

## Police Council Tax 2014/2015

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, my job is to hold the Chief Constable to account and be a strong voice for the people of West Yorkshire.

Protecting frontline policing here in West Yorkshire against the backdrop of unprecedented government cuts is crucial to ensuring communities are safer and feel safer.

Bringing down burglary rates, tackling anti-social behaviour, dealing with domestic violence, and working with partners to make our children safer are some of the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

I pledged to tackle these issues and protect frontline policing because you tell me when I am out and about in our communities that you want more police officers on the streets. To achieve this has meant a slight increase of the police part of your council tax which in real terms will mean an extra £2 a year for two thirds of households.

### What your money is spent on

This will pay for the recruitment of 126 police officers and 70 essential police staff roles, although government cuts will mean a reduction overall in police numbers.

Proposing an increase was a decision I took after consulting with individuals and organisations across West Yorkshire. As part of my Listening to You First survey 65% of respondents said they would be prepared to pay an increase of 2% or more to pay for policing.

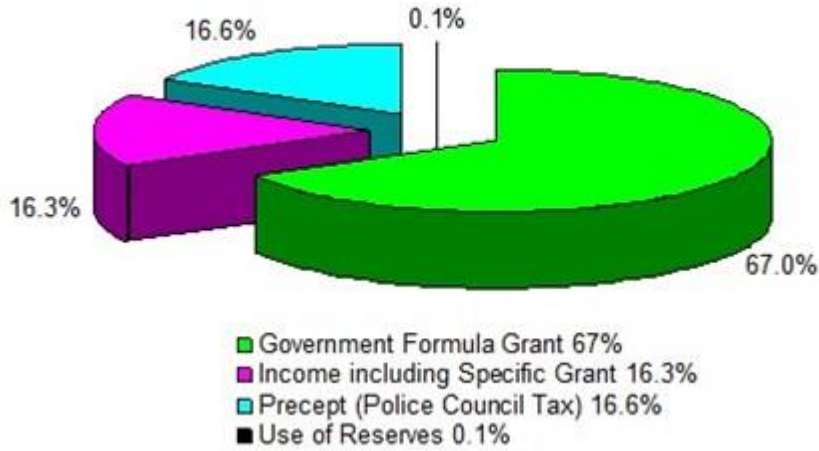
To find out more about policing and community safety priorities across West Yorkshire please see the Police and Crime Plan at [www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk)

### Summary:

- There will be a 1.99per cent increase to the annual police council tax
- Band D households will pay £2.70 more per year for policing
- Up to 64 per cent of households are in Bands A and B and will see an increase of £1.79 and £2.10 per year respectively

Budget	2013 - 2014 £m	2014 - 2015 £m
Gross Expenditure	510.121	500.551
Council Tax Requirement	79.578	82.390

### Where The Money Comes From 2014/15



### What The Money Is Spent On 2014/15

