

A key role of 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 that the precept is set at determines the total amount of money available for policing in North Wales. Around half of the funding for policing comes from Council Tax, with the other half coming from the UK Government via the Home Office.

Following a survey with the public, there will be a 32p per week (or £16.56 annually) increase in Council Tax for a Band D property for the financial year 2024-25. In percentage terms, this means a 4.97% increase on last year and the agreed amount is effective from 1 April 2024.

The public survey took place with residents and business owners of North Wales over nearly six weeks from 27 November 2023 to 7 January 2024. It involved over 1,500 responses – a more than 50% increase on the number who took part last year. Over half of people who participated in the survey on the precept were supportive of an increase in Council Tax of at least £17.50, meaning the Council Tax increase figure of £16.56 is significantly below the amount seen as acceptable by many local residents who took part.

With any increase in Council Tax, the performance of the police is something that should also be measured to ensure value for money for those paying. The recent Crime Survey for England and Wales showed that 77% of people have confidence in the North Wales force and the way the region is policed. This was more than any other police service in England and Wales.

The force also achieved the second highest percentage nationally for those who agreed that the police would treat them with respect (86.5%). This complements further data which showed that the force maintains the second lowest figure nationally for rates of recorded neighbourhood crime per 1000 population. Residential burglary rates are down 6% year-on-year; overall recorded incidents of vehicle related crime have decreased year-on-year by 4.6%; and investigation timelines have fallen on average by 39.6%.

While we hope that residents appreciate the need for adequate funding to maintain a well-resourced and effective police service, the decision around the increase takes into account the economic pressures many people are experiencing. Indeed, since 2010 North Wales Police has made savings totalling £42.799m as a means of delivering cost-effective policing for people. There is a determination across the force and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to continue delivering a service that offers value for money for residents and keeps North Wales a safe and secure place for all who live in, work in or visit the region.

Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales

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 £349.65 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	£233.10
Band B	£271.95
Band C	£310.80
Band D	£349.65
Band E	£427.35
Band F	£505.05
Band G	£582.75
Band H	£699.30
Band I	£815.85

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 and the Home Office have issued a "spending norm" known as the Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) plus Police Grant of £144.399m for 2024-2025. 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 £200.281m.

Where does the money come from?

46.94% - Government Grants

53.06% - Council Tax

What do you get for your money?

9.10% is spend on dealing with the public

42.10% is spent on local policing

26.40% is spent on investigations

8.30% is spent on criminal justice

14.10% is spent on specialist operations

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

2023-2024 £48.442 million

2024-2025 £38.287 million

Where does your money go?

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

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

2024-2025 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers £109.652 million

Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff £61.123 million

Expenditure – Pensions £3.989 million

Expenditure – Other Employee Costs £7.336 million

Expenditure – Other Running Costs £50.238 million

Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure £5.999 million

Gross Revenue Expenditure

£238.337 million

Less: Income

£38.056 million

Budget Requirement

£200.281 million

Financed by:

Specific Police Grant £54.362 million

Floor Grant £23.289 million

Revenue Support Grant £16.109 million

Share of Non-Domestic Rates £0.252 million

Total grants

£94.012 million

Council Tax

£106.269 million

Total Finance

£200.281 million

2024-2025 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£360.78 per Band D
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£201.11 per Band D
Expenditure – Pensions	£13.12 per Band D
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£24.14 per Band D
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£165.29 per Band D
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£19.74 per Band D

Gross Revenue Expenditure

Less: Income £125.21 per Band D

Budget Requirement

£784.18 per Band D

£125.21 per Band D

£658.97 per Band D

Financed by:

Specific Police Grant £178.86 per Band D

Floor Grant £76.63 per Band D

Revenue Support Grant £53.00 per Band D

Share of Non-Domestic Rates £0.83 per Band D

Total grants

£309.32 per Band D

Council Tax £349.65 per Band D

Total Finance

£658.97 per Band D

The Commissioner's Capital Budget 2024-2025

Proposed Expenditure

Vehicles and Equipment £3.071 million

Building Works £8.588 million

Information Technology and Communication Equipment £5.635 million

Total Expenditure

£17.294 million

Method of Financing:

Capital Grant £0.000 million

Borrowing £7.472 million

Capital Receipts £2.700 million

Revenue Contribution and Balances £7.122 million

Total Financing

£17.294 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 the OPCC 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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