



Northamptonshire Police Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service Precept 2019/20



Thank you for the increased support you are giving Northamptonshire Police this year.

Northamptonshire Police receives around £245 a year from the council tax you pay, while Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue receives just over £60. The rest of your council tax goes to your local councils, for the services they provide to you.

This year, the Government allowed Police and Crime Commissioners to increase the policing part of your council tax by £24. When I consulted local people, 58% of those who responded said they would pay more. They also told me they wanted to be sure the money was spent on improving frontline policing.

I took many factors into account when setting this year's police precept, including the significant increase in population in Northamptonshire, which has grown by 115,000 in the ten years to 2017.

Central government funding has not kept up with that growth in demand and I find myself having to look to you, the council tax payers of Northamptonshire, for further support. This is the only way to ensure the Chief Constable has the resources to keep Northamptonshire safe and provide residents with the service they rightly expect.

This will be the third year in a row the police budget has increased, giving an operational policing budget in 2019/20 of £130 million. This means the Force has around £20 million more to spend on keeping you safe than it did when I came into office in 2016.

I have asked that £3 million this year is earmarked to invest in improving police visibility and service.

In April 2019, the Chief Constable and I will set out how this additional funding will be spent to provide a better service in areas you have told me are a priority. These will include a focus on neighbourhood policing, a better response to burglary and crime in rural areas and more work to tackle drug dealing and anti-social behaviour.

I fully appreciate the contribution you make towards funding Northamptonshire Police and I will continue to listen to your views on how this county is policed.

Stephen Mold

Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

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How much will I pay for policing?

What is the policing precept?

The policing precept is the part of your council tax you pay towards policing in Northamptonshire. The amount you pay depends on your council tax band.

After your local authority has collected your council tax, the appropriate amount is passed to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, who is responsible for allocating the police budget to the Chief Constable.

The policing precept is increasing by £24 a year this year for a band D household.

Who pays council tax?

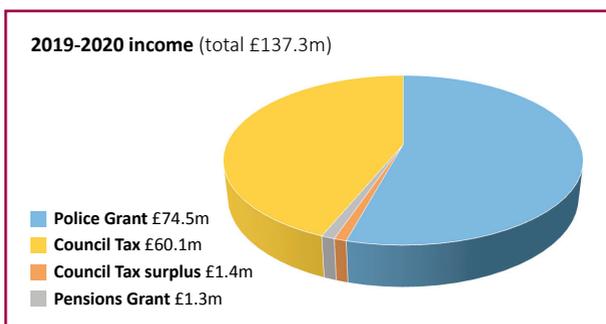
All residential houses in the country, whether owned or rented, are required to pay council tax.

There are discounts or exemptions available for people who meet certain criteria. If you want to know more about your requirement to pay council tax, please contact your local district or borough council.

How much will I pay?

The following tables set out how much you will pay for policing next year and what this pays for.

Policing		
Band	Property Value (1991)	Annual Cost
A	Up to £40,000	163.36
B	£40,0001 to £52,000	190.59
C	£52,001 to £68,000	217.81
D	£68,001 to £88,000	245.04
E	£88,001 to £120,000	299.49
F	£120,001 to £160,000	353.95
G	£160,001 to £320,000	408.40
H	Over £320,001	490.08



Policing Budget	2018-19 (£m)	2019-20 (£m)
Local funding passed to the Chief Constable	100.5	108.2
Investment	-	3.1
Enabling Services	18.2	19.0
Total funding passed to the Chief Constable	118.7	130.3
Capital Financing	2.8	1.6
Office of the PFCC	1.7	1.3
Commissioning & Early Intervention	3.0	3.2
Research, Public Involvement, Complaints & Delivery	0.3	0.4
Police and Crime Plan Delivery Fund	0.2	0.2
Enabling Services Programme	-	0.2
Contributions to reserves	0.4	0.1
Total Expenditure	127.1	137.3

How much will I pay for Fire and Rescue Services?

I took over the governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service from Northamptonshire County Council in January 2019.

For the first time, you will see the amount that you pay towards the Fire and Rescue Service through your council tax set out separately on your bill. And for the first time, the Fire and Rescue Service will be in control of its own budget - the Chief Fire Officer and his team will now decide where to best spend their funds to provide better services for people in Northamptonshire.

This year, you will pay around £60 a year to fund fire and rescue services in Northamptonshire through your council tax. This increase of around £1.76 a year will be used to help the service to create a capital programme from which to fund future developments.

When I asked if you would be prepared to pay more towards the fire service in Northamptonshire, 70% of you said that you would. In return for that support I can assure you that the police and fire services are looking at ways to make the best use of their funding.

Stephen Mold - Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

How much will I pay?

The following tables set out how much you will pay towards the Fire and Rescue Service next year and what this pays for.

Fire		
Band	Property Value (1991)	Annual Cost
A	Up to £40,000	40.51
B	£40,0001 to £52,000	47.26
C	£52,001 to £68,000	54.01
D	£68,001 to £88,000	60.76
E	£88,001 to £120,000	74.26
F	£120,001 to £160,000	87.76
G	£160,001 to £320,000	101.27
H	Over £320,001	121.52

2019-2020 income (total £24.6m)



Fire Budget	2019-20 (£m)
Local funding passed to the Chief Fire Officer	20.1
Enabling Services	3.8
Total funding passed to the Chief Fire Officer	23.9
Capital Financing	0.1
Office of the PFCC	0.4
Contributions to reserves	0.2
Total Expenditure	24.6



Your Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

As your elected Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, I am directly accountable to you and I ensure your views on policing, the fire service and the criminal justice system are heard.

My role is to:

- Set the priorities for policing through the Police and Crime Plan and of the fire and rescue service through the Fire and Rescue Plan
- Set the budgets for both services and the precept that is levied through the council tax
- Appoint the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer
- Hold the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer to account for the service they deliver



Since taking office I have:

- ✓ Increased the Force's revenue budget by almost £20 million, including directly investing in frontline policing and additional frontline police officer and police staff roles
- ✓ Invested £1m in new mobile technology to enable police officers and staff to spend longer out in the community they serve
- ✓ Established an Early Intervention Team of eight staff to work alongside Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire County Council staff to identify families in difficulty at an early stage and step in to offer support
- ✓ Set up the Northamptonshire Road Safety Alliance to prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roads and with clear priorities to be tackled by 2020. The Force's Safer Roads Team will also be strengthened so that police officers have additional time to concentrate on road policing issues
- ✓ Secured more than £900,000 of grant funding from the Government to focus on early intervention. More than £625,000 of this will be spent on work with young people to tackle gang-related issues and serious violence
- ✓ The remaining £250,000 will be spent in Kettering to create a second Good Loaf, a centre that will help rehabilitate women who have been convicted of low level offences
- ✓ Created the Making Northamptonshire Safer Communities Fund of more than £100,000 to give grants to community organisations working on community safety. Eleven organisations have received grants of up to £10,000 to prevent crime and promote safety in Northamptonshire. Much of the money that goes to make up this fund has been confiscated from offenders through the Proceeds of Crime Act
- ✓ Invested £1million to provide healthcare in our custody suites to reduce the time officers spend taking a detainee for hospital treatment