

# 15th November – your chance to elect the county's first Police & Crime Commissioner

On 15th November 2012, Surrey residents will have the chance to go to the polls to elect the county's first Police and Crime Commissioner. This influential figure will be responsible for overseeing the work of Surrey Police on behalf of residents.

## The Commissioner:

- will hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of Surrey Police
- will be elected for four-year terms of office
- will set the police budget, the police share of council tax and the local 'Police and Crime Plan' which sets out the overall strategy for policing in the area
- will be scrutinised by a 'Police and Crime Panel' involving local Councillors and members of the public.

The Commissioner will replace Surrey Police Authority, the group of nine County Councillors and eight independent Members of the public that currently oversees Surrey Police.

The Police Authority will continue to work as normal until the election, with the Policing Plan and budget for next year being set as before. The Authority's support staff will be working over the next year to make the necessary arrangements to make the transition to the Police and Crime Commissioner as smooth as possible.

Watch out for announcements in the news as candidates begin to come forward and more information about the elections is released.

You can also find out more at the Police and Crime Commissioner page of Surrey Police Authority's website: [www.surreypa.gov.uk/PCC](http://www.surreypa.gov.uk/PCC)

## How is Surrey Police performing?

The priorities set for the force for 2011/12 are set out below, along with the force's current performance in achieving them. The statistics cited below are based on the most up-to-date performance information available at the time of writing (January 2012).

- **Keep public confidence in Surrey Police high** – currently **89.7%** of residents surveyed are confident in Surrey Police, above the target set for the year of 80%.
- **Provide a good service to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour** – **84.6%** of victims of serious crime and **78%** of victims of anti-social behaviour have been satisfied with the service they have received from the police. This is above the target set for victims of serious crime (79%) and the target for victims of anti-social behaviour (76%).
- **To stop criminal gangs from operating in Surrey** – to date this year the force has stopped **10** criminal gangs from operating and is confident it will meet the end of year target of stopping 15 gangs operating.
- **Deal with people who sell harmful drugs** – Surrey Police has so far charged or cautioned **532** people for supplying drugs. This exceeds the annual target of 450.
- **Keep levels of serious crime low in Surrey** – to date serious crime such as burglary, car theft and violence have reduced in Surrey overall by **10.4%**, against a target of recording no more crimes than in 2010/11.
- **Catch people who commit serious crime** – this year to date **20.5%** of people committing such crimes have been caught and dealt with by the police, above the target set of 18.6%.
- **To recruit more Police Constables by making savings in other areas** – the force has met its target of increasing the number of Surrey Police Constables from the 09/10 baseline of 1345 to 1545 by April 2012.
- **To make optimal use of our officer and staff resource** – Surrey Police is currently achieving an officer and staff availability rate of **91.3%**, above the target of 90%.

As we publish this leaflet before the end of our performance year to coincide with the Council Tax notifications, the figures shown above show latest performance available (mostly April to December 2011). After the end of March 2012 we will publish the final force performance for the year on our website [www.surreypa.gov.uk](http://www.surreypa.gov.uk) together with a more detailed explanation of targets and measures set and performance achieved.

## This year's budget

The major cut in the funding given to police authorities by the Government has been well publicised. In Surrey, we reacted early and decisively, beginning a series of reforms in 2009 to help us manage the anticipated reduction in our funding whilst releasing additional money for investment in front line policing. The financial information in this leaflet illustrates how those changes have affected our budget.

Around half of our budget comes from our share of locally-raised council tax. This year, after two years at the same level, the Police Authority has decided to increase by 2.5% what it asks for in council tax from each household to help pay for policing. For a Band D property, this equates to an increase of around 10p per week.

The alternative was to accept a one-off grant equivalent to around £3m offered by the Government in return for freezing council tax at the same level for another year. Whilst accepting this grant would have kept our share of council tax at the same level as last year, because the grant is for one year only, on its removal Surrey Police would have been left with significantly less money in each subsequent year, whereas an increase in our share of council tax builds the additional money it raises permanently into our funding. After careful consideration, the Authority agreed that a small increase in our share of council tax was the better option to protect the level of service Surrey Police can provide to the public over the long-term.

Surrey Police is legally required to produce this information under The Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011 - SI 2011/3038 which prescribe the minimum requirements for financial information to be provided with council tax bills.

## Contacting us

For more details about the performance of Surrey Police in the previous year, please visit our website [www.surreypa.gov.uk](http://www.surreypa.gov.uk) or contact our office on: **01483 630 200**

For more details about the Police budget for the year from April 2012 or to obtain a copy of our most recent Statement of Accounts, please write, giving your address, to:  
**Surrey Police Authority, PO Box 412, Guildford, Surrey GU3 1BR**

or email: [spa@surrey.police.uk](mailto:spa@surrey.police.uk) or call Ian Perkin, Treasurer to the Police Authority, on: **01483 630200**.

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### Call 999 (Minicom users: 01483 539999)

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.

### 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.

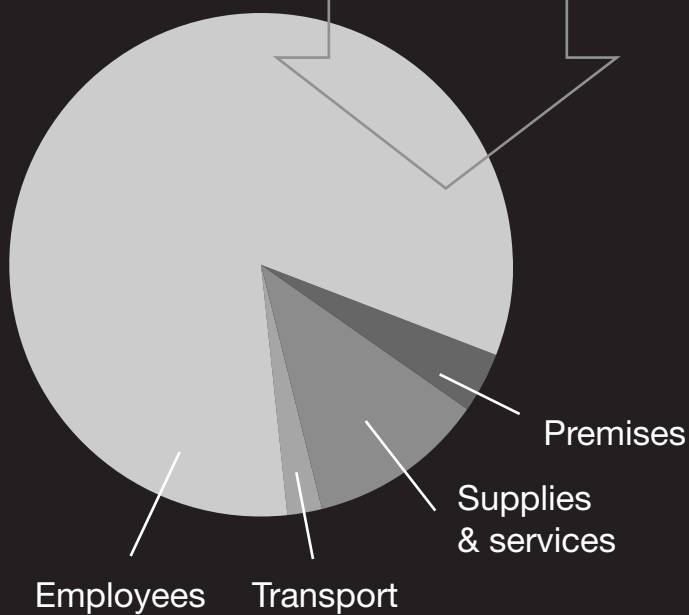
# How the money is spent

Surrey Police Authority has a net budget requirement of £200.9m for 2012/13. This compares to a figure of £204.2m for 2011/12.

	£m 2012/13	2011/12
Employees	182.7	183.4
Premises	8.5	8.9
Supplies & services	24.9	26.8
Transport	4.8	4.6
Income	(12.1)	(11.4)
<b>Gross expenditure</b>	<b>208.8</b>	<b>212.3</b>
To/(from) balances	(1.0)	(1.2)

	£m 2012/13	2011/12
<b>Net revenue budget</b>	<b>207.8</b>	<b>211.1</b>
Community Support Officers Grant	(4.4)	(4.4)
Precept Compensation Grant 1	(2.5)	(2.5)
<b>Net budget requirement</b>	<b>200.9</b>	<b>204.2</b>

Note: The 2011/12 comparative data above shows the revised budget as at January 2012, reflecting changes made in the year.



## Employee information

Figures represent all posts included in the Authority's annual budget

	2012/13	2011/12
Police officers	1,940	1,967
Operational police staff	1,803	1,914
Support police staff	469	365
Specials	345	375
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>4,621</b>

Note: The 2011/12 comparative data above has been adjusted to reflect changes in the year.

## How the spending has changed

### 2011/12 Gross expenditure

Front line officer expansion	1.6
Service improvement	1.0
Modernising the estate	(1.5)
Collaboration	(0.6)
Support & Operational Services restructuring	(2.7)
Procurement, Police Authority & other savings	(0.6)
Non-staff efficiency gains	(2.2)
Inflation, economic changes & pay	1.5

£m

212.3

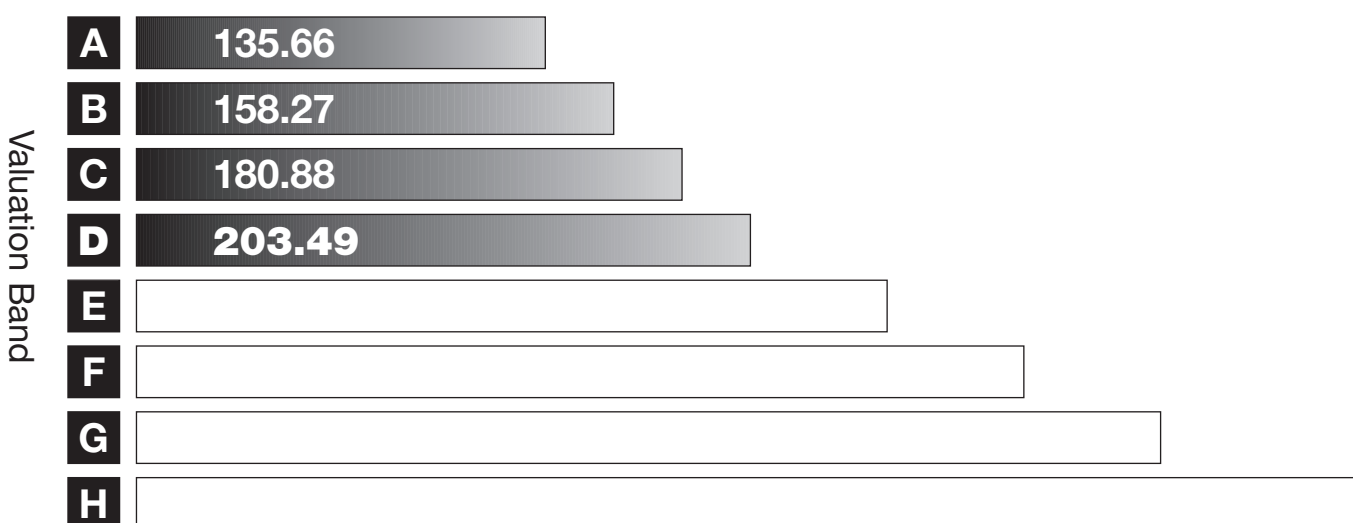
### 2012/13 Gross expenditure

208.8

If you have a question about this year's budget please call the Police Authority on 01483 630200.

## What you will pay for policing in Surrey in 2012/13

Council Tax payable per property £



## Where the money comes from

	2012/13 £m	2011/12 £m
Net budget requirement	200.901	204.207
Less:		
Police Grant	(65.022)	(70.029)
Business Rates	(32.533)	(26.947)
Revenue Support Grant	(0.678)	(8.316)
Gross Council Tax requirement	102.668	98.915
Share of Collection Fund surpluses	(0.933)	(0.502)
Net Council Tax requirement	101.735	98.413
<b>Taxbase i.e. number of equivalent band D properties</b>	<b>499,945</b>	<b>495,684</b>

As at 31 March 2012 Surrey Police had £10.6m invested with Surrey County Council. There was no external borrowing outstanding at this date.

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Your Council Tax for policing services in 2012/13

