



Making sure communities are safer and feeling safer

As your Police and Crime Commissioner I want to make sure our communities are safe. This year I set a budget to recruit hundreds more Police Officers and maintain your Police and Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to protect frontline policing.

That will mean a slight rise in police council tax around £4 a year, 8 pence a week, for most tax payers. I asked people across West Yorkshire about what they wanted to see to keep their communities safer. 76 per cent of people that responded told me they would support an increase of £5 or more to protect frontline policing.

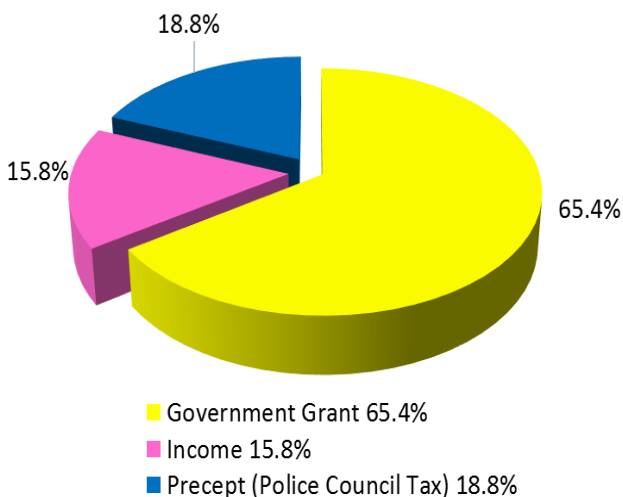


With this increase, along with other ongoing efficiencies and savings, we can now recruit 300 more police officers and protect PCSO numbers at 565. West Yorkshire Police received 'good' ratings from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) in the recent comprehensive reports into protecting the public and effective use of resources.

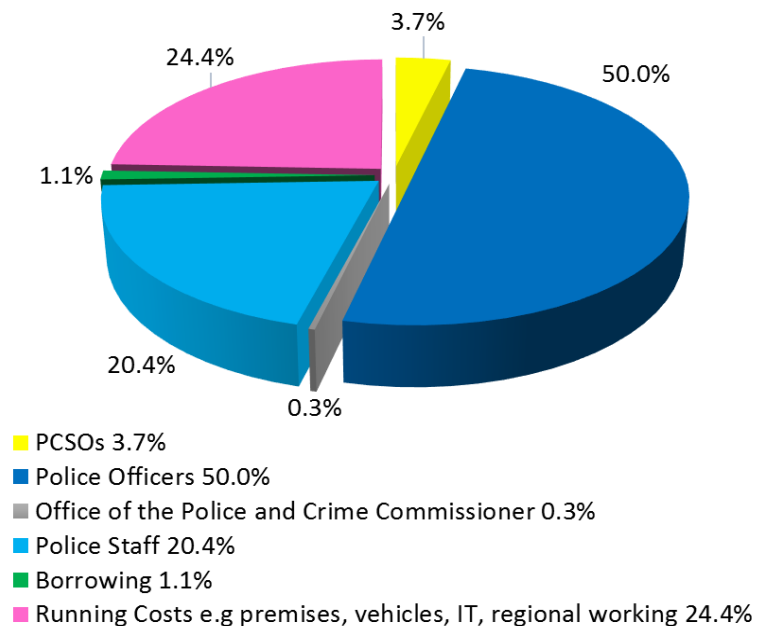
Government cuts of £140m have seen police officer numbers drop by over 2,000 and meant restrictions on open recruitment since 2010. This 3.6 per cent increase on council tax, still making us one of the lowest police council taxes in England and Wales, will enable us to start to rebuild and protect policing resources in West Yorkshire.

Mark Burns-Williamson OBE
West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner

Where the money came from 2016/2017



What the money is spent on 2016/2017



Budget	2015 - 2016 £m	2016 - 2017 £m
Gross Expenditure	484.871	485.664
Council Tax Requirement	85.323	90.199

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Mark is delivering for communities across West Yorkshire by:

- Recruiting 300 more police officers.
- Protecting neighbourhood policing and the number of PCSOs.
- Giving over £1million of recovered Proceeds of Crime money to community groups and organisations working to keep communities safe.
- Improving services for victims and witnesses with dedicated hubs and the Help for Victims website www.helpforvictims.co.uk
- Establishing the first ever Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in West Yorkshire.
- Provided an additional £3.5million to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation, Cyber Crime and Human Trafficking.
- Having the third lowest costing office compared to the other 41 Police and Crime Commissioners with West Yorkshire Police being the fourth largest police force.



"I wrote to you for your support regarding acts of vandalism to both my car and property. I am writing today to express my thanks – as a result of your intervention the parents of the vandals have now paid for the damage, and the matter has been concluded satisfactorily"

A West Yorkshire resident who approached Mark for help with a matter reported to the police.

For more examples of the work Mark and his office visit www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk.



Mark with some of the projects granted money recovered from the Proceeds of Crime

Summary: There will be a 3.6 per cent increase to the annual police council tax.

Council Tax Band	Total cost per year £	Increase per annum £	Increase in pence per week
A	97.30	3.33	6.4
B	113.52	3.89	7.5
C	129.73	4.44	8.5
D	145.95	5.00	9.6
E	178.38	6.11	11.8
F	210.82	7.22	13.9
G	243.25	8.33	16
H	291.90	10.00	19.2

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