

As well as being your voice in policing, a key part of my role as the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales is to set the annual precept, which is the portion of Council Tax that pays for policing. The level I set the precept at determines the total amount of money available for policing in North Wales and is key to our mission of making it the safest place in the United Kingdom.

Following consultation with the public, the policing precept will increase by 5.14% for a Band D property. In other words, 31p per week (or £16.29 annually) for the financial year 2023-24. This is a below inflation rise, and the lowest increase in Wales. But even so, this decision has not been taken lightly as it is clear to me from responses to the consultation that many of us are feeling pressure from the cost-of-living crisis. All views were taken into account and are finely balanced against the need to provide sufficient funding – and the best value for money – in keeping the people of North Wales safe.

It's clear to me from speaking to people that they want to see our police service be as efficient, effective and as visible as possible. People also want to see an emphasis on rural and wildlife crime, preventing domestic abuse, protecting children and young people, and safeguarding vulnerable members of our society. Lastly, they want to see us address the root causes of offending and supporting rehabilitation of offenders. This message from residents also reflects the key priorities within my Police and Crime Plan of delivering safer neighbourhoods, supporting victims and communities, and a fair and effective criminal justice system.

I am extremely proud of the work and achievement of my office, the officers, staff and volunteers of North Wales Police and our partners. In the last year our achievements include:

- 10 new PCSO roles across North Wales.
- Success in a £1.5 million bid for funding from the Home Office to make streets safer in Holyhead, Wrexham and Deeside.
- Independent Domestic Violence Advocate services rolled out in Glan Clwyd and Wrexham Maelor hospitals to offer advice and support to victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.
- The North Wales Women's Justice Strategy launched to help address the causes of female offending and cut crime.

With North Wales Police having to find £39 million of savings since 2010 – plus an additional £3.75 million found for 2023-24 – the increase in the precept for the coming financial year will help to fund several roles and initiatives. These include in custody detention, the coroner's office, scientific support, and in data. Forensic software will also be upgraded. An additional six Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) roles will be created.

From the robust and constructive scrutiny I have given North Wales Police on what will be delivered, I am assured that the policing precept strikes the right balance between affordability for council tax payers and ensuring North Wales Police has enough money to keep our communities safe.

Andy Dunbobbin

North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner

How much of your council tax is spent on policing?

There are nine council tax bands in North Wales, based on the capital value of the property in 2003.

Band D is used for National comparisons of tax levels. From a Band D Council Tax bill, only £333.09 is allocated to funding the Police service of North Wales, as agreed by the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales.

Therefore, depending on your property band, the amount from your Council tax bill which funds the Police Service of North Wales is as follows:

Band A	£222.06
Band B	£259.07
Band C	£296.08
Band D	£333.09
Band E	£407.11
Band F	£481.13
Band G	£555.15
Band H	£666.18
Band I	£777.21

Comparison of the level of the Revenue Budget with the Welsh Government's guidance

Using a formula developed for all Police Forces in England and Wales, the Welsh Government (WG) and the Home Office have issued a "spending norm" known as the Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) plus Police Grant of £138.799m for 2023-2024. This is the Government's assessment of the Commissioner's need to spend in order to provide the same level of service as other commissioners in Wales if they also spend at the level of their own SSA plus Police Grant.

The Commissioner is allowed to spend in excess of its SSA/ Police grant total, with the excess being funded from the Council Tax or Reserves. The Commissioner has set a Budget requirement of £188.959m.

Where does the money come from?

46.95% - Government Grants

53.05% - Council Tax

What do you get for your money?

8.99% is spent on dealing with the public

43.44% is spent on local policing

26.06% is spent on investigations

7.53% is spent on criminal justice

13.98% is spent on specialist operations

The Commissioner's estimated financial reserves at the end of the financial year

2022-2023 £44.538 million

2023-2024 £34.490 million

Where does your money go?

2022-2023 Budget:

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£96.355 million
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£52.847 million
Expenditure – Pensions	£3.427 million
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£6.875 million
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£43.719 million
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£4.507 million

Gross Revenue Expenditure

Less: Income £22.462 million

Budget Requirement

£182.268 million

Financed by:

Specific Police Grant	£49.690 million
Floor Grant	£22.204 million
Revenue Support Grant	£16.260 million
Share of Non-Domestic Rates	£0.253 million

Total grants

£88.407 million

Council Tax £93.861 million

Total Finance

£182.268 million

2023-2024 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£99.518 million
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£57.719 million
Expenditure – Pensions	£3.728 million
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£6.939 million
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£48.811 million
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£4.949 million

Gross Revenue Expenditure

£221.664 million

Less: Income £32.705 million

Budget Requirement

£188.959 million

Financed by:

Specific Police Grant	£49.864 million
Floor Grant	£22.517 million
Revenue Support Grant	£16.107 million
Share of Non-Domestic Rates	£0.227 million

Total grants

£88.715 million

Council Tax £100.244 million

Total Finance

£188.959 million

2023-2024 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£330.68 per Band D
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£191.79 per Band D
Expenditure – Pensions	£12.39 per Band D
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£23.06 per Band D
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£162.19 per Band D
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£16.44 per Band D

Gross Revenue Expenditure **£736.55 per Band D**

Less: Income £108.68 per Band D

Budget Requirement **£627.87 per Band D**

Financed by:

Specific Police Grant £165.69 per Band D

Floor Grant £74.82 per Band D

Revenue Support Grant £53.52 per Band D

Share of Non-Domestic Rates £0.75 per Band D

Total grants **£294.78 per Band D**

Council Tax £333.09 per Band D

Total Finance **£627.87 per Band D**

The Commissioner's Capital Budget 2023-2024

Proposed Expenditure

Vehicles and Equipment £1.931 million

Building Works £7.184 million

Information Technology and Communication Equipment £4.675 million

Total Expenditure **£13.790 million**

Method of Financing:

Capital Grants £0.000 million

Borrowing £6.655 million

Capital Receipts £2.673 million

Revenue Contribution and Balances £4.462 million

Total Financing **£13.790 million**

Where can you get more details?

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This leaflet gives a breakdown of how much of your council tax is spent on policing and an indication of where your money goes. For more information about the police budget, please visit my website: www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Commissioner is accountable to people across North Wales and is always eager to hear what they think about police and crime matters. If you want to share your views with the Commissioner, please contact **01492 805486** or email **OPCC@northwales.police.uk**. Alternatively, visit our website: **www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk**

HOW TO CONTACT NORTH WALES POLICE

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Alternatively, you can ring the non-emergency number **101** or **0300 330 0101**.
For emergencies only, call **999**.

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