



# Your police budget: More officers. More frontline staff

The police budget I have approved will enable a more visible and contactable service by putting more officers on our streets and more call handlers in the control room.

Policing is turning a corner. With increased funding from government, the Chief Constable and I have been able to commit to taking the number of police officers in Cheshire to the highest it has ever been since our current force area was established in the 1970s.

Over the next year we will recruit 120 more officers who will be trained and deployed across a number of priority areas. They will help tackle the anti-social behaviour and dangerous road use that can make people feel unsafe in their community, and provide a more visible and reassuring presence.

It's also crucial to invest in our force intelligence, serious and organised crime, and major investigations teams. Although the public may not see it with their own eyes, these teams work day and night to keep our county safe and take down hardened criminals. This budget includes more funding and staff for these teams.

I know that the ease of contact with the police is also an issue for people and I have heard loud and clear the concerns raised around 101 especially. That's why last year the Chief Constable and I invested in our Force Control Centre to bring call waiting times down, and it's why this budget includes further investment in frontline staff too.

To help support the budget, the police precept – the part of council tax that goes towards Cheshire Constabulary – will rise on average by approximately 83p per month (£10 per year).

This budget has been made possible with your support. This year's precept consultation in January was the largest ever – with 70 percent supporting this small rise. This demonstrates people's desire for more investment in frontline policing, which this budget delivers.

I want to thank residents for having their say, and to reassure everyone in Cheshire of my commitment to making our county an even safer place to live, work and visit.

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# What will the budget fund?



**120**

more officers  
- on our way to the  
highest number in  
Cheshire in  
modern times



**63**

more frontline  
support staff,  
including more call  
handlers to improve  
101 and 999  
response times



Funding to  
make Cheshire's  
roads safer  
for everyone



Action against  
anti-social  
behaviour and  
repeat offending

## Council tax bands for policing

The Government announced on 16 December 2021 that Cheshire Constabulary would receive £232.2 million to fund local policing in 2022/23. An increase of £12.8 million.

This figure assumed that the police precept would be raised by £10 per year for the average Band D household.

Throughout January, I carried out a public consultation to ask local residents about their view on the precept for the coming year.

70 percent of the 3,738 respondents said they would be willing to support an increase in the precept to support the measures outlined in the budget. As a result, the precept will rise by £10 per year for an average Band D property.

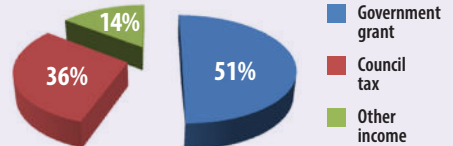
How much police precept you'll pay depends on your council tax band and these figures are available opposite. These figures represent a rise of 4.4% - Below the current rate of inflation.

**Cheshire's precept remains in the 10 lowest of all police forces.**

### 2022/23 police precept by council tax band

Band	£	Band	£
A	156.96	E	287.76
B	183.12	F	340.08
C	209.28	G	392.40
D	235.44	H	470.88

### Where does the funding come from?



#### Funding

	£
Government grant	129,138,000
Council tax precept	91,219,000
Other income & specific grants	34,918,000

**Total funding and income** **255,275,000**

*\*Pie chart figures total 101 due to rounding*

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