.5
Public Protection and Firearms Capability	3.1
Digital Policing	1.4
Contract and Other Changes	0.7
Savings	-10.0
2015/16 Gross Expenditure	212.6

Where the money comes from

	2016/17	2015/16
	£m	£m
Net budget requirement	198.6	195.8
Less:		
Police Grant	-62.2	-62.5
Business Rates/Revenue Support Grant	-29.2	-29.4
Net Council Tax requirement	107.2	103.9
Taxbase i.e. number of equivalent D Band properties	486,835	481,179

Employee Information

	2016/17	2015/16
Police officers	1,944	1,905
Operational & support police staff	1,745	1,939
Specials	130	194
Total	3,819	4,039

For more information:

For more details about the Police budget from the year from April 2016 or to obtain a copy of our most recent Statement of Accounts, please call our office on **01483 630 200**, email at SurreyPCC@surrey.police.uk, or write to us at PO Box 412, Guildford GU3 1YJ

For more information on the Police and Crime Commissioner visit www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/SurreyPCC or Facebook at www.facebook.com/SurreyPCC

Call **999** if you have a genuine emergency requiring the attendance of the police or if a crime is in progress. Call Surrey Police on **101** for non-emergency policing matters only.

If you are hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can textphone Surrey Police on **18001 101** (non-emergency) or **18000** (emergency) or text on **07786 204020** or **999** (register at www.emergencysms.org.uk).

Call your local council for abandoned vehicles or noise problems.

Call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** if you have information about a crime and don't want to leave your name.

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey