



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicestershire

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Council Tax Information 2017-18

I feel privileged to have been elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Not only does it enable me to work closely with our excellent Chief Constable and Leicestershire Police but I am also able to listen to the views of more than a million people who live in our area.

Having heard what you have said, I am acting on your behalf so that we can together fight the battle against crime and make our diverse community safer.

In recent times the force has suffered a massive cut in its resources. Central government made a conscious decision to reduce funding to the extent that this force alone has lost 20% of its workforce. That represents a funding cut of £38m since 2009.

I find it depressing that police funding continues to be such an issue at a time when the police themselves have never been more necessary when it comes to protecting us.

So far, I haven't talked to anyone who doesn't believe the police must be given all the resources possible to ensure our communities are kept safe, offenders are caught and crime is prevented. I know the overwhelming majority of people support their force and want it to be funded properly.

Thankfully, most of us never have cause to use their services, yet we recognise the vitally important job the police do, often taking for granted the phenomenal work officers and staff do every single day.

The reality is however that we can't do this without asking you to pay a little more.

I know you will continue to support your local police; my commitment to you is to ensure I give them the resources they need to continue protecting the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Lord Willy Bach
*Police and Crime
Commissioner for
Leicestershire*



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One of the best ways of tackling crime is to prevent it from happening in the first place.

This is why the underlying theme of my Police and Crime Plan is preventative work to tackle the complex issues that drive criminality.

This approach is directly aimed at reducing the growing demand upon police resources which we must address if the force is to remain efficient and effective.

If we can prevent crime by rehabilitating offenders and stopping young people from taking their first steps into criminality, we can reduce the damage that crime inflicts on individuals, their families and our communities and free up our resources to tackle other problems.

This work will be critical to my long-term safety goals.

My four-year Plan is built around five core themes – Viable Partnerships, Visible Policing, Victim Services, Vulnerability Protection and Value for Money. This year’s budget gives us a sound financial platform to begin delivering against those themes.

It provides investment for additional police officers to enhance visibility, will fund a revitalised approach to supporting victims of crime and antisocial behaviour, reinforces my commitment to protect the vulnerable and places increased emphasis on building strong relationships with our strategic partners that are crucial to delivering these objectives.



The Budget Requirement is set out below:

	15-16	16-17	17-18
Budget Requirement	£m	£m	£m
Gross Spending	180.8	184.2	185.0
Less income	-12.3	-13.4	-13.4
Total Budget Requirement	168.5	170.8	171.6

Where the Money Comes From (Funding)	£m	£m	£m
Police Grant	65.7	65.3	64.4
Revenue Support Grant/ Business Rates	39.9	39.7	39.1
Council Tax Support	8.9	8.9	8.9
Collection Fund Surplus	0.8	1.2	1.1
From the Tax Payer	53.2	55.7	58.1
Total Funding	168.5	170.8	171.6

Band D Council Tax	£180.00	£183.58	£187.23
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The increase in the Budget Requirement is due to the following:

	£m
Pay and Price Increases	7.7
Pay Increments	1.5
Increase in use of Reserves	-0.8
Efficiency Savings	-6.9
Revenue Contribution to Capital Expenditure	-0.8
Reinvestment into Policing	0.1
Net Increase	0.8

The Police and Crime Commissioner owns assets valued at £62.1m

The external debt outstanding is £13.8m

Facts and Figures

The budget for policing Leicestershire in 2017/18 has been set at £171.639m. This equates to an increase of £0.799m (0.47%) from the 2016/17 net budget requirement level of £170.840m.

Approximately two thirds of this is funded by the Government and with the remainder coming from the police precept in the local Council Tax.

What you pay

The part of your Council Tax bill which goes towards policing will rise by 1.99% from April this year. For a Band D property this will be an extra £3.65 a year – or 7p a week – taking it to an annual total of £187.23.

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

Precept by band:

Band A	£124.8201
Band B	£145.6235
Band C	£166.4268
Band D	£187.2302
Band E	£228.8369
Band F	£270.4436
Band G	£312.0503
Band H	£374.4604



How do we plan to spend that money?

I have listened to what you have been telling me. This echoes my own views on the need to increase police visibility, which is why, amongst other things, my budget will pay for an additional eight police officers – one for each neighbourhood policing area.

However, as demand for frontline services increases and the emergence of new risks and threats to public safety continue to command more attention, it is vital we equip the police with the right tools to enable them to respond to these challenges.

That is why we invested £1.2m in 2016/17 and plan to spend a further £2m in 2017/18 on the continued roll-out of agile IT equipment. This will mean that uniformed staff are able to spend longer in the communities they serve – another part of the plan to increase visibility and accessibility.

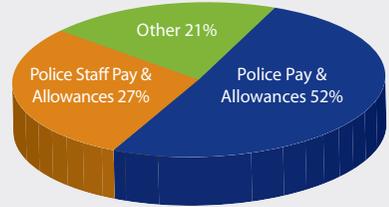
I also plan to invest £0.5m into work with our local partners to progress ideas for a multiagency call handling facility that would allow the public to seek help and support across a wide range of public service functions.



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How the Money is Spent



The budgeted establishment for 2017/18 allows for 1,782 police officers and 251 PCSOs.

Capital Spending

	£m
Property	3.0
Vehicles	1.0
IT and Other	7.7
Total	11.7
Funded from	
Borrowing	8.2
Capital Grant	0.7
Other Grants and receipts	2.8
Total	11.7

Contacting Lord Willy Bach

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