

Council Tax

2022/23



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Previous investment, alongside the hard work of Police Officers, Special Constables, PCSOs and staff, has led to reductions in burglary, robbery and serious violence, including knife crime. Neighbourhood crimes, such as theft from vehicles, are down and the new rural crime taskforce is making an impact into organised crime groups.

Recruitment of more police officers continues apace and is accelerating this year with a further increase of 244 officers in 2022/23 (including 13 for the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit). Beyond the national recruitment programme, I will be seeking to increase numbers further to ensure that the size of the Force at least keeps pace with our population growth.

Thames Valley's Project Vigilant, that seeks to tackle predatory behaviour in the night-time economy, is being adopted nationally and the increase in operations locally is helping to make our towns safer. The efforts to tackle domestic abuse and sexual violence are not just limited to policing. I am also working with the Crown Prosecution Service and the courts to ensure that we bring more offenders to justice as quickly as possible.

My work to reduce reoffending by working with prisons, the probation service and charities is intended to not just improve the chances of those coming out of prison, but to prevent more people from becoming victims in the future. This is part of my focus on crime prevention that also means a longer term partnership with local councils to help address anti-social behaviour.

My Police & Criminal Justice Plan sets out my priorities for Thames Valley Police, focussing on the crimes that matter most to the public. By increasing council tax by less than 20p per week for the average Band D household, I can make further investments in operational policing to enable the Force to tackle crime in every community and to help keep the public safe.

Matthew Barber

Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner

Investment

This year's policing budget will enable the Police and Crime Commissioner to invest for the medium-term, to ensure we recruit more police officers and to give those officers the tools and resources they need to tackle the crimes that matter most to the public. This budget will enable:

- Development of a specialist Rape & Sexual Offences team
- A dedicated team to fast track cases, reducing delays for victims and releasing officers back to the frontline
- Improvements in forensics to speed up investigations and bring more criminals to justice
- The continued recruitment of more officers, beyond the Home Office funded recruitment programme
- Continuation of the Rural Crime Task Force and the introduction of a Drugs Task Force
- Improving essential technological infrastructure and systems to better support service delivery

Budget

The net revenue budget for 2022/23 is £505 million, representing an annual increase of £29.5 million or 6.2%.

In accordance with Government recommendations, the Police and Crime Commissioner has increased his element of council tax by £10 a year or 83p per month for a Band D household for the year.

This increase will enable him to invest in frontline operations, the recruitment of more police officers and invest in the supporting infrastructure that will allow the police to reduce crime and bring more criminals to justice.

2021/22			2022/23		Band	2022/23 £
Total £m	per head £		Total £m	per head £		
531.99	217.64	Gross expenditure	555.05	226.11	A	160.85
-55.41	-22.67	Income	-53.13	-21.64	B	187.66
-0.69	-0.28	Contribution to / from (-) reserves	3.08	1.25	C	214.47
475.89	194.69	Net expenditure	505.00	205.72	D	241.28
		Less:			E	294.90
-83.48	-34.15	Formula grant	-88.43	-36.02	F	348.52
-163.95	-67.08	Police grant	-173.43	-70.65	G	402.13
-15.28	-6.25	Legacy council tax grants	-15.28	-6.22	H	482.56
-0.38	-0.15	Council tax from previous years	-1.57	-0.64		
212.80	87.06	Precept	226.29	92.19		

Savings

Thames Valley Police has a proven track record of delivering productivity savings and using these to balance annual budgets or reinvest in frontline policing - a strategy that has been widely scrutinised and praised by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) during various inspections and reports.

Financial and operational demands facing the Force mean that it is more important than ever that prudent financial management is used to continually review, challenge and improve our services.

As funding from Government increases, and the public are asked to pay more through council tax, it is important that the police budget is spent wisely. Over the next four years (2022/23 to 2025/26) a further £16.3 million is planned to be saved from the base revenue budget, to ensure policing across Thames Valley is as efficient as possible.

Public consultation

Before implementing this council tax increase, the PCC consulted local taxpayers. In order to reach as many people as possible, it was sent to:

- All users of Thames Valley Alert (87,200 users)
- Councillors from county, unitary and district councils
- Media contacts across the Thames Valley
- Members of the public subscribed to the PCC's e-newsletter
- Published on PCC's website
- Regular social media updates via Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn
- Town and parish councils

Of those who completed the survey, 69.5% supported an increase of 83p per month in Band D council tax.

To be notified of future consultations about policing and crime in your area, sign up to our newsletter at www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk.

About us

For further information about the PCC's Police and Criminal Justice Plan or finances, please visit our website at www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk.

In respect of the 2022/23 council tax precept, you will find the full reports submitted to the PCC's Performance and Accountability Meeting and the accompanying appendices.

For further information about the PCC, his Police and Criminal Justice Plan, the budget or how you can get involved, get in touch using the contact details below:

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