



# Northamptonshire Police Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service Precept 2020/21



Thank you for the increased support that you have given Northamptonshire Police this year. In 2020/21, a band D household - the county's average - will pay £255.04 towards policing.

Thank you also for the small increase in the precept that you will pay for Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service: a band D household will pay £61.97 towards the Fire and Rescue Service this year.

I never take your support for granted and I want to be clear how your increased contribution has been spent.

In April 2019, I said that I would make a number of investments with the council tax that you pay towards policing. I pledged to recruit an additional 83 police officers, to increase the number in the county to 1310. We will have achieved this by May 2020 - I worked hard with the Chief Constable to achieve this more quickly than the planned date of 2021 and this year, the number of police officers will be back to 2010 levels.

The Government has also announced extra funding to every police force and Northamptonshire's share will boost officer numbers even further, to 1,367 officers by March 2021. Funding for future years is not confirmed but Northamptonshire's total share of the increase will see funding for over 190 extra officers. This will take the Force to over 1,500 officers by 2023.

Part of your policing precept this year will help make the costs of the extra officers affordable and make a Force with increased police numbers sustainable in the future.

I also asked the Force to invest in improving services: visiting every victim of burglary and improving investigation; putting a focus on local policing with the establishment of two local police areas; tackling drug dealing in our towns; bringing resources such as police dogs and the road crime team back under local control.

Investments in the Fire Service will help to create a more stable service. These include investing in modern vehicles to replace ageing appliances and recruiting 12 new firefighters to increase the size of the organisation.

We have already seen the results in terms of better availability and response times.

I will also be asking the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer to work together to ensure that they move towards sharing buildings and support services as much as possible to increase effectiveness and invest the maximum amount in the frontline.

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# How much will I pay for Policing?

## What is the policing precept?

The policing precept is the part of the council tax that 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.

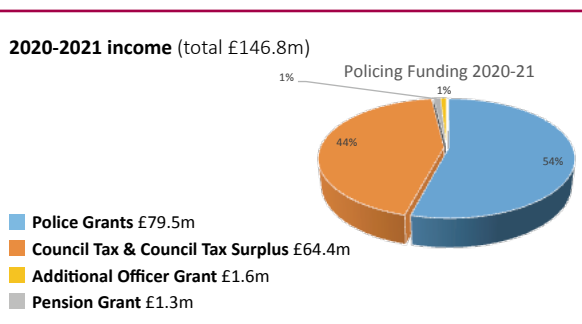
The policing precept is increasing by £10 this year for a Band D household.

## 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 requirements to pay council tax, please contact your local district or borough council. The following tables set out how much you will pay for policing next year.

Policing		
Band	Property Value (1991)	Annual Cost
A	Up to £40,000	170.03
B	£40,001 to £52,000	198.36
C	£52,001 to £68,000	226.70
D	£68,001 to £88,000	255.04
E	£88,001 to £120,000	311.72
F	£120,001 to £160,000	368.39
G	£160,001 to £320,000	425.07
H	Over £320,001	510.08



Policing Funding	2019-20 (£m)	2020-21 (£m)
Local funding passed to the Chief Constable	111.3	113.4
Ring-fenced funding for operational priorities	-	0.8
Enabling Services	19.0	21.95
<b>Total funding passed to the Chief Constable</b>	<b>130.3</b>	<b>136.2</b>
Capital Financing	1.6	3.7
Office of the PFCC and Enabling Services Programme	1.5	1.4
<b>OPFCC Delivery and Commissioning:</b>		
Youth work and Early Intervention Youth Fund	0.5	1.0
Domestic Abuse initiatives	-	0.3
Commissioning and Victim Services	1.9	2.4
Early Intervention	0.3	0.3
Counselling	0.2	0.2
Youth Offending and Safeguarding Board	0.2	0.2
Delivery and Accountability	0.1	0.4
Customer Service - Complaints	0.1	0.1
Communications, Public Involvement and ICT	0.2	0.2
Police and Crime Plan Delivery Fund	0.3	0.3
<b>Contributions to reserves</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>146.8</b>

# How much will I pay for Fire and Rescue Services?

## The fire and rescue precept

This is the second year that you will see the amount you pay from your council tax towards Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service set out separately on your bill. NFRS now comes under my governance and has its own budget, managed by the Chief Fire Officer.

This year, a band D household will contribute £61.97 towards NFRS.

I am very pleased that the performance of our fire service has improved significantly over the last year:

- More fire appliances are now available to respond to incidents, with on average 18 -20 vehicles ready to respond
- Response times have reduced from more than 11 minutes to now around 10 minutes

I have also supported the Chief Fire Officer to launch the largest recruitment drive for ten years, recruiting 32 new firefighters, 12 of whom are filling brand new roles to increase the size of the fire service in Northamptonshire.

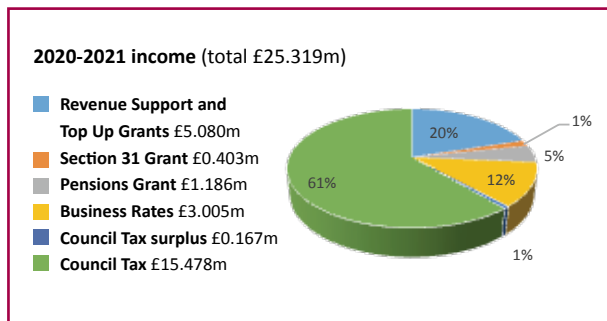
Seven new vehicles are also being purchased to replace ageing appliances, some of which are more than 15 years old.

In the coming year, I have asked the Chief Fire Officer to work with the Chief Constable to look at how they can share support services to increase efficiency and capacity, and look to share buildings so that the estate is cost effective and affordable for the future.

## How much will I pay for Fire and Rescue Services?

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

Fire and Rescue		
Band	Property Value (1991)	Annual Cost
A	Up to £40,000	41.31
B	£40,001 to £52,000	48.20
C	£52,001 to £68,000	55.08
D	£68,001 to £88,000	61.97
E	£88,001 to £120,000	75.74
F	£120,001 to £160,000	89.51
G	£160,001 to £320,000	103.28
H	Over £320,001	123.94



Fire Budget	2020-21 (£m)
Local funding passed to the Chief Fire Officer	24.835
Capital Financing	0.125
Office of the PFCC	0.329
Contributions to reserves	0.030
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>25.319</b>

## Four years of investment in Northamptonshire Police

This is the fourth year that your support through the policing precept has funded increased investment in Northamptonshire Police. Funding to the Chief Constable has increased by £26m over this period, as well as:

### 2017/18

- Investment in the Service Delivery Model funded over 50 frontline policing roles

### 2018/19

- Investment in a further 22.5 posts across areas such as serious and organised crime, rape and serious sexual offences, missing persons, closer working between police and fire

### 2019/20

- Investment in 83 extra police officers over two years
- Investment in essential equipment and resources to support investigation teams
- Investment in Early Intervention Team
- Investment in Youth Work Team
- Developed a strategy to tackle crime in rural areas
- Established a group to focus on road safety in Northamptonshire

### In the coming year (2020/21) this investment will:

- Use the national uplift to invest in a further 57 police officers
- Ring fence the sum of £750K for the Chief Constable to invest in initiatives that make a visible difference in local areas
- Support the victims of and tackle the 16,000 incidents of domestic abuse in Northamptonshire every year
- Support initiatives to reduce re-offending
- Support crime prevention initiatives
- Continue to work with partners to provide targeted interventions to young people involved or at risk of becoming involved in serious violence
- Support initiatives to tackle burglary and serious and organised crime
- Set up a pilot scheme to support veterans coming into police custody

## 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 the Chief Fire Officer to account for the service they deliver

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