



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicester,
Leicestershire & Rutland

Your Communities - Your Commissioner

Council Tax Information

2026-27

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, my responsibility is to ensure that policing across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland remains effective, resilient and able to meet the needs of our communities, while being mindful of the financial pressures facing local residents.

The policing precept is the portion of the overall council tax that goes towards policing. When setting the precept for 2026/27, I worked hard to keep any increase as low as possible. I am very conscious that many households continue to face rising costs, and my clear starting point was to limit the impact on council taxpayers wherever I could.

Despite these efforts, members of the Police and Crime Panel were clear that residents in their wards across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland were willing to contribute more in order to protect local policing services. Having carefully considered this view alongside professional advice from Leicestershire Police about the financial and operational challenges they face, I have decided to set the Council Tax Precept for the 2026/27 financial year at £15 per year for a Band D property.

This decision will ensure that Leicestershire Police can continue to respond effectively to demand, maintain visible frontline policing and provide vital support to victims of crime. It also strengthens my office's continued investment in prevention and community safety, helping to reduce crime and demand over time by supporting early intervention, protecting the most vulnerable and easing pressure on officers and staff.

While my preference was always to keep increases to a minimum, this approach will provide stability for Leicestershire Police. My commitment to scrutinising every aspect of police spending remains steadfast, and I will continue to ensure that public money is used efficiently, transparently and in the best interests of all our communities.

Rupert Matthews
Police and Crime Commissioner
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland

Budget for Policing Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland 2026/27

The budget for 2026-27 has been set at £268.9m which is an increase of £14.4m (5.6%) from 2025-26.

Funding for policing comes from a combination of Central Government, Council Tax and grant income. For 2026-27 the Government provides 56% of the budget figure and 44% comes from local taxpayers. This means the amount of council tax a Band D property will pay towards policing will increase by 29p per week.

How Your Money is Spent

- 40.1% - Policing in Neighbourhoods.
- 18.4% - Enabling Services.
- 16.4% - Investigation and Vulnerable People.
- 8.5% - Public Contact.
- 5.8% - Regional Collaborations.
- 4.5% - Detaining and Prosecuting Offenders.
- 3.2% - Prevention and Partnerships.
- 2.4% - Centrally Held Functions.
- 0.7% - Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

In 2025 Leicestershire Police:

- Received 584,003 total contacts.
- Recorded 90,548 crimes (excluding traffic offences).
- Responded to 220 incidents per day.
- Took 3,756 missing person reports.
- Recorded 14,242 Anti-Social Behaviour incidents.
- Recorded 72,240 road traffic offences.

Preventing Crime

“Prevention is better than cure” as they say. For the past five years I have made prevention a golden thread running through all my work. I have funded new window locks and security lights for houses in high risk areas, provided extra CCTV and better street lighting. Now, I am establishing a special Prevention Fund specifically to pay for crime prevention schemes that will keep the public safer.

Prevention Advice

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime. Leicestershire Police offer up-to-date advice on personal safety, home security, fraud prevention, and keeping your belongings safe.

www.leics.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention

Reporting Crime

If you need to report a crime or share information, you can do it quickly and at a time that suits you. Online reporting is simple and helps ensure the right teams receive your information as soon as possible.

www.leics.police.uk/ro/report

Keep in Touch

Please do not hesitate to get in touch at any time using these contact details:

Email: opcc@leics.police.uk

Telephone: 0116 229 8980

Website: www.leics.pcc.police.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LeicsPCC>

X: <https://x.com/LeicsPCC>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/leicestershireopcc>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/leicspcc/>