

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Budget 2016 / 2017



Dear Resident,
As the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent it is my responsibility to ensure that you have appropriate levels of policing. This involves preparing and setting the annual budget which includes the police element of your council tax (known as the police precept).

In determining the budget for 2016/17, I have taken into account the Chief Constable's requirements to deliver operational policing – the cost of which accounts for the majority of my police and crime budget. The remainder of my budget is then used to commission services from

providers outside of Gwent Police, to deliver against my Police and Crime Plan priorities.

As a result of a significant reduction in Central Government grants to frontline policing over the last five years and continuing future cuts, Gwent Police will potentially face a deficit of £64 million between the period 2008/09 to 2020/21. To date, the policing service in Gwent has delivered over £37 million of efficiency savings to address this gap, resulting in losing over 300 police officers and a similar amount of staff.

To partially offset the remaining impact of this funding gap, whilst being mindful of the difficulties residents are going through in these times of austerity, I have decided to set the increase on the police precept on residential properties at **3.99%** for 2016/17. This means that the average Gwent household (Band D properties) will pay an additional **16 pence** a week for their policing and related services in 2016/17.

In return, this increase will enable Gwent Police to achieve a balanced budget this year and to recruit up to 100 much-needed frontline officers over the next 2 to 3 years. This ensures that the Force can continue to meet the demands of modern day policing and keep you safe. This produces a challenging but achievable budget to deliver my police and crime priorities.

Best Wishes

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Cost of delivering priorities

	2015/16 £'000s	2016/17 £'000s
Gross Revenue Budget	127,935	130,703
Less Income	(5,591)	(5,828)
Less Specific Grants (Home Office, Ministry of Justice)	(166)	(750)
Less Specific Grants (Welsh Government)	(4,404)	(4,586)
Net Revenue Expenditure	117,774	119,539
How it's paid for		
General Police Grant (Home Office)	43,220	42,393
Revenue Support Grant (Welsh Government)	16,609	21,044
National Non-Domestic Rates (Welsh Government)	13,088	9,063
Council Tax Precept	44,857	47,039
Total Revenue	117,774	119,539

Capital Budget

Expenditure incurred in providing buildings and other assets is called capital expenditure.

	2015/16 £'000s	2016/17 £'000s
Capital Budget	6,640	4,209
Note – Capital Grant is still provisional.		
How it's paid for		
Capital Grant	876	529
Innovation Fund	625	0
Revenue contribution to Capital	0	498
Contribution from Reserves	5,139	3,182
Total Capital	6,640	4,209
The cost of repaying loans is covered in the revenue budget.		

What you will pay

Property Tax Band

Tax band	Cost
A	£146.71
B	£171.16
C	£195.61
D	£220.06
E	£268.96
F	£317.86
G	£366.77
H	£440.12
I	£513.47

