

Council Tax Budget for Policing



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Police & Crime Commissioner
for Derbyshire

Derbyshire is rightly regarded as one of the safest places to live in the country. It's my primary duty to keep it that way with a well-resourced and technologically-enabled police force.

Wherever I visit in Derbyshire, a visible police presence is top of the list of local priorities. I've listened to your views and my budget for policing in 2018-19 incorporates a series of improvements including 25 additional police officer posts over the next 12 months. These new positions will help us tackle growing crime threats such as child abuse and sexual exploitation, modern slavery, human trafficking and cybercrime.

We'll also invest in technology to increase the amount of time officers can spend out in communities while enhancing our investigative capabilities. This will take place alongside a change programme which will release even more officers to frontline duties to tackle pressing areas of demand.

I've fought a long and tough battle to increase Derbyshire's central funding grant. Disappointingly, the government has not obliged, opting instead to place the onus on local people who are being asked to pay more for policing in their Council Tax contributions. It's a regrettable situation. However, the extra income generated by a £12 increase for a Band D household, a solution put forward by policing minister Nick Hurd, will give us the flexibility to strengthen our services. Without this increase, we would have had to reduce our officer numbers still further.

I'm enormously grateful for the overwhelming support I've received from local people. More than 70% of you said you were willing to pay an additional £12 or more towards policing in my recent survey. There is no doubt this money will raise vital funds which can be invested in public safety this year and in the years ahead – the benefits of which will be felt by us all.



*Protecting Communities,
Fighting Crime*



Investing in the future

This year's increase in our budget means that we are able to avoid cuts in police officers and staff posts that would have impacted negatively on local community policing.

Since 2010, Derbyshire's budget has been cut by £25m which is equivalent to £40m in real terms. During this period, we've saved in excess of £38m while protecting the delivery of services. However, after a sustained period of falling crime figures the levels are now beginning to creep up.

The additional funds in

2018-19 (£4.4m) allow us to plan ahead and to invest in our people and resources to keep crime at bay. We will also focus our attention on reshaping our organisation to keep pace with the changing and emerging policing risks that we now face.

The **25 additional police officers** means that numbers will rise for the first time since austerity began and the Chief Constable is also committed to redistributing another 25 police officers to tackle new policing risks and threats.

This year's settlement is by no means a permanent solution to our funding challenges, but it is a very welcome move that will help to keep our communities safe.

What this means to you

The budget for policing Derbyshire in 2018/19 has been set at **£167.656m**, an increase of **£4.4m** from 2017/18.

Of this, £98.437m is provided by the Government's Police Grant which remains unchanged from last year. The amount contributed by the

police part of the council tax has increased and now totals £60.5m and there has been a contribution from police reserves of £1.5m.

This means that the annual amount of council tax paid by a Band D (the average) household towards policing in 2018/19 will **increase** from the £180.60 paid in 2017/18 to **£192.60**, an increase of £12 per annum (6.6%).

The amount you will pay depends on your property Band.

“ Derbyshire is a safe place to live, visit and work. I believe that together we can make it even safer.”

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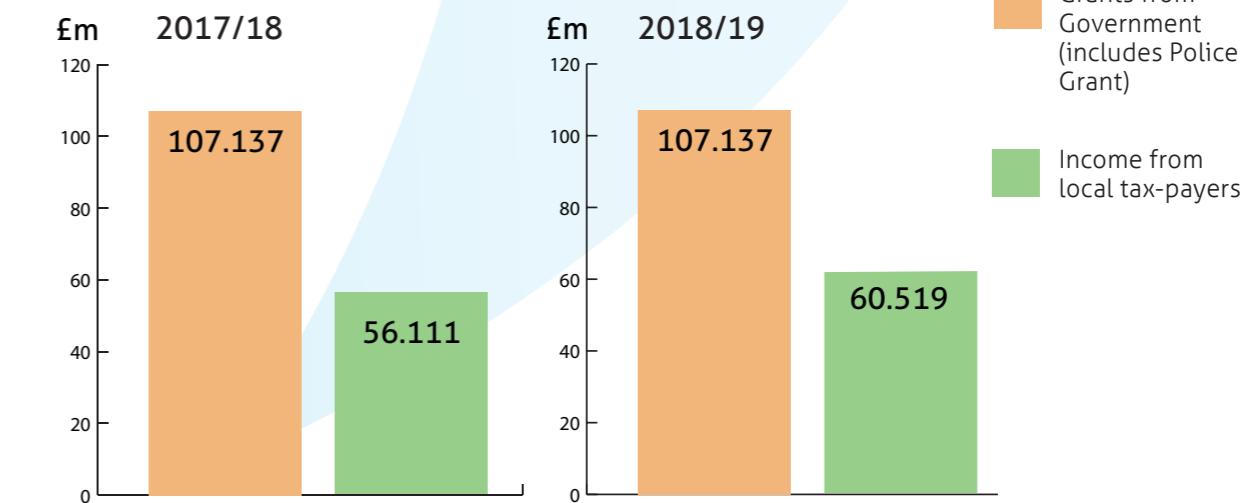
Police & Crime element of the Council Tax

What you pay

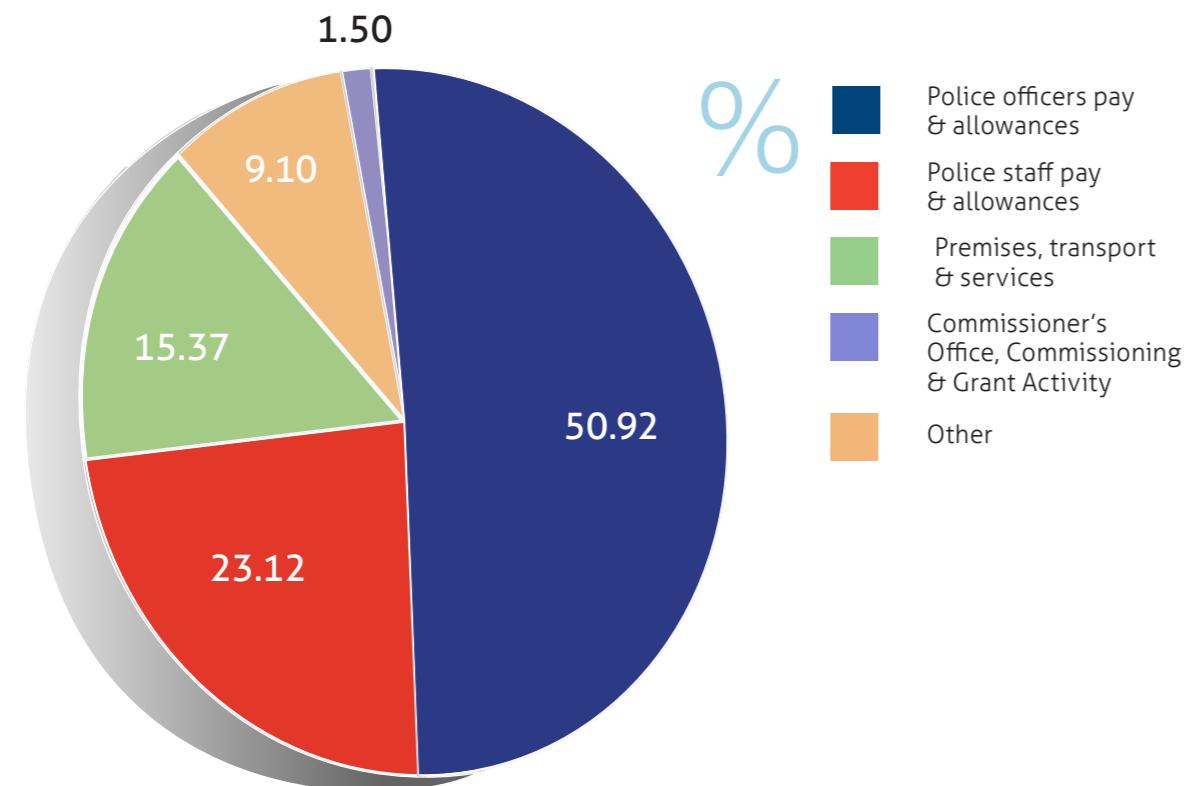
Band	2017/18 £	2018/19 £	Difference £
A	120.40	128.40	8.00
B	140.47	149.80	9.33
C	160.53	171.20	10.67
D	180.60	192.60	12.00
E	220.73	235.40	14.67
F	260.87	278.20	17.33
G	301.00	321.00	20.00
H	361.20	385.20	24.00

Budget Requirement	2017/18 £m	2018/19 £m
Police and Crime Commissioner	4.625	5.976
Chief Constable	159.646	163.194
Use of Reserves to fund the budget deficit	(1.023)	(1.514)
Net Budget Requirement	163.248	167.656

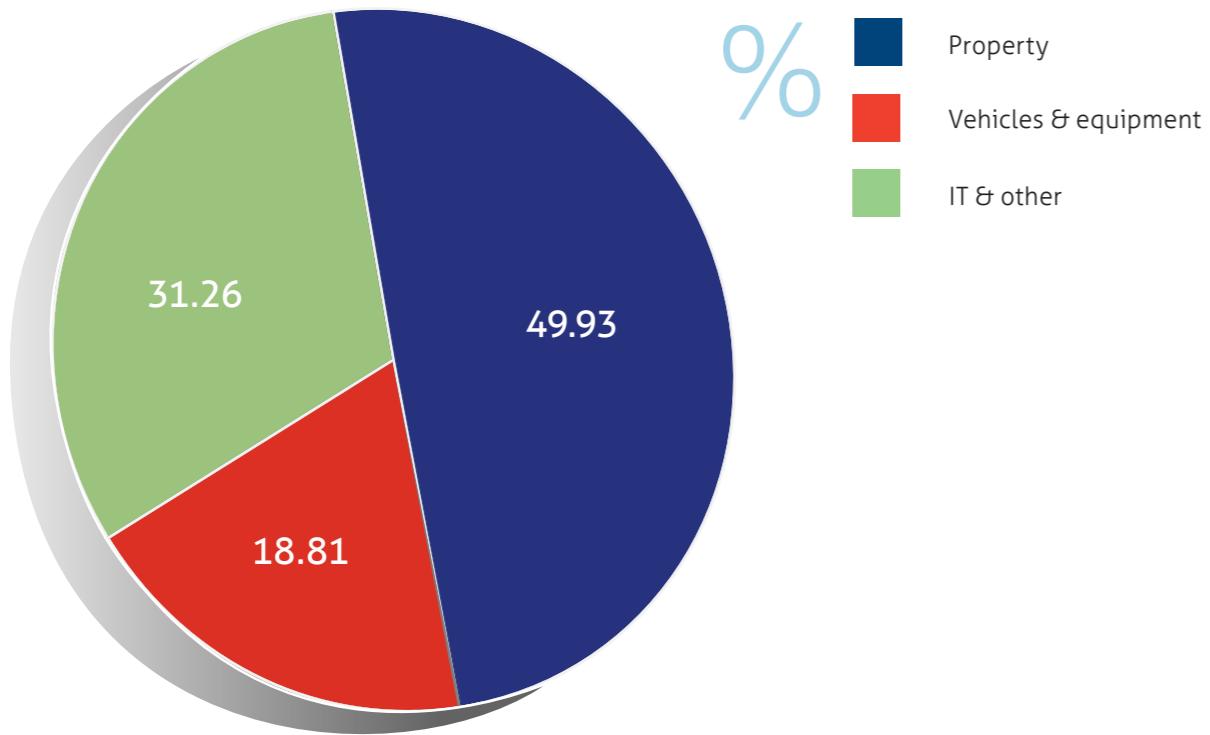
Where the money comes from



How the Money is Spent



Capital Spending



Positive Progress

- Over 1,600 mobile devices have been issued to officers and staff to enable them to spend more time in local communities.
- Official confirmation that Derbyshire Constabulary continues to be a high-performing force.
- Consistently judged as 'good' or 'excellent' by Government Inspectors.
- A state-of-the-art joint Fire & Police Training Centre has been built which is helping these two emergency services to work more closely together.
- The Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service have started sharing premises across the county to serve local communities better.
- The Commissioner has committed to share £275,000 among community safety organisations that will help him to deliver his Police and Crime Plan priorities.





#D383 tour of Derbyshire

I have now visited over 160 villages and towns across Derbyshire on my #D383 tour which gives me the opportunity to listen to the different views and concerns of communities in urban, suburban and rural areas. I've attended parish meetings, police surgeries, county shows and annual events as part of this countywide tour, when anyone with a local concern can come and talk to me.

There are 383 towns and villages in the county and I have pledged to visit each and every one to find out more about the challenges faced by different communities so that we work together to overcome them and make everybody feel safer.

Details of the Commissioner's journey can be found on his website www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/D383

My main objectives

My key objectives for policing and community safety will be supported through this budget.

They are:

- Keeping vulnerable people safe and supporting victims of crime
- Working to provide multi-agency solutions
- Tackling the impact of drugs and alcohol misuse on communities
- Supporting those with mental health issues to help keep them safe
- Working to keep young people out of the criminal justice system
- Increasing diversity within the Constabulary
- Maximising the opportunities from developments in technology

Your Police and Crime Commissioner

I have been elected for a term of four years. My role is to represent the public and to hold the police to account on their behalf. I set the budget, appoint the Chief Constable, set local policing priorities, commission services to improve community safety and ensure victims receive a quality support service.

I do not 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.



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