

Local policing

In 2015, Sussex Police embarked on an ambitious programme of change to meet the policing challenges of the 21st century. Sussex Police has already saved £50m and the Chief Constable's new Local Policing Plan is working towards delivering further savings over the next four years.

Like other public sector organisations, Sussex Police still has to find significant financial savings. The Chief Constable and I will continue to work together to drive further reform. I also look forward to talking with local partners about how we can collaborate further where our services overlap.

Your voice on local policing

I have provided constructive challenge to the development of the Local Policing Plan, representing your interests and concerns. My ongoing challenge to the Chief Constable will be that the new model must maintain public confidence and reassurance whilst delivering an effective and efficient police service.



Supporting victims of crime

In April 2015, PCCs took on a statutory responsibility for commissioning specialist services for victims of crime in their police force areas. My Police & Crime Plan reflects the priorities that local people have told me matter to them and that includes putting the needs of victims and witnesses first.

That is why I have developed a new website to improve access to help and support for victims and witnesses of crime in Sussex.

SAFE : SPACE Sussex provides an online directory of local specialist support services as well as information about different types of crime and what happens at each stage of the criminal justice system, helping to 'demystify' the process for people when they may be at their most vulnerable.

The site has been built in close consultation with local victims' services and follows extensive user testing with victims to ensure it meets their needs, whatever stage they have reached in their recovery. Regardless of the circumstances, **SAFE : SPACE Sussex** provides a secure environment where, at the click of a button, people who may be feeling unsafe can find out what local help and support is available to them.

Visit: www.safespacesussex.org.uk

Sussex Police Precept

2016/17



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The Government's recent announcement around the protection of the policing budget and investment in security services has provided very welcome recognition of the vital work the police carry out to keep the public safe.



It has also provided some much needed stability for police forces across the country at a time when public reassurance is critical.

As your Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC), I have to consider the Chief Constable's operational delivery plan and determine whether the amount you pay for policing locally should stay the same or rise to allow further investment in police services. This leaflet contains more information about the funding behind the police budget, how your money is spent and the policing priorities in Sussex.

Speaking to and meeting members of the public and listening to your ideas and concerns is essential to ensure that policing and budget decisions continue to reflect local priorities. Thank you for having your say.

Katy Bourne
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

One of the responsibilities of PCCs is to set the budget for policing. A small proportion of the cost of policing is paid from your council tax with the rest coming directly from Government.

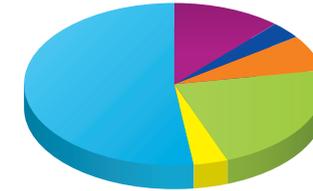
This year I have consulted with local tax payers to see if they would be prepared to pay an additional amount, per household, to allow me to invest directly in two areas that the Chief Constable has highlighted as priorities:

- 1 Protecting children and vulnerable adults in Sussex from exploitation and abuse.
- 2 Digital forensic capability to retrieve, analyse and store information held on computers, mobiles and tablets.

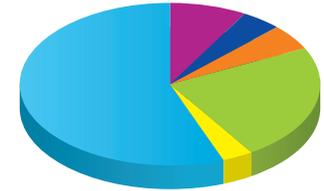
The majority of respondents have told me that they would support an increase in the police precept and the Chancellor has confirmed there will now be some flexibility in our budget locally. As a result, the police precept for Sussex will increase by £5 per year for a Band D household to enable investment in these areas and to deliver further operational improvements.



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2016/17
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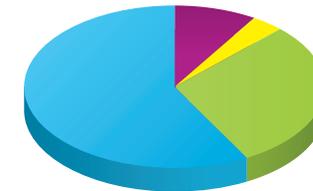
How we plan to spend the money

	2015/16	2016/17
Police Officers	£153.0m	£161.9m
Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)	£9.9m	£9.7m
Police Staff	£63.1m	£67.5m
Buildings & Transport	£20.2m	£14.9m
IT & Mobile Technology	£9.6m	£12.7m
Other spend*	£30.0m	£23.2m
Total spending plan	£285.8m	£289.9m

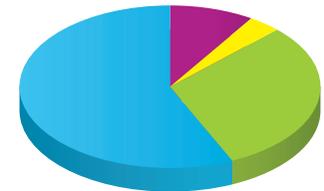
*this includes police supplies and services, community safety funding and grants for victims' services

Where the money comes from

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	2015/16	2016/17
Funding from Government	£165.8m	£164.9m
Council Tax	£84.7m	£88.8m
Specific Grants	£10.2m	£10.4m
Other Income	£25.1m	£25.8m
Total funding	£285.8m	£289.9m

