



Building a safer West Mercia by protecting frontline policing



Our communities need a police service that is visible and accessible and this modest increase will help us protect our frontline officers.

I am committed to ensuring your money is spent wisely and efficiently to deliver a modern, agile force that can cope with future challenges. I am conscious that money is tight for our communities, which is why I haven't asked for a higher amount of council tax but I believe bringing the tax in line with inflation, will ensure the force has the resources it needs to continue to keep you safe.

I pledged to reform West Mercia Police, and some significant progress has been made. Your money will be used to continue these improvements, and to continue to fund projects that tackle the root causes of crime to help reduce demand on our force.

John Campion
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner

What I will deliver:



I will protect current numbers of PCs, ensuring the vital community presence and accessibility people value so much. The police can make best use of investments to improve productivity and meet increased demands.



Projects can continue that have helped more than 12,000 people this year, covering domestic abuse, youth engagement, drug addiction, road safety, child sexual exploitation, anti-social behaviour and much more.



I will continue to reform West Mercia Police. In the last year officers have been equipped with body worn video and the ability to work 'on the move'. I will continue to ensure the force catches up and keeps up, to deliver the very best service for our communities.



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Council Tax Band - what will I pay?

A	B	C	D
£131.38	£153.28	£175.17	£197.07
E	F	G	H
£240.86	£284.66	£328.45	£394.14

The amount you pay for the police service will increase by 3.94% in 2018/19. Council tax bands are calculated to four decimal places, but presented here to two decimal places, therefore they may vary by plus/minus 0.01p.

How are the police funded?



- Central government funding (£120.177m)
- Reserves (£4.721m)
- Council Tax (£86.596m)

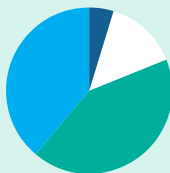
How the money is spent?

In 2018/19 we plan to spend £227.009m before income and use of reserves. Our day-to-day spending (net of fees, specific grants and reserves) is £206.773m. The expenditure on police services has increased by £2.333m.

Spending	2017/18	2018/19	
	Spending £ millions	Spending £ millions	Cost for each person £
Expenditure on police services	224.676	227.009	180.35
Income	12.501	15.515	12.33
Total cost of service	212.175	211.494	168.02
Transfer from reserves	9.720	4.721	3.75
Our budget	202.455	206.773	164.27
Less funding from the Government			
Police grant	65.422	65.422	51.98
Revenue support and business rates	42.780	42.780	33.99
Council tax support grant	9.200	9.200	7.31
Council tax freeze grant	2.776	2.776	2.21
Council Tax	82.277	86.596	68.80

Capital spending

This chart shows our planned capital spending of £14.4m in 2018/19. This is funded by borrowing, Government grant and the sale of police properties.



- Central government funding (£0.7m)
- Receipts from property sales (£2m)
- Reserves (£6m)
- Borrowing (£5.7m)

How the money has changed

Our budget has increased by £4.3m

	£ millions
Our budget 2017/18	202.455
Savings	7.850
Inflation, pressures and developments	5.927
Movement in the use of reserves*	6.241
Our budget 2018/19	206.773

* Reserves movement figure includes £1.242m of invest to save/innovation fund reserve used in 2017/18.