



Northamptonshire Police Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service

Your Council tax precept 2021/22



Thank you for the support that you have given us through the police and fire precepts that are collected as part of your council tax.

I am responsible for around 17% of your council tax bill, which I receive as part of the funding for your local police and fire services. While setting the budget was more difficult than ever in this very challenging year, I can tell you that we will make the best use of every penny that you pay.

More police and a new focus on neighbourhoods

Thanks to the support that you have given Northamptonshire Police over the last four years, we have fulfilled our pledge to recruit more police officers. The Force now has 1367 police officers, compared with 1170 four years ago. By 2023, the Force will have 1500 officers and be the largest it has ever been.

These additional officers mean that Northamptonshire Police is putting neighbourhoods back at the heart of policing, with more resources for visible and effective local crimefighting. I know that this investment in frontline policing to keep the county safe is what people want to see and I thank you for your support to make it possible.

More firefighters and an improving service

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service has made enormous improvements since it came under my control in 2019. We have recruited more firefighters and renewed out-of-date equipment, which has enabled the service to respond more quickly to incidents and have more fire appliances available to respond.

The service does far more than fight fires. Home safety fire visits and fire prevention work, preventing arson, water safety, working with businesses on fire protection - these are all day to day business for the fire service in Northamptonshire. During the pandemic, our fire service has also stepped up to work with other agencies as part of the county's response plan, driving ambulances for example.

Under my governance, your police and fire service are working more closely together. Our ambitious plans to share buildings and support services so that we use your money wisely, are now being put into action. This will mean that we can focus as much funding as possible on frontline services, so we can share the benefits of modernisation and that we can continue to keep the people of this county safe.

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How much will I pay for Policing in 2021/22?

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.

Fourteen percent of your council tax bill is passed on to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner as the policing precept. The Commissioner is then responsible for allocating the police budget to the Chief Constable.

This year, the policing precept is increasing by around 5% or £13 a year for a band D household.

The table opposite sets out how much you will pay for policing next year.

Policing		
Band	Property Value (1991)	Annual Cost
A	Up to £40,000	£178.69
B	£40,001 to £52,000	£208.48
C	£52,001 to £68,000	£238.26
D	£68,001 to £88,000	£268.04
E	£88,001 to £120,000	£327.60
F	£120,001 to £160,000	£387.17
G	£160,001 to £320,000	£446.73
H	Over £320,001	£536.08

How much will I pay for Fire and Rescue Services?

The Fire and Rescue Precept

Just 3% of the total council tax you pay goes towards funding Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service through the fire precept.

This year, the precept is increasing by £1.23 a year or 2p a week for the average, band D household, taking the total council tax contribution to fire to around £63 a year.

The table opposite sets out how much you will pay towards Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service next year.

Fire and Rescue		
Band	Property Value (1991)	Annual Cost
A	Up to £40,000	£42.13
B	£40,001 to £52,000	£49.16
C	£52,001 to £68,000	£56.18
D	£68,001 to £88,000	£63.20
E	£88,001 to £120,000	£77.24
F	£120,001 to £160,000	£91.29
G	£160,001 to £320,000	£105.33
H	Over £320,001	£126.40

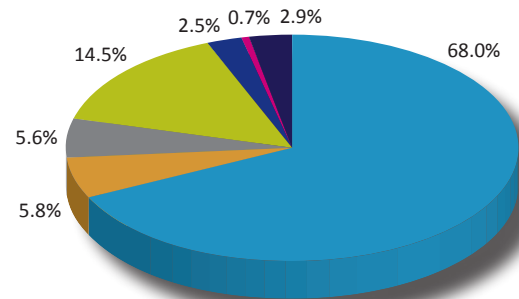
Total Income for Police £153.5m

Where the money comes from:

In 2021/22, Policing will receive funding of £153.5m to deliver Policing services. This is an increase of £6.7m on the previous year to support the additional police officers recruited.

Of this amount, almost 44% (£66.8m) comes from local council taxpayers, with the balance of 56% (£86.7m) coming from central government in the form of police and pension grants.

Where the money will be spent:



- Police Officers, Staff and PCSOs 68.0%
- Collaborative Policing and third party costs 5.8%
- Other costs and investment 5.6%
- Support (Enabling) Services 14.5%
- Capital Financing 2.5%
- Office of the PFCC 0.7%
- Delivery and Commissioning 2.9%

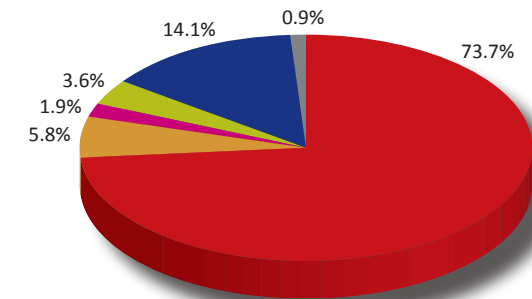
Total Income for Fire £25.3m

Where the money comes from:

In 2021/22, Fire will receive funding of £25.3m, which is lower than in 2020/21. Given this challenging position, the Home Office have provided an additional amount of £1m to support the Fire Budget in 2021/22 and have also provided the sum of £1m to be used to support Fire reserves.

Of this amount, nearly 62% (£15.8m) comes from local council taxpayers, almost 11% (£2.7m) from local Business Rates and 27% (£6.8m) from central government grants.

Where the money will be spent:



- Firefighters and Staff 73.7%
- Estates and Facilities 5.8%
- Transport 1.9%
- ICT 3.6%
- Supplies and Services 14.1%
- Capital Financing 0.9%

OPFCC Delivery and Commissioning

Delivery and Commissioning	(£m)	Delivery and Commissioning	(£m)
Youth work and Early Intervention Youth Fund	0.9	Reducing Reoffending	0.7
Domestic Abuse Initiatives	0.7	Delivery and Accountability	0.1
Commissioning and Victims Services	0.7	Customer Service - Complaints	0.1
Early Intervention	0.4	Joint Communications Team With Fire	0.1
EI Counselling and Support	0.2	Police and Crime Plan Delivery Fund	0.3
Youth Offending and Safeguarding Board	0.2	Crime Prevention	0.3
Total Expenditure			4.7

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About 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. I am also the victims' commissioner and I ensure that support is available for anyone who has been a victim of any type of crime or is a witness to crime.

Over the last four years, I have been responsible for almost £600m of the public's money to use to keep Northamptonshire safe. In 2021/22 that will increase by a further £179m. I take this responsibility very seriously and try to get the best value for every penny.

My role is to:

- Set the priorities for policing through the Police and Crime Plan
- Set the priorities for the fire service through the Fire and Rescue Plan
- Set the budgets for both emergency 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

Grant funding

As PFCC, I actively seek grant funding to support new or existing initiatives, as well as offsetting additional costs for Fire and Policing. Since 2016/17, over £8.3m has been secured for policing and since 2018/19, £3.4m for fire services in Northamptonshire.

In Policing:

- £5m to support operational policing activities
- £0.7m to support work with victims of domestic and sexual violence and victims of modern slavery
- £1.5m for the Safer Streets project in Northampton, Wellingborough and Kettering
- £0.6m to support early intervention youth work
- £0.5m to help mitigate the additional costs associated with COVID

In Fire:

- £2m to support Fire reserves and future years Fire budgets
- £0.2m to support fire protection and building risk initiatives
- £0.6m towards establishing a new joint Police/Fire garage workshop
- £0.6m to help mitigate the additional costs associated with COVID

I will continue to bid for additional grants to support Northamptonshire's Fire and Police Services at every opportunity.

Emergency services working together

I have set the Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer a challenge of working together on operational matters wherever they can, so that they provide the best possible service to the public.

There are many other areas where the two emergency services can come together to provide strong support to the frontline and use public money as effectively as possible. This will be through:

- Streamlining of our combined estate, so that police and fire share buildings where possible to reduce costs
- Creating joint teams across police and fire, to manage fleet services, human resources, finance and estates and facilities for both organisations
- Taking joint approaches to prevention of crime and fire safety



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