

## **Paying for your policing - Police and Crime Commissioner sets budget for 2016/17**

Following the Chancellor's Autumn Statement in November 2015 and the Policing Minister's funding settlement in December made it clear that the government expected Police and Crime Commissioners to increase the precept by at least 1.99% in order to maintain the protection in real terms of police spending.

The announcements from the government came after years of cuts to police budgets have seen officer numbers reduced despite savings of £80 million and efficiencies across the two counties. In order to protect frontline policing, Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Simon Hayes is increasing the amount residents of Hampshire and Isle of Wight pay for policing by 1.99%, which for an average Band D council tax payer is an extra £3.13 a year.

Simon Hayes, Police and Crime Commissioner, said: "Following the historic cuts and despite significant savings made, the budget is still greatly reduced. I must ensure that the budget for policing in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight reflects what our residents expect from their constabulary.

"Feedback from members of the public across the two counties shows that the majority are in favour of a 1.99% rise in the precept. We will continue to provide this essential and efficient service which has been shown as good value for money to residents."

### **Police funding**

The majority of police funding (66%) comes through Government grants, with the remaining 34% coming from the Council Tax precept. The 2016-17 budget for the Police and Crime Commissioner and Hampshire Constabulary is £303.352m. It is broken down as follows:

Prevention and Neighbourhoods	£45.2m
Response and Patrol	£42.6m
Investigation	£73.4m
Operations	£20.6m
Intelligence and Tasking	£21.0m
Contact Management	£22.8m
Professional Standards & Management of Risk	£4.3m
Corporate Support	£49.9m
General	£18.3m
Chief Constable and Support	£3.8m
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	£1.5m



A detailed report and information about the budget and council tax precept for 2016/17 can be found by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/Accountability/Council-Tax.aspx>

**Further Information**

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