

Policing Surrey

Your Council Tax for policing services in 2014/15

Kevin Hurley, Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey

Kevin Hurley is the elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey, responsible for overseeing the work of the force to make sure they are tackling the issues that matter most to you in a professional and effective way. He is also responsible for the budget of Surrey Police, ensuring that the Force has the money it needs to deliver a good service and that it operates efficiently.

The People's Priorities for policing in Surrey

You have told us the things that matter most to you for policing and community safety in Surrey. The Commissioner is working with Surrey Police, councils and other agencies to make sure we are working effectively towards these priorities.

A Zero Tolerance Policing Approach – a relentless focus on those who blight our lives: anti-social louts, violent bullies, burglars and those who deal drugs to our young people. We will seize the profits of their crime.

More Visible Street Policing – reduce expenditure on back office roles and use the ill-gotten gains of criminals to pay for patrol officers.

To Put Victims at the Centre of the Criminal Justice System – ensure that victims are given a quality service from reporting a crime to giving evidence. The professionals in the Courts and Police work for you, sometimes they forget.

The Opportunity to have a Greater Say in how Your Streets are Policed – you asked and we will set up local policing boards to bring decision making closer to neighbourhoods. You will be able to participate and have your views heard.

To Protect Your Local Policing – work with Police Chiefs to maintain the morale and ethos of service of your officers by supporting them against unreasonable criticism and ensuring their voice is heard. We cannot expect them to take on the criminals unless we back them.

To be Uncompromising in the Standards You Expect from Your Police – With public support comes an expectation that your police deliver a quality service. We expect the Chiefs to inspire their officers and unlock their passion to deliver a professional, courteous and positive approach to policing. You pay for it, you have a right to expect it.

About the Surrey Police budget for 2014/15

The Police budget for Surrey continues to reduce due to significant cuts in the funding we receive from the Government. We already receive one of the lowest levels of funding from Westminster, which makes these cuts especially challenging for us. Owing to a change in legislation, we also face a substantial increase in police staff pension costs.

The Commissioner's key objective is to manage the cut in funding and the increase in costs with the minimal impact on the level of service the police can offer and that you expect. He is working with Surrey Police to address the financial challenges ahead of us through savings measures that make the organisation more efficient and cost-effective. He is also increasing how much money we raise via our

other main source of income – our share of local Council Tax. These actions help to minimise the overall reduction in the budget of Surrey Police.

For this year – 2014/15 – the Commissioner has set a gross revenue budget for Surrey Police of £207.3m, a reduction of £0.4m from the previous year. This includes a 1.99% increase in the amount local taxpayers pay via Council Tax. For a Band D property, this represents an increase of £4.13 for the year, or 34p per month.

The Commissioner's proposed budget for 2014/15 was scrutinised by Surrey's Police and Crime Panel – a group of local Councillors and Independent Members responsible for overseeing his work – and following significant discussion and debate, was approved.

For more information:

For more information on the Police and Crime Commissioner visit www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk

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For more details about the Police budget from the year from April 2013 or to obtain a copy of our most recent Statement of Accounts, please call our office on **01483 630 200**, email at SurreyPCC@surrey.police.uk, or write to us at **PO Box 412, Guildford GU3 1BR**

Call **999** if you have a genuine emergency requiring the attendance of the police or if a crime is in progress.

Call Surrey Police on **101** for non-emergency policing matters only.

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).

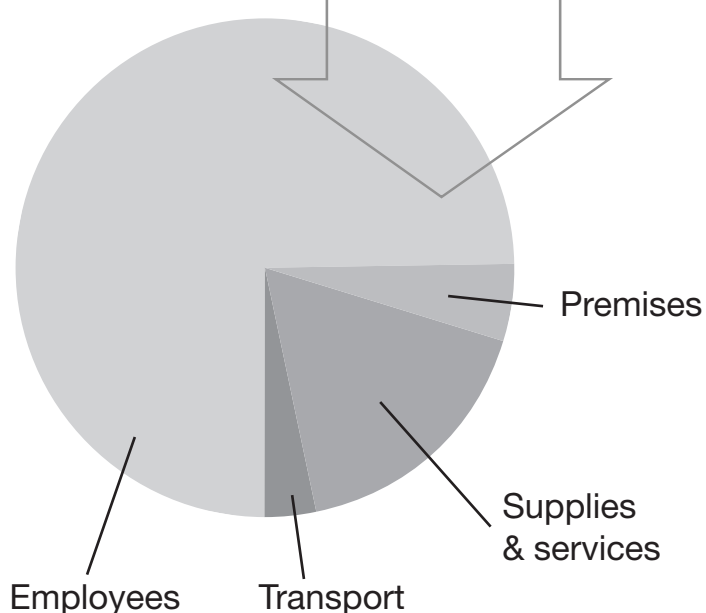
Call your local council for abandoned vehicles or noise problems.

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

How the money is spent

Surrey Police has a net budget requirement of £196.6m for 2014/15. This compares to a figure of £198.4m for 2013/14.

	£m 2014/15	2013/14		£m 2014/15	2013/14
Employees	180.8	179.9	Net revenue budget	206.3	208.3
Premises	7.5	7.9	Victim Services Grant	(0.4)	0.0
Supplies & services	24.9	25.6	Precept Compensation Grant 1	(2.5)	(2.5)
Transport	4.7	4.9	Precept Localisation Grant	(6.8)	(6.7)
Income	(10.6)	(10.6)	Community Safety Fund	0.0	(0.7)
Gross expenditure	207.3	207.7	Net budget requirement	196.6	198.4
To/(from) balances	(1.0)	0.6			



Employee information

Figures represent all posts included in the annual budget

	2014/15	2013/14
Police officers	1,923	1,935
Operational and Support police staff	2,022	2,263
Specials	194	320
Total	4,139	4,518

How the spending has changed

	£m
2013/14 Gross expenditure	207.7
Inflation	2.1
Police Staff Pension Fund	3.6
Victim Services	0.5
Other commitments	0.3
Collaboration with Sussex Police	(0.7)
Custody Review	(0.6)
Crime Department Review	(2.4)
Neighbourhoods Review	(0.4)
Support Services Review	(2.1)
Other Savings	(0.7)
2014/15 Gross expenditure	207.3

What you will pay for policing in Surrey in 2014/15

Council Tax payable per property £



Where the money comes from

	2014/15 £m	2013/14 £m
Net budget requirement	196.692	198.474
Less:		
Police Grant	(66.597)	(69.311)
Business Rates/Revenue Support Grant	(30.259)	(31.732)
Net Council Tax requirement	99.835	97.431
Taxbase i.e. number of equivalent band D properties	471,631	469,434