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Council Tax Information 2018 -19

Every measure in this year's budget is designed to increase the time spent on frontline policing, making officers more accessible to the public. In real terms this budget will save 52 officer posts and fund a further 24 – three for each of the eight neighbourhood policing areas - thus securing a total of 76 police officer posts.

It will also provide an additional four police staff to support sexual assault and modern day slavery investigations, boost the work to ensure a truly diverse workforce and enable investment in vital technology.

These measures will relieve some of the pressure on our increasingly overstretched workforce. In Leicestershire, since 2010, police funding reduced by £38m resulting in the loss of 547 police officers. With one of the fastest growing populations in England and Wales this means that the ratio of Police Officers reduced from one officer for every 430 citizens to one officer for every 601 residents.

That's why the Chief Constable and I have been calling for more appropriate funding for policing across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. We have pointed out that the police have to tackle complex crimes such as child sexual exploitation, modern slavery and cyber-enabled criminality and remain alert to the threat of terrorist activity. We have highlighted that the increase in reported crime is a by-product of the cuts borne of austerity and that approximately 75% of the calls for police assistance are not related to an actual crime.

The government has recognised the need to boost police funds, but this year's police grant does little, by itself, to protect local policing. Instead, it supports an increase in the police portion of the overall Council Tax bill of £12 a year for an average Band D property.

I'm disappointed that I have been forced to ask local residents to carry the whole burden without any increase in the government's police grant. However, the overwhelming support from people who are willing to pay this increase highlights just how strongly residents feel about the need to provide appropriate funding for policing.

This increase does not overcome our financial challenges, there are still tough decisions to be made. However, I am confident that this is a responsible budget that looks both to the present and to future years where there remains uncertainty regarding funding.

Policing must always reflect the needs of those it serves and protects. I remain fully committed to this goal.

Lord Willy Bach Police and Crime
Commissioner for Leicestershire



What was achieved in 2017-18

- The number of police officers on our streets increased (in every Neighbourhood Policing Area).
- A further 22 officers were reassigned into response positions to help meet rising demand and redeployed investigative resources.
- More flexible ways of working were introduced, putting staff and officers in the best place possible to deal with local crime trends and patterns which is in our communities.
- A dedicated Missing Persons Team was created providing 24/7 response. Missing Persons inquiries are one of the most resource intensive areas of policing and this is a huge step forward.

What we are going to do in 2018-19

The budget will see officer numbers grow and fund investments in technology, investigators and local policing. ***This means:***

- Three extra officers in each Neighbourhood Policing Area to tackle cybercrime, fraud, sexual offences and modern slavery.
- There will be four further sexual offences investigators.
- Increased resources to support the drive for a representative workforce.
- Investment in technology to make the existing mobile equipment work more effectively.
- Mobile fingerprint ID technology.

My priorities remain focused on five core themes - Viable Partnerships, Visible Policing, Victim Services, Vulnerability Protection and Value for Money. This year's budget enhances the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan, boosts capacity in vital areas of policing and lays solid foundations for the future. It is the responsible way forward.



Facts and Figures

The budget for policing Leicestershire in 2018-19 has been set at £176.255m. This includes a contribution of £5.058m from reserves.

This equates to an increase of £4.615m (2.69%) from the 2017-18 net budget requirement level of £171.639m, which has been wholly funded through the increase in the police precept raised through local Council Tax.

What you pay

The part of your Council Tax bill which goes towards policing will rise by 6.41% from April this year. For a Band D property this will be an extra £12 a year – or £1 a month – taking it to an annual total of £199.23.

The total annual amount you pay towards policing depends on the council tax band of your property.

Police & Crime element of the Council Tax:

Band	2017-18	2018-19	Increase
A	£124.82	£132.82	£8.00
B	£145.62	£154.96	£9.34
C	£166.43	£177.09	£10.66
D	£187.23	£199.23	£12.00
E	£228.84	£243.50	£14.66
F	£270.44	£287.78	£17.34
G	£312.05	£332.05	£20.00
H	£374.46	£398.46	£24.00

Increase in Budget Requirement

	£m
Pay and Price Increases	6.3
Pay Increments	1.2
Increase in use of Reserves	-3.5
Efficiency Savings	-2.4
Revenue Contribution to Capital Expenditure	2.1
Reinvestment into core policing	0.9
Net Increase	4.6



Budget Requirement

	16-17	17-18	18-19
Budget Requirement	£m	£m	£m
Gross Spending	184.2	185.0	190.3
Less income	-13.4	-13.4	-14.1
Total Budget Requirement	170.8	171.6	176.2

Where the Money Comes From (Funding)	£m	£m	£m
Police Grant	65.3	64.4	64.4
Revenue Support Grant/ Business Rates	39.7	39.1	39.1
Council Tax Support	8.9	8.9	8.9
Collection Fund Surplus	1.2	1.1	0.7
From the Tax Payer	55.7	58.1	63.1
Total Funding	170.8	171.6	176.2

Band D Council Tax	£183.58	£187.23	£199.23
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Capital Spending

	£m
Property	6.1
Vehicles	1.2
IT and Other	4.3
Total	11.6
Funded from	
Borrowing	7.0
Capital Grant	0.7
Other Grants and receipts	3.9
Total	11.6

How the Money is Spent



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