

Savings

Thames Valley Police has a long history of delivering productivity savings and using these to balance annual budgets or reinvesting them in frontline policing, a strategy that has been widely scrutinised and praised by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) during various inspections and reports.

Financial and operational demands facing the Force mean that it is more important than ever that we continue to review, challenge and improve our services.

£109 million has already been removed from the base revenue budget since 2010/11 and plans are in place to remove at least another £16 million over the next four years (2021/22 to 2024/25), including £4 million in 2021/22.

Public Consultation

Before implementing this council tax increase, the PCC consulted local taxpayers. In order to reach as many people as possible, it was sent to:

- All users of Thames Valley Alert (88,123 users)
- Town and parish councils
- Councillors from county, unitary and district councils
- Media across the Thames Valley
- Regular social media updates via Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn

In total, 4,372 people voted, of which 2,814 or 64.4% voted 'Yes' in favour of the increase

About us

For further information about the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2017-21 or finances, please visit our website at www.thamesvalley-pcc.gov.uk

In respect of the 2021/22 council tax increase, you will find:

- A more detailed council tax leaflet
- Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2021/22
- List of FAQs in respect of the 2021/22 Budget

For further information about the PCC, his plan, the budget or how you can get involved, get in touch using the contact details below:

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Your PCC

The Government has pledged to recruit 20,000 additional police officers nationally by March 2023. TVP has been allocated funding to recruit 183 extra officers in 2020/21 and a further 179 in 2021/22. This will certainly aid the fight against crime.

By increasing council tax by 29p per week we can make further improvements to operational policing which will enable the force to reduce crime and improve public safety, particularly for the most vulnerable.

In difficult economic times, it is important that the police continue to deliver an efficient as well as effective service for the public so we will continue to identify cashable savings to support the budget.

The change in council tax precept this year will raise more than £13m to help fund key improvements to fight crime, bring more criminals to justice and protect our communities. Further information is provided on Page 4.

The last year has been hugely challenging for the entire country and the police are no exception. Thames Valley Police have risen to that challenge and the incredible officers and staff across the Force have continued to serve the public with bravery and dedication in the most difficult of circumstances.

Our priorities will remain to reduce crime, keep the public safe, and to secure justice for victims.

Anthony Stansfeld (pictured below, right)
Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley

Matthew Barber (pictured below, centre)
Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley



Budget

The net revenue budget for 2021/22 is £475.9 million, representing an annual increase of £27.0 million or 6.0%.

In accordance with Government recommendations, the Police and Crime Commissioner has increased his element of council tax by £15 a year or £1.25 per month for a band D household for the year.

This equates to 6.9%. This increase will enable the PCC to recruit additional police officers together with supporting infrastructure and also invest in other high priority policing services.

The budget for 2021/22 incorporates £4 million of cashable efficiency savings:

2020/21			2021/22	
Total £m	per head £		Total £m	per head £
500.70	205.01	Gross expenditure	531.99	217.64
-49.98	-20.46	Income	-55.41	-22.67
-1.79	-0.73	Contribution from reserves	-0.69	-0.28
448.93	183.82	Net expenditure	475.89	194.69
		Less:		
-79.32	-32.48	CLG Formula grant	-83.48	-34.15
-153.44	-62.83	Police grant	-163.95	-67.08
-15.28	-6.26	Legacy council tax grants	-15.28	-6.25
-2.05	-0.84	Collection fund surplus	-0.38	-0.15
198.84	81.41	Council tax	212.80	87.06

The police precept for each council tax band is:

Band	2021/22 £	Band	2021/22 £
A	154.19	E	282.68
B	179.88	F	334.07
C	205.58	G	385.47
D	231.28	H	462.56

Investment

The police funding settlement enables us to invest for the medium-term to expand our capabilities in those areas of most concern to ourselves and the public as a whole, including:

- Ensure that neighbourhood policing is strengthened, not just through police officer recruitment but by ensuring PCSOs remain at the heart of local policing at a time when many Forces have cut back on neighbourhood policing.
- Establish a Rural Crime Task Force to improve visibility and bring more offenders to justice.
- Support dedicated teams to fight County Drugs Line (CDL) that exploit children and supply drugs on our streets.
- Ensuring increased visibility in our major urban areas.
- Increase the Force's capacity to deal with domestic abuse and protect victims and their families.
- Invest further monies in prevention and investigation of fraud and cyber-crime which is a threat to us all.
- Improve service delivery by investing in key areas such as forensic services and digital investigations, safeguarding and operational end-user devices (such as better storage for body worn video).

* Please note both the photo below and the photo to the left were taken before the COVID-19 pandemic.

