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Policing Hertfordshire

Your Council Tax

2019-20

A breakdown of your 2019/20 Council Tax Policing Precept



Average day in Hertfordshire

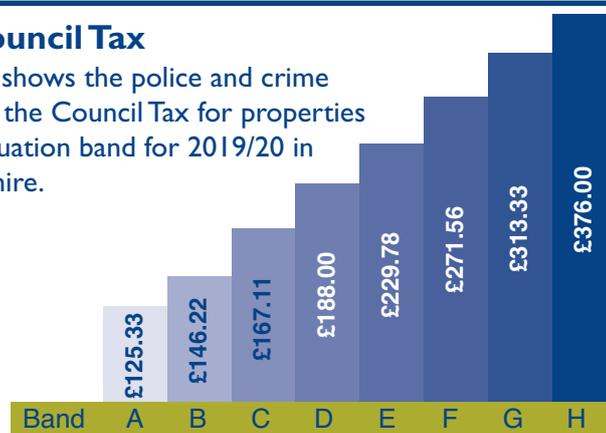
| Where the money comes from | 2018/19 £m | 2019/20 £m |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Central Government Funding | 116.5 | 118.7 |
| Council Tax | 72.4 | 84.1 |
| Collection Fund | 1.3 | 0.6 |
| Net Budget | 190.2 | 203.4 |
| Fees and Charges | 6.8 | 7.5 |
| Other Government Grants | 3.7 | 4.8 |
| Partner Funding for PCSOs | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Use of Reserves | 7.4 | 4.7 |
| Gross Budget | 208.8 | 221.1 |

| How it is spent | 2018/19 £m | 2019/20 £m |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Police Officers and Staff | 172.6 | 184.5 |
| Supplies, Contracted Services, Premises and Vehicles | 30.3 | 31.2 |
| Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| PCC Commissioning | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| Total | 208.8 | 221.1 |

| How our budget has changed | £m |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Net Budget 2018/19 | 190.2 |
| Standstill Pressures | 6.4 |
| Investment | 5.9 |
| Savings | -0.8 |
| Prior Year Use of Base Reserves | 4.8 |
| 2019/20 Use of Base Reserves | -3.1 |
| Net Budget 2019/20 | 203.4 |

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This chart shows the police and crime precept of the Council Tax for properties in each valuation band for 2019/20 in Hertfordshire.



Contacting Hertfordshire Constabulary

To report non-emergency crime and for live webchat visit: www.herts.police.uk or call 101.
Please use this number for general enquiries and to report a crime if there is no suspect nearby.
If you have a calling plan that offers free 01 numbers, you can also reach Hertfordshire Constabulary on 01707 354000.
Textphone: 01707 390990 In an emergency, always dial 999.

Policing Hertfordshire - Your Council Tax

Each year I have responsibility for setting the budget for policing in Hertfordshire to deliver an effective and efficient police force which meets the growing demands of reported crime, protects frontline policing and spends public money wisely.

Policing challenges

Nationally serious violence is at the highest level seen in the last seven years and there have been increases in reported fraud, cybercrime and other types of crime. Hertfordshire is not immune to these pressures. Whilst the performance of the Constabulary remains excellent, these additional pressures demand further investment to build additional policing capacity and capability.

Unlike many police forces, I have continued to invest heavily in strengthening local policing, working together with the community to cut crime. Our Safer Neighbourhood Teams in each of the county's 10 districts and boroughs help to meet many of the challenges outlined. For the second year running the police inspectorate, the HMICFRS, has praised Hertfordshire as an efficient and ethical force with a greater level of spend on frontline operational policing relative to other forces.

Thanks to early delivery of efficiencies and prudent financial management, the force built up a significant reserve over a number of years. I have used that fund over the last two years to protect our local policing model. However, those reserves are now much reduced and I need to find alternative funding to replace them so we can retain strong local policing and maintain the increase in officer numbers we have seen this year.

This year the government has given Police and Crime Commissioners the flexibility to increase the precept by £24.00 a year on the average (Band D) household. Following consultation with the public, which has been supportive, I have applied that increase. This represents an increase of just less than 50p a week or £2.00 a month for the average household and will raise an additional £10.7 million in income.

The Chief Constable will increase police officer numbers beyond 2,000 with a net increase of 75 officers. These additional officers will undertake proactive work in neighbourhoods and increase capacity in our specialist units to tackle the growing threats from serious violence, county line drug dealing and travelling criminality. With this additional investment police officers will be deployed to work with schools and young people to address serious violence and cybercrime, with a named police officer in each of the ten districts and boroughs.

My Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan focuses on putting victims of crime first. Further improvement will be made in the service that victims receive, including an expansion of our Beacon Victim Support team to provide a more comprehensive service to victims of cybercrime and fraud.

I would like to thank everyone who sent comments to me. We had over eight hundred responses this year with 77% in favour of the precept increase. I did not take the decision to increase the council tax lightly but this increase will ensure that the public continue to receive a first class policing service that protects them from harm and still delivers value for money.

David Lloyd - Police and Crime Commissioner for Hertfordshire

Role of your Police and Crime Commissioner

Your Police and Crime Commissioner, David Lloyd, was re-elected in May 2016 for a four year term of office to represent the people of Hertfordshire and to set the strategy for Hertfordshire Constabulary.

His role as commissioner also includes:

- Publishing a five year Community Safety and Criminal Justice Plan (called 'Everybody's Business') and deciding the policing priorities for Hertfordshire
- Setting the policing budget and the police element of council tax
- Holding the Chief Constable to account for operational policing
- Working with local partners to prevent crime and re-offending
- Commissioning support services for victims of crime
- Appointing and, if necessary, dismissing the Chief Constable



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