

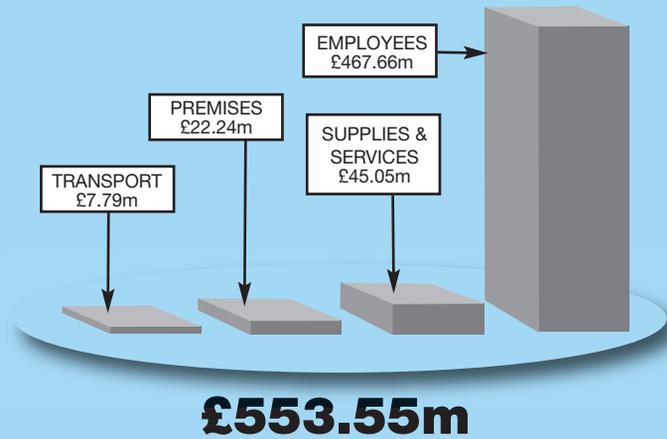


The tables below show how the net budget of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (£543.56m) is funded from Central Government, business ratepayers and the precept on council taxpayers. This is compared with the previous year (£556.67m) with the main changes shown separately below.

How the money is spent

	2014-15 £m	2013-14 £m
Employees	467.66	491.63
Premises	22.24	22.10
Transport	7.79	9.06
Supplies & services	45.05	43.81
Agency expenses	4.36	3.90
Capital financing	3.81	5.63
CTU	2.64	2.62
Gross expenditure	553.55	578.75
Income	-24.41	-21.96
Police force net expenditure	529.14	556.79
Innovation partnering	10.00	0.00
Invest to save	5.00	0.00
Office for Policing and Crime	1.88	1.88
Stage 2 transfer	0.43	0.00
CSF Grant income	0.00	-6.97
CSF Grant expenditure	6.97	7.32
Total net expenditure	553.42	559.02
Use of reserves	-9.86	-2.35
Net budget requirement	543.56	556.67

Revenue Expenditure Budget 2014-15



Where the money comes from

	2014-15 £m	2013-14 £m
Net budget requirement	543.56	556.67
Less:		
Police grant	-268.71	-275.35
Revenue support grant & non domestic rates	-188.21	-199.45
Council tax support grant	-19.03	-16.98
Gross Precept	67.61	64.89
Collection Fund - Surplus/deficit	-0.29	0.12
Council tax requirement	67.32	65.01
Resident population	2,762,700	2,739,800

How spending has changed

	£m
2013-14 net expenditure	559.02
Changes in treatment of government funding	6.90
Changes in pay awards and new recruits	12.60
Innovation partnering and invest to save programmes	15.00
Transfer to West Midlands Office for PCC	0.40
Other unavoidable costs	0.50
Vacant posts	-10.80
Police, PCSO and Staff leavers	-11.50
Workforce Mix	-7.50
Force Contact Centres	-5.20
Budget Review	-5.60
Transfer from Chief Constable for Stage 2	-0.40
2014-15 Net Expenditure	553.42

What you will pay for policing in West Midlands in 2014-15

COUNCIL TAX BAND	Yearly amount per property
A	£69.65
B	£81.25
C	£92.86
D	£104.47
E	£127.69
F	£150.90
G	£174.12
H	£208.94

COST

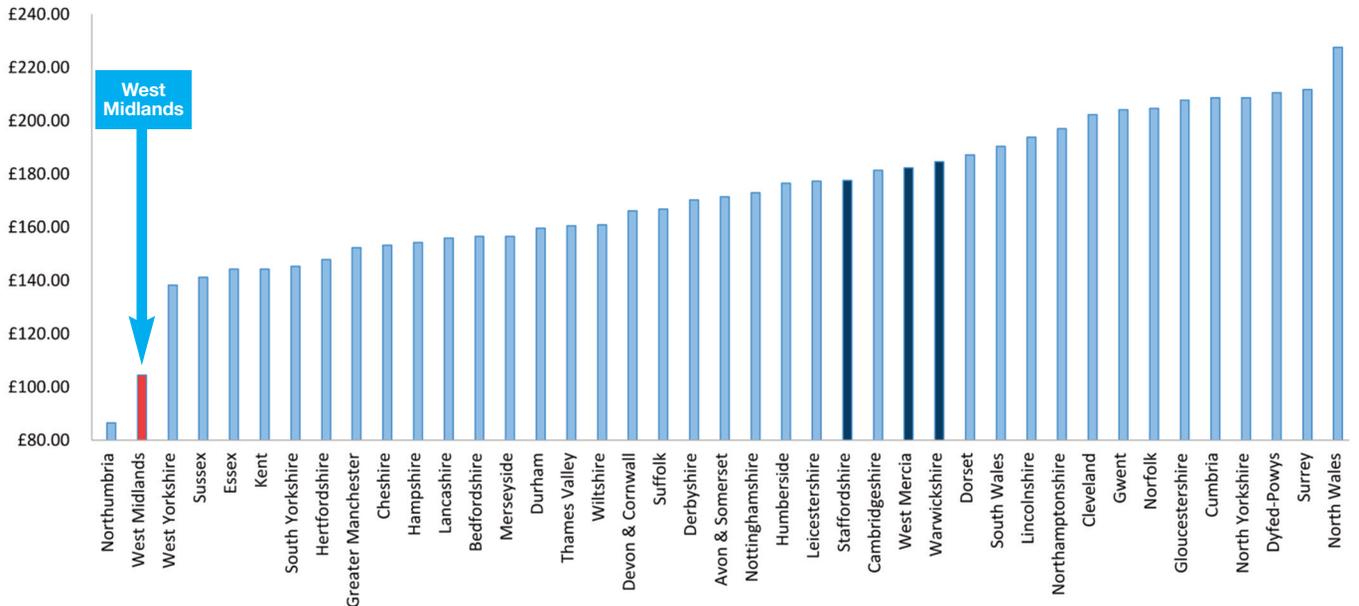
Spend on policing per head of population in 2014-15

Council tax	£24.37
Police grant	£97.26
Revenue support grant & non domestic rates	£68.13
Council tax support grant	£6.89
Equivalent to an average cost per person of	£196.65

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Policing Precepts 2014-15



The cost of the precept in the West Midlands is the second lowest in the country. It can be seen in red. The three highlighted columns offer comparisons with the three other neighbouring forces in the West Midlands region.

“Implementation of the funding formula and Council Tax referendum cap hit policing in the West Midlands unfairly”

says Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones

The government's decision to impose a 2% referendum cap on increases in the policing part of Council Tax bills has added to the already unfair financial constraints on West Midlands Police.

My original proposal had been to increase the precept by 3%, but the government's referendum cap means that this was not possible without a costly and wasteful referendum of all 2.8 million people in our area. The increase will be 1.99% instead, taking it up to £104.47 for an average household. We continue to have the second lowest precept in the country by a large margin. I'd have to increase the precept by 40% to over £140 to take it up to the next lowest

Because of our low precept, the flat rate cuts to the police grant from government have hit us much harder than elsewhere. Over four years we've seen a quarter cut from the grant that makes up 88% of our funding.

In contrast, low crime Surrey, with a precept double ours at over £200 a year, raises 48% of its funding from its high local tax. Therefore they've seen a 25% cut to 52% of their funding, while we've seen a 25% cut to 88% of our funding. The cuts here are therefore almost twice as deep as low crime Surrey. It's no coincidence they've got more police officers now than in 2010, while we're only just about to restart recruitment after a five year hiatus.

I had sought to cushion this latest blow to policing in the West Midlands with a moderate increase of 3% in the precept, but was denied this option by the government's one-size-fits-all approach. The increase in the police part in Council Tax bills will not be 5p per week as planned, but will be 3p per week.

The 1.99% increase, coupled to careful use of reserves, means that the recruitment of 450 police officers and 100 staff to release existing officers for duties that the community value most, can still go ahead. However, reserves can only be used once and the breathing space they afford us must be used to address the long-term disparity between increasing expectations and the grossly unfair financial position the West Midlands suffers.



Police and Crime Commissioner Bob Jones and his deputy Yvonne Mosquito

About your Police and Crime Commissioner

The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is the local governing body responsible for holding police to account on behalf of all the people in our area. PCC Bob Jones is not the Chief Constable or 'Top Cop'. He does not have a right to interfere with the operational independence of the police.

He has three main roles, which are to:

- Set policing priorities in a Police and Crime Plan
- Set the budget for West Midlands Police, including the part of Council Tax that goes to policing
- Hold the Chief Constable to account (includes appointing and, if necessary, dismissing the Chief Constable)

Police and Crime Plan

Bob's Police and Crime plan sets out how Bob Jones intends to meet his vision of "Pride in our Police" for all of us who live and work in the West Midlands. It includes:

- The PCC's police and crime objectives
- The policing the Chief Constable will provide
- The financial and other resources which the PCC gives to the Chief Constable
- How police performance will be measured.
- What crime and disorder reduction grants the PCC intends to make

You can read the Police and Crime Plan and sign up for regular newsletters at www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk