

A key aspect of my role as 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 that took place with residents and business owners of North Wales involving over 1,300 responses – and with the agreement of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel – there will be a 50p per week (or £26.10 per year) increase in Council Tax for a Band D property for the financial year 2026-27. In percentage terms, this means a 7% increase on last year and the agreed amount is effective from 1 April 2026.

My decision to propose this increase in the Policing precept for an average property for 2026/7 has not been an easy one. I know that many people and many families are struggling with the cost of living. This is something I see and hear day-in, day-out as I visit communities across North Wales as PCC and as a Community Councillor in Connah's Quay. It was also made clear to me by those who came along to a six-location public engagement event called the People's Pulse I held before setting the precept and which visited Bangor, Ruthin, Flint, Wrexham, Barmouth and Colwyn Bay.

I am rooted in our community and I want the very best for it, both socially and economically. And a vital part of achieving this is through ensuring we have a well-funded and effective Police Service. If we have sufficient funding available, I hope to see investment in several areas that people tell me all the time they want to see improved, such as Police response via 999 and 101. This means investing in the Force Control Centre, which will help improve response times. I also hope to see investment in the Digital Forensics Unit, which will help in solving crimes and in the Protecting Vulnerable People Unit, which investigates some of the most serious crimes and supports and protects members of society at highest risk of harm.

The members of the public who took part in my survey and attended my People's Pulse events were clear about the need to give Police the right tools to get their job done and to protect us. I hope my proposed increase to the precept will help in this mission and my key priorities of a local neighbourhood policing presence; supporting victims, communities and businesses; and a fair and effective criminal justice system.

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## **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 £372.15 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	£265.5
Band B	£309.75
Band C	£354.00
Band D	£398.25
Band E	£486.75
Band F	£575.25
Band G	£663.75
Band H	£796.5
Band I	£929.25

## **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 £153.270m for 2026-2027. 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 £227.911million.

## **Where does the money come from?**

46.05% - Government Grants

53.95% - Council Tax

## **What do you get for your money?**

9.45% is spent on dealing with the public

40.54% is spent on local policing

27.41% is spent on investigations

8.07% is spent on criminal justice

14.53% is spent on specialist operations

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

2025-2026 £53.041 million

2025-2026 £44.378 million

## Where does your money go?

### 2025-2026 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£118.946 million
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£67.862 million
Expenditure – Pensions	£4.013 million
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£7.421 million
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£52.413 million
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£5.546 million

#### **Gross Revenue Expenditure**

Less: Income £44.359 million

#### **Budget Requirement**

**£256.201 million**

#### **Financed by:**

Specific Police Grant	£56.385 million
Floor Grant	£25.018 million
Revenue Support Grant	£15.851 million
Share of Non-Domestic Rates	£0.250 million

#### **Total grants**

**£97.504 million**

Council Tax £114.338 million

#### **Total Finance**

**£211.842 million**

### 2026-2027 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£125.781 million
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£72.835 million
Expenditure – Pensions	£4.070 million
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£7.782 million
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£53.617 million
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£5.869 million

#### **Gross Revenue Expenditure**

Less: Income £42.043 million

#### **Budget Requirement**

**£269.954 million**

#### **Financed by:**

Specific Police Grant	£62.175 million
Floor Grant	£26.848 million
Revenue Support Grant	£15.683 million
Share of Non-Domestic Rates	£0.242 million

#### **Total grants**

**£104.948 million**

Council Tax £122.963 million

#### **Total Finance**

**£227.911 million**

## 2026-2027 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£407.38 per Band D
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£235.90 per Band D
Expenditure – Pensions	£13.18 per Band D
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£25.20 per Band D
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£173.65 per Band D
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£19.01 per Band D

### **Gross Revenue Expenditure**

Less: Income £136.17 per Band D

### **Budget Requirement**

**£874.32 per Band D**

£136.17 per Band D

**£738.15 per Band D**

### **Financed by:**

Specific Police Grant £201.37 per Band D

Floor Grant £86.96 per Band D

Revenue Support Grant £50.79 per Band D

Share of Non-Domestic Rates £0.78 per Band D

### **Total grants**

**£339.90 per Band D**

Council Tax £398.25 per Band D

### **Total Finance**

**£738.15 per Band D**

## The Commissioner's Capital Budget 2026-2027

### **Proposed Expenditure**

Vehicles and Equipment £2.563 million

Building Works £10.278 million

Information Technology and Communication Equipment £5.209 million

### **Total Expenditure**

**£18.050 million**

### **Method of Financing:**

Capital Grant £0.100 million

Borrowing £9.855 million

Capital Receipts £1.576 million

Revenue Contribution and Balances £6.519 million

### **Total Financing**

**£18.050 million**

## Where can you get more details?

Please contact:

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### 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](http://www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk)

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