

## Surrey Police's Share of Council Tax – 2015/16

### Message from Police and Crime Commissioner Kevin Hurley



For 2015/16 I have set the level of council tax a Band D property pays for their policing at £215.89 for the year, an increase of 1.99%.

One of my six priorities as Police and Crime Commissioner is to give local people a greater say in how they are policed.

In late 2014, I put it to the Surrey public that an increase of 24% in our share of council tax – 99p a week extra for a Band D household - would allow us to make a step-change improvement in policing in the county, mitigating against years of funding cuts and allowing for investment in hundreds more police for the county.

This would have been a big increase and from the beginning of my research into the idea of a referendum on a significant increase in the police share of council tax to allow us to invest in better policing, I said that it would be the views of the public that would make the decision. It is their money and their police force. A referendum would cost over £1m to hold and I would not put that money on the line if I was not certain that a majority of residents would support the proposed increase.

Having surveyed and spoken to thousands of people, it is clear that, whilst there is a consistent level of support from around a third of residents for paying a significantly bigger amount towards policing in their council tax, the majority view remains against that decision and instead in favour of a smaller increase of 1.99%. That made my final decision on our tax level for next year very simple. I'm grateful to everyone who took the time to have a say.

Money is the biggest issue facing Surrey Police. From my first day in office I have been lobbying Government to either protect service levels by merging forces or if not, to provide more funding to where it is most needed. We receive the second lowest level of funding per head of population in the country and independent analysis shows that we're losing out on as much as £6m government funding every year that we need to keep the county safe. Cuts are happening to our budget that will mean fewer officers and staff in Surrey in the years ahead. I am going to keep the pressure up to get what we need for policing via our local MPs and direct with Government Ministers. I'm also going to be continuing my conversations with residents and if support builds, it may well be the case that I look again at the referendum idea next year. I remain absolutely of the view that policing needs more investment to evolve to face the threats of today and tomorrow and that is not going to change.

## What you will pay for policing in Surrey in 2015/16

Valuation Band	Council Tax payable per property £
Band A	143.93
Band B	167.91
Band C	191.90
<b>Band D</b>	<b>215.89</b>
Band E	263.87
Band F	311.84
Band G	359.82
Band H	431.78

## How the money is spent

	2015/16	2014/15
Employees	179.2	179.3
Premises	7.7	7.5
Supplies and services	32.3	33.6
Transport	6.0	5.9
Income	-19.5	-19.4
<b>Gross expenditure</b>	<b>205.7</b>	<b>206.9</b>
To/(from) balances	-0.7	-1
<b>Net revenue budget</b>	<b>205.0</b>	<b>205.9</b>
Precept Legacy Grants	-9.3	-9.3
<b>Net budget requirement</b>	<b>195.7</b>	<b>196.6</b>

## How the spending has changed

<b>2014/15 Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>206.9</b>
Inflation	2.7
Commitments	1.2
Project Resources & Implementation Costs	1.4
Emergency Services Collaboration	0.2
Mobile Data Capability	0.1
Home Office Innovation match funding	0.1
Savings	-6.9
<b>2015/16 Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>205.7</b>

## Where the money comes from

	2015/16	2014/15
	£m	£m
<b>Net budget requirement</b>	<b>195.789</b>	<b>196.692</b>
Less:		
Police Grant	-62.522	-66.597
Business Rates/Revenue Support Grant	-29.386	-30.259
<b>Net Council Tax requirement</b>	<b>103.881</b>	<b>99.835</b>
Taxbase i.e. number of equivalent D Band properties	481,179	471,631

## Employee Information

	2015/16	2014/15
Police officers	1,907	1,923
Operational & support police staff	1,939	2,022
Specials	194	194
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,040</b>	<b>4,139</b>

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### For more information:

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If you are hard of hearing or speech impaired, you can textphone Surrey Police on **18001 101** (non-emergency) or **18000** (emergency) or text on **07786 204020** or **999** (register at [www.emergencysms.org.uk](http://www.emergencysms.org.uk)).

Call your local council for abandoned vehicles or noise problems.

Call Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** if you have information about a crime and don't want to leave your name.

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