

PCC sets 2017/18 police budget

Lorne Green increases police council tax precept by just shy of 2%

Setting the police budget and, with it, the amount Norfolk's taxpayers contribute through council tax is one of your Police and Crime Commissioner's key responsibilities.

Having consulted Norfolk's communities on whether they would be prepared to pay more to support their police service, PCC Lorne Green took his proposals for a 1.99% increase in police council tax to Norfolk's Police and Crime Panel.

The Panel heard that 2,500 people responded to the PCC's consultation, with 76% saying they would be prepared to pay up to 2% more.

The council tax rise, equating to an extra 8 pence per week, or £4.23 per year for households in a Band D property, received the unanimous support of Panel members.

Presenting his budget proposals to the Panel, the PCC said: "This is not a decision I have taken lightly; it was an extremely tough call.

"Over the past few months I have listened to the views of the community, the Chief Constable, key stakeholders and partners in the police, community safety and local criminal justice arenas.

"After carefully considering all the feedback, I have decided to raise the policing precept for 2017/18 by 1.99%."



Council tax bills will be going out to Norfolk's households over the coming weeks showing an increase in the policing element you pay. The tables below outline where the money which makes up Norfolk's policing budget comes from, and give an indication of how the budget will be spent.

Why will spending increase in 2017/18?

	£M	£M
Budget 2016/17		148.9
Inflation	2.1	
Ongoing commitments:		
• Statutory changes	1.0	
• Service developments	3.0	
• Capital financing	5.1	
• Investment in key areas	1.5	
Savings	-3.8	
Use of reserves	-8.1	
Budget 2017/18		149.7

Where does the money come from?

	2016/17 £M	2017/18 £M
Government (Home Office) grant	88.3	87.2
Council tax	60.6	62.5
Approved budget	148.9	149.7

How is the money spent?

	2016/17 £M	2017/18 £M
Police and Crime Commissioner		
• Office of the PCC	1	1
• Commissioning	1	1.5
Operational policing (delegated to the Chief Constable)	145.1	149.7
Capital financing	10.9	5.6
Use of reserves	-9.1	-8.1
Total	148.9	149.7

Council tax is collected by district councils who are also responsible for council tax benefit, discounts and exemptions. For specific information about council tax, like banding, tax benefits or paying your council tax, please contact your local council.



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