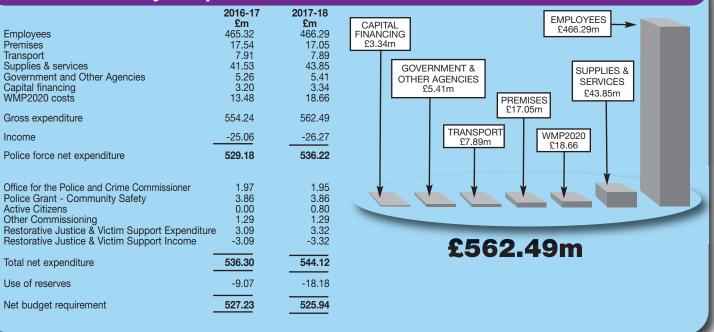


west midlands police and crime commissioner **FINANCES 2017-2018**

The tables below show how the net budget of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (£525.94m) is funded from Central Government, business ratepayers and the precept on council taxpayers. This is compared with the previous year (£527.23m) with the main changes shown separately below.

How the money is spent

Revenue Expenditure Budget 2017-18



Where the money comes from

Net budget requirement	2016-17 £m 527.23	2017-18 £m 525.94
Less:	021.20	020.01
Police grant	-250.82	-247.32
Revenue support grant & non domestic rates	-180.28	-177.75
Council tax support grant	-19.03	-19.03
Gross Precept	77.10	81.84
Collection Fund Surplus	-1.70	-1.52
Council tax requirement	75.40	80.32
Resident population	2,808,356	2,833,557

What you will pay for policing in West Midlands in 2017-18



How spending has changed

2016-17 net expenditure	£m 536.30
Add:	
Pay awards and Inflation	13.23
New Recruits	12.61
WMP2020 Project Costs	26.37
Other inc Workforce Mix, Apprenticeship Levy, Pension,	
External Funding	11.44
Less: Police, Staff & PCSO leavers Removal of 2016/17 Project Costs Other Adjustments inc External Funding	-32.93 -21.98 -0.92
2017-18 Net Expenditure	544.12

Spend on policing per head of population in 2017-18

Council tax	£28.35
Police grant	£87.28
Revenue support grant & non domestic rates	£62.73
Council tax support grant	£6.72
Equivalent to an average cost per person of	£185.07

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Policing Precepts 2017-18



Policing Precepts 2017/18	
West Midlands	£116.55
Staffordshire	£181.14
West Mercia	£189.60
Warwickshire	£191.98

Budget will allow PCC to recruit 800 police officers, 200 specialist support staff and 150 PCSOs



This budget will allow West Midlands Police to continue with its recruitment of 800 police officers, 200 specialist support staff and 150 PCSOs.

Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson

Over the last few years, the force has faced £130 million in cuts - the highest proportion in the whole country – and government funding has been slashed by £6 million this year too.

As part of the Comprehensive Spending Review 2015, the Chancellor gave police forces with historically low precepts, such as West Midlands, the chance to raise their precept by £5 per annum (less than 10p a week), compared to two per cent for other areas.

In official Government documents, the Home Office and Treasury assumed all Police and Crime Commissioners would increase the precept by the maximum amount each year over the next four years and that the increase would maintain police funding at its current level and fill the gap in funding from the Government. Therefore, it is essentially a Government requirement that police precepts are increased by the maximum amount to maintain local police funding.

I will be following the government's lead and raising the precept by 10p a week (£5 annually) for a Band D council tax payer. The West Midlands Police precept will still be the second lowest in the country at just £116.55 per annum (for a Band D council tax payer) compared to the highest of more than £200 in Surrey. People in the West Midlands will still be paying at least $\pounds 65$ less than neighbouring forces such as Staffordshire, Warwickshire and West Mercia, which are currently charging between $\pounds 177.61$ and $\pounds 191.98$. I consulted the public on the budget and the majority supported the small increase in the precept.

In addition, the cross-party Independent Police and Crime Panel recognised the government's cuts and noted that West Midlands Police continues to offer excellent value for money.

What this budget means:

- West Midlands Police can complete the recruitment of 800 police officers, 200 specialist support staff and 150 PCSOs.
- The Commissioner can continue to invest millions of pounds into supporting the victims of crime.
- The PCC is investing in mobile technology so officers spend more time on the streets not behind desks.

West Midlands Police has been rated as an outstandingly efficient force by the independent watchdog, HMIC.



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