



Keeping our communities safe and feeling safe

As your Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) I want to make sure our communities are safe and feel safe. I know that a properly resourced and visible police service is key to that. This next year I have set a budget to help strengthen neighbourhood policing, protect PCSO numbers and recruit 264 additional Police Officers and specialist staff to help protect frontline policing and tackle key priority areas.

The new budget sees a £24 increase on the police element of council tax, known as the police precept, for a Band D property. However approximately 61% of households in West Yorkshire are in Bands A and B, which means around 31p extra per week for Band 'A' and 36p per week for Band 'B' with the overall precept still remaining the 3rd lowest in England and Wales.



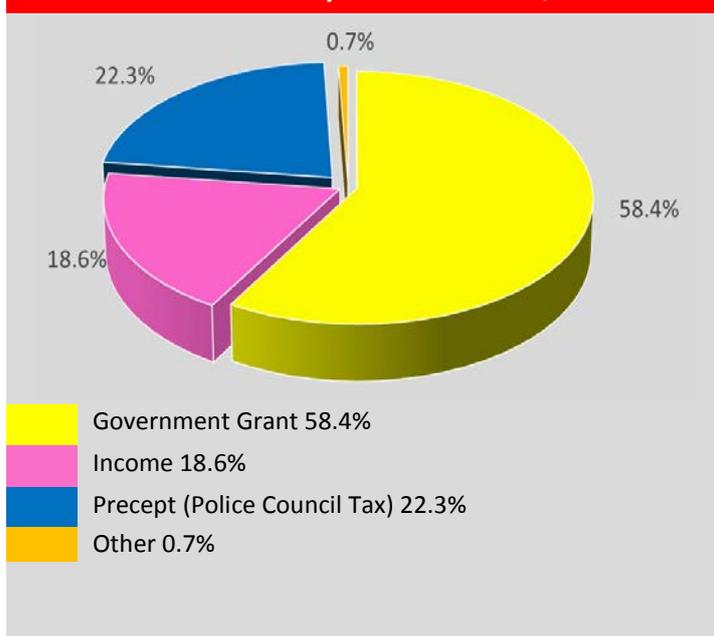
There were clear expectations from Government that PCCs should raise their precept levels to the maximum amount allowed. This has not been an easy decision, but it was a necessary one in order to help rebuild frontline policing resources, against a backdrop of years of austerity Government funding reductions, still accounting for over 70% of our overall budget in core grant.

The public broadly supported the increase with 72% of respondents to my recent budget consultation survey stating that they would be prepared to increase their contribution.

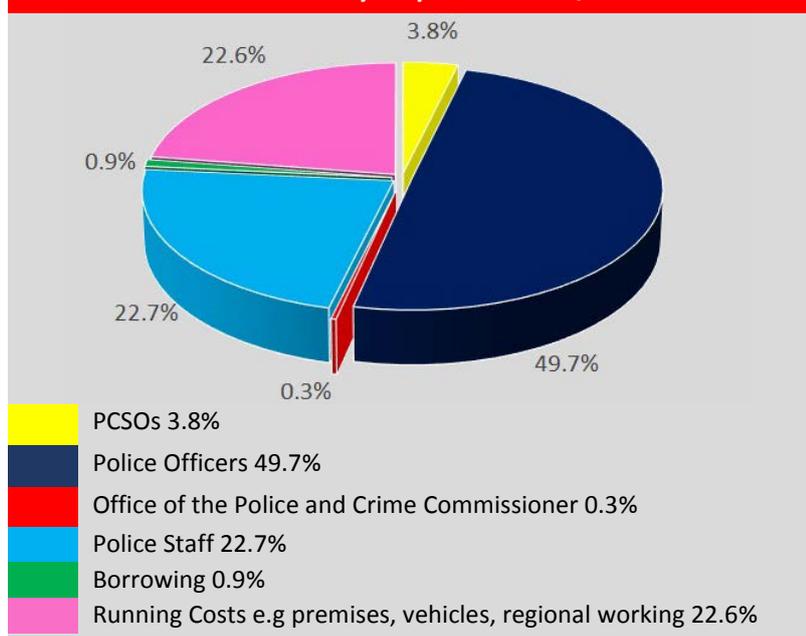
Although it is with some reluctance that I have had to call upon local taxpayers to achieve it with Government transferring more of the burden locally, the budget I have set caters for the issues of greatest threat to our communities such as cyber crime, violent crime and safeguarding and puts us in a place of more stability and sustainability for the future. However I will of course continue to lobby and speak directly with the Home Secretary, Treasury, Government and MPs about a better deal for Policing in West Yorkshire as I have done every year since first being elected in 2012.

Mark Burns-Williamson OBE
West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner

Where the money came from 2019/2020



What the money is spent on 2019/2020



Budget	2018 – 2019 £m	2019 – 2020 £m
Gross Expenditure	517.781	547.333
Council Tax Requirement	104.815	122.018

Mark Burns-Williamson

West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)



Mark is delivering for communities across West Yorkshire by:

- Recruiting more police officers, protecting PCSO numbers and strengthening frontline and neighbourhood policing.
- Improving services for victims and witnesses by commissioning Victim Support to provide core support services over the next 3 years including for under 18 years olds for the first time and commissioning the first ever county-wide restorative justice programme.
- Since 2014 he's given over £2.4 million of recovered Proceeds of Crime money to community groups and organisations working to keep communities safe.
- Working with key partners to co-ordinate resources to tackle the priorities in the [West Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan](#) such as road safety, cyber-crime, child sex exploitation and domestic abuse.
- Continuing the work to tackle human trafficking and modern slavery, furthering the progress of the local and national networks set up to combat it.
- Working with the police and partners to combat serious crime including knife and gun crime and raising awareness of hate crime, the support available, encouraging reporting and awareness raising.
- Investing in vital hand held technology, body worn cameras and in-car systems to ensure officers remain out on the streets where the public want them.

For more information on the work of Mark and his office visit www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk.



Mark with some of the projects granted money recovered from the Proceeds of Crime

Summary

There will be a 14.7% increase to the annual police council tax.

Council Tax Band	Current cost per year £	2019/20 cost £	Annual increase £	Per week increase £
A	108.63	124.63	16.00	0.31
B	126.74	145.40	18.67	0.36
C	144.84	166.18	21.33	0.41
D	162.95	186.95	24.00	0.46
E	199.16	228.49	29.33	0.56
F	235.37	270.04	34.67	0.67
G	271.58	311.58	40.00	0.77
H	325.90	373.90	48.00	0.92

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