

COUNCIL TAX Information 2014-15



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER
for Leicestershire**

Your voice in Leicester,
Leicestershire & Rutland

Challenging times often lead to new and better ways of resolving problems – which is why we have made changes to how we are now tackling crime in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

We have used innovative thinking and new technology both to speed up and also to improve our police operations and service delivery. We have used our funding wisely to help us tackle crime, protect the vulnerable and reduce anti-social behaviour. We have tapped deeply into the expertise of our officers, staff, volunteers and community safety partners. And we have also drawn upon the experiences of those who live and work in the Force area who have shared their views with us to help make our streets even safer.

We now commission outcomes (not services) which will support the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan. This includes introducing early interventions to drive down criminality by stopping it from happening in the first place. Peer mentoring, support for troubled families and drug interventions are three examples of effective activities that help to keep people out of the criminal justice system, thus lowering the burden on our police force. Efforts like these play a significant part in helping to keep frontline officers and staff on the beat tackling crime and disorder.

New technology is making us more efficient and effective, helping us to deliver a better service where, and when, people need it most.

The refreshed Police and Crime Plan is the blueprint for the future. It has a clear focus on: the reduction of offending and reoffending; the need to provide appropriate support to victims and witnesses; ensuring safer communities; and ensuring the protection of vulnerable people. With clear targets against which police performance can be monitored, it also sets out how the necessary budgetary savings will be delivered.

In 2014-15, the biggest challenge to achieving our ambitious reductions in offending will be doing so within a budget that will reduce by £5m in 2015/16 and £15m by the end of 2016/17. That is why we plan to drive down crime with the help of modern IT, the multi-skilling of our officers and staff and better coordination between local service providers. In turn, we will rely less on old, under-used and expensive-to-run buildings. **We are ready for the challenge.**

Sir Clive Loader
Police and Crime Commissioner

Simon Cole
Chief Constable



COULD YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We would like to attract more volunteers so that within the next three years we have around 1,000 members of the community supporting our work in some way. This will include increasing the number of police support and student volunteers and Special Constables while enhancing their roles and duties in support of frontline policing. A Police Volunteer Cadet Scheme will also be launched across the Force area with at least 25% of places going to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Find out more at www.leics.police.uk

TACKLING THE ISSUES THAT MATTER

The hugely successful Operation Tiger will see identified anti-social behaviour hotspots patrolled, thereby improving the service to victims. It will help to solve problems at a local level thus helping to reduce overall demand, and will see the development of two dedicated task-forces – one for urban and one for rural areas to tackle the issues that matter where you live.



BOOSTING POLICE STRENGTH

A three-year investment plan will have a positive impact on the community, by protecting local policing and increasing the number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) by a further 28, in order to support the Force in its work to tackle anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder.

THE YOUTH COMMISSION

The Commissioner's Youth Commission is now well-established and has embarked on its second phase to ensure that young people in the area are engaged with the police and helping to shape police service delivery, thereby reducing the risk of them becoming either a victim or a perpetrator of crime.

FACT FILE – POLICE PERFORMANCE

Recorded crime fell by nearly 40% between 2002-3 and 2012-13, while the population has increased by around 10% between 2001 and 2011. Disappointingly, like many other forces, in the last ten months there has been a slight increase in the overall number of crimes committed, which may be due to the difficult financial situation which many households are facing. Work is well underway to address this increase.

RECORDED CRIME

CRIME SOLVED

| Compared to the same period the year before | 1/4/13-31/1/14 | Change | Target | Number | % | Target |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| All Crime | 50,850 | +2.6% (1,307) | -5% | 14,164 | 27.9% | N/A |
| Domestic Burglary | 3,501 | +3.1% (105) | -13% | 524 | 15.0% | 25% |
| Violence against Person with Injury | 4,114 | +14.0% (505) | -2% | 2,125 | 51.7% | 50% |
| Domestic Violence with Injury | 1,388 | +5.2% (68) | N/A | 723 | 52.1% | 50% |
| Theft of Motor Vehicle | 949 | +8.1% (71) | -10% | 205 | 21.6% | 23% |
| Theft from Motor Vehicle | 4,560 | +6.3% (269) | -14% | 329 | 7.2% | 9% |
| Hate Crime | 742 | +8.3% (-67) | N/A | 353 | 47.6% | 55% |

Details of further aims and targets for the future can be found in the Police and Crime Plan.

“My targets for the future will be both stretching and difficult, but not impossible to achieve. Not every target will be met at every point, but I do believe they will drive an enhanced performance. This will support my vision of Leicestershire Police being amongst the most effective police services in the country.”

Sir Clive Loader

It is our duty to protect communities, to ensure that victims’ needs are met, and to ensure that police service delivery meets your expectations.

That’s why we will focus on:

- Reducing offending and re-offending
- Supporting victims and witnesses
- Making communities and neighbourhoods safer, and
- Protecting the vulnerable

THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGE

In rising to and meeting this challenge we will, together with our staff and partners, transform the way we protect our communities and deliver more than £20m in revenue savings by 2016/17.

Taking this and inflation into account, the Commissioner set the overall budget for 2014-15 at £172.595m, a reduction on the previous year. To help sustain frontline policing in the future, the amount of council tax local people pay towards policing has been increased slightly and Band D householders will pay £176.48 towards the cost of local policing, an increase of £2.61 per annum.

Our vision for Leicestershire Police is radical, challenging and designed to deliver the agreed policing priorities within the resources available.



The Budget Requirement is set out below:

| | 13/14 | 14/15 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Budget Requirement | £m | £m |
| Gross Spending | 185.1 | 182.9 |
| Less income | -11.6 | -10.3 |
| Total Budget Requirement | 173.5 | 172.6 |
| Where the Money Comes From (Funding) | | |
| Police Grant | 71.9 | 70.0 |
| Revenue Support Grant/ Business Rates | 43.3 | 41.3 |
| Council Tax Support and Freeze Grants* | 8.9 | 8.9 |
| Victims and Restorative Justice Funding | - | 0.5 |
| Collection Fund Surplus | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| From the Tax Payer | 49.3 | 51.1 |
| Total Funding | 173.5 | 172.6 |
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| Band D Council Tax | £173.87 | £176.48 |

*Council Tax Support and Freeze Grants maintained at previous levels, no freeze grant applicable for 2014/15.

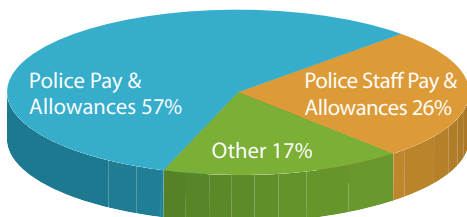
The decrease in the Budget Requirement is due to the following:

| | £m |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| PCSO Growth | 0.6 |
| Pay and Price Increases | 6.5 |
| Pay Increments | 1.0 |
| Reduction in Specific Grants | 1.6 |
| Increase in use of Reserves | -0.6 |
| Efficiency Savings | -10.0 |
| Net decrease | -0.9 |

The Police and Crime Commissioner owns assets valued at £59.2m.

The external debt outstanding is £14.6m.

HOW THE MONEY IS SPENT



The budget allows for 1,971 police officers at March 2015 and 251 PCSOs.

CAPITAL SPENDING

| | £m |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Property | 2.9 |
| Vehicles | 1.5 |
| IT and Other | 3.4 |
| Total | 7.8 |
| Funded from | |
| Borrowing | 5.0 |
| Capital Grant | 1.6 |
| Other Grants and receipts | 1.2 |
| Total | 7.8 |



ABOUT THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Elected by the public, the Commissioner represents local people, holding the police to account on their behalf. The Commissioner is not involved in operational policing which remains solely the responsibility of the Chief Constable, Simon Cole.

Find out more about the work of the Commissioner by visiting the website at: www.leics-pcc.police.uk or get in touch using the contact details below:

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