

COUNCIL TAX Information 2017 - 2018



Nottinghamshire

**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**



A commitment to quality

I believe the public understand the need to ensure the police have the resources they require to keep our communities safe and provide a high-quality service.

It's clear to me that, in order to tackle the changing nature of crime effectively, the force must have the funding it needs to meet both new and existing challenges. These include cyber-crime, human trafficking and child sexual exploitation.

In my view prevention is better than cure - it reduces the demands on the police, reduces the number of victims and reduces the number of people in the criminal justice system.

That's why I have invested in projects which will see GPS tagging extended to knife crime offenders and awareness of sexual violence raised through partnership working and social media. We need to support people to protect themselves from cyber-crime and fraud, without taking our eye off the way we tackle more traditional crimes such as burglary.

My commitment to tackling rural crime is undiminished and I'm pleased that we will be providing more targeted support to victims of crime following a review of the services available. I remain very supportive of our PCSOs, the bedrock

of neighbourhood policing and I still want to do more to ensure that our officers and staff reflect the diversity of our communities.

In the years ahead, we will continue to explore ways to save money through collaboration with other forces and partners. But that alone will not make up the gap in our funding, nor the impact of rising costs, which is why I am asking people to pay a little more towards policing over the next year. I hope you never have cause to call upon the police; however, should you need to, I want the service you receive to be the best.

Nottinghamshire remains a safe place to live, work and visit - over the past year there were fewer reports of antisocial behaviour, drugs, robbery and vehicle crime.

That is down to the commitment and dedication of the officers, PCSOs, Specials, staff and volunteers at Nottinghamshire Police. My commitment to you is to ensure they have the resources required to keep us all safe.

Finally, I am delighted to have appointed Craig Guildford as our new Chief Constable. He joined us on 1 February and I wish him every success.

Paddy Tipping

Police and Crime
Commissioner for
Nottinghamshire

The provisional settlement for 2017/18 follows the broad guidelines set out in the Government's 2015 Spending Review. At local level, the proposals mean that PCCs will be able to maintain budgets at current levels in cash terms as long as the Council Tax base keeps expanding and they increase Council Tax levels by at least 2% in 2017/18.



Budget for Policing

The total budget for policing Nottinghamshire in 2017/2018 has been set at £190.1m. The majority of this money (£134m) comes from the Police Grant which is allocated by Central Government. This year's grant is £1.8m smaller than that awarded for 2016/17.

This year, the policing element of your Council Tax will raise a total of £56.4m, a net increase of £2m on the 2016/17 figure to cover the shortfall in central funding. This means the amount of Council Tax you pay towards policing will rise by 1.95%.

Police & Crime element of the Council Tax WHAT YOU PAY

Band	2016-17 £	2017-18 £	Increase
A	119.94	122.28	2.34
B	139.93	142.66	2.73
C	159.93	163.04	3.11
D	179.91	183.42	3.51
E	219.89	224.18	4.29
F	259.87	264.94	5.07
G	299.85	305.70	5.85
H	359.82	366.84	7.02



The Government's commitment to maintain police funding over the course of this parliament is welcome. However, there is still much to do. A standstill in funding means that savings are required to meet day to day increases in demand, inflationary pressures and to pay for continued investment in assets and technology in order for Nottinghamshire Police to remain effective.

Over the next year we need to find efficiencies of £5.5m in order to deliver a balanced budget.

Despite these ongoing financial pressures, much has been achieved over the last twelve months and continues to be delivered:

- **Real progress is being made with the implementation and review of plans to tackle challenging areas of performance.**
- **Reductions continue in key areas such as ASB, drug-related offences, robbery and vehicle crime.**
- **The Commissioner and the Force have been working closely with regional forces and local partners to reduce cost and maintain service provision.**
- **Resources provided to local partners and third sector organisations via the Commissioner's own funding streams are delivering real improvements in the support provided to victims; tackling issues such as domestic abuse, sexual exploitation of young people, hate crime and alcohol-related problems; and the reduction of crime and ASB within our communities.**

Better Services for Victims

- New domestic and sexual abuse support services co-commissioned by the Commissioner, City Council and Nottingham Clinical Group have begun, providing inclusive services for survivors and better use of the Commissioner's funding.
- An independent review of other victim support services recommended a new delivery model which would allow more victims, particularly those with protected characteristics who do not report crime, to be supported. This new service began in January and makes more efficient use of the Commissioner's funding for victims' services.
- The PCC has begun work with the County Council and clinical commissioning groups in the county to co-commission a new support service for victims of sexual violence later this year.



The Police and Crime Commissioner

An elected person who is often referred to as the PCC, the Commissioner's role is to represent the public and to hold the police to account on their behalf.

In consultation with local residents and groups the PCC sets local policing priorities which can be found in the Police and Crime Plan, commissions services to improve community safety and ensures victims receive the right support service to help them cope and recover. Also responsible for the overall police budget, PCCs also appoint, and if necessary remove, Chief Constables.

The Commissioner does not run the Police Force nor get involved in operational policing such as crime investigation or the day to day management of police officers, PCSOs and staff, all of which are the responsibility of the Chief Constable.

Have Your Say on Policing

It's important that local policing meets your needs and expectations. The Commissioner is always pleased to hear your views, good or bad, about policing and community safety that affect where you live. There are lots of ways to do this, so watch out for local walkabouts and meetings or use the details below to contact him directly.

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