



Keeping our communities safe and feeling safe

As your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) I want to make sure our communities are safe and feel safe. This next year I have 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 the police element of Council Tax of around £4 a year, or 8 pence a week, for most tax payers. This represents an increase of 3.43% percent overall.

I asked people across West Yorkshire about increasing the police element of Council Tax and 77 per cent of people that responded told me they would support the increase to protect frontline policing by continued key recruitment of police officers and staff.

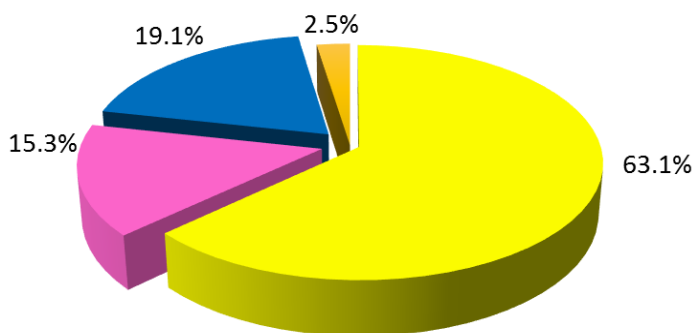


With this increase, along with other ongoing efficiencies and savings, we can now recruit around 500 police officers (200 additional, the rest to cover those expected to retire) and protect current PCSO numbers at over 550.

Government cuts of more than £140m have seen police officer numbers drop by over 2,000 since 2010. Last year, with help from our communities in West Yorkshire, I was able to set a budget to begin to rebuild the number of police officers and protect PCSO numbers. The rise in council tax this year, still makes us one of the lowest police Council Taxes in England and Wales, and will enable us to continue to rebuild and protect crucial policing resources here in West Yorkshire.

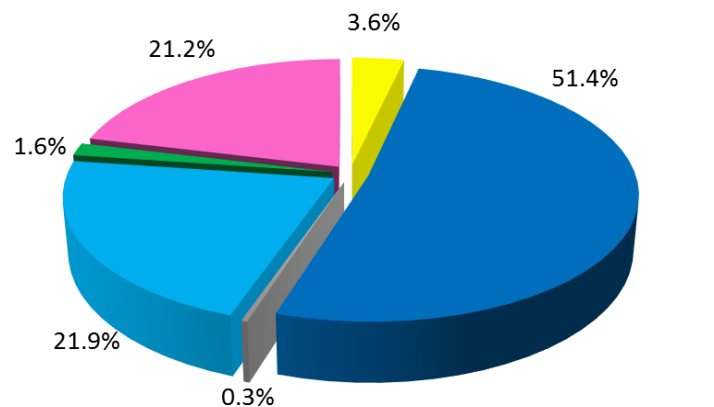
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Where the money came from 2017/2018



- Government Grant 63.1%
- Income 15.3%
- Precept (Police Council Tax) 19.1%
- Other 2.5%

What the money is spent on 2017/2018



- PCSOs 3.6%
- Police Officers 51.4%
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner 0.3%
- Police Staff 21.9%
- Borrowing 1.6%
- Running Costs e.g premises, vehicles, IT, regional working 21.2%

Budget	2016 - 2017 £m	2017 - 2018 £m
Gross Expenditure	485.664	496.956
Council Tax Requirement	90.199	94.945

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Making sure communities are safe and feel safe.

Mark is delivering for communities across West Yorkshire by:

- Recruiting more police officers, protecting neighbourhood policing and the number of PCSOs.
- Giving over £1.5million of recovered Proceeds of Crime money to community groups and organisations working to keep communities safe.
- Working with key partners to co-ordinate resources to tackle child sexual exploitation.
- Improving services for victims and witnesses with dedicated hubs and the Help for Victims website www.helpforvictims.co.uk
- Tackling human trafficking and modern slavery, creating the first national network to combat it.
- Working with the police, councils, highways agency, charities and other partners to improve road safety.
- Raising awareness of hate crime, the support available and encouraging reporting.



New Police and Crime Plan

Mark has launched the new Police and Crime Plan for West Yorkshire. The Plan sets the outcomes, and priorities that will drive the work of the PCC, West Yorkshire Police and their partnership working over the next 5 years. The outcomes are, tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, safeguard vulnerable people, make sure criminal justice works for all our communities and support victims and witnesses.

For more information on the work of Mark and to read the Police and Crime Plan 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 3.43 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	100.64	3.33	6.4
B	117.41	3.89	7.5
C	134.18	4.44	8.5
D	150.95	5.00	9.6
E	184.49	6.11	11.8
F	218.03	7.22	13.9
G	251.58	8.33	16
H	301.90	10.00	19.2

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