

2017/18 Essex Local Policing Summary

2017/18 Budget

The 2017/18 budget of **£268.9m** consists of £265.0m for Policing operations, £1.3m for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex (the PCC) and £2.6m for Community Grants issued by the PCC.

Community Safety Grants

The PCC will continue to support community safety partnerships and other organisations in order to reduce crime and the harm caused by crime in Essex and help ensure safe and secure communities. In addition, the PCC's responsibilities for commissioning services for victims and restorative justice measures will be facilitated by Government grants of £2.1m.

Funding the 2017/18 Police and Crime Plan

The budget requirement of £268.9 will be funded from two main sources; Government Grant and Council Tax. Government grant funding will be £169.6m and Council Tax receipts will be £99.3m

	2016/17 (£millions)	2017/18 (£millions)
Net expenditure:–		
Policing Operations	261.7	265.0
Office of the PCC	1.2	1.3
Community Grants	3.3	2.6
Total	266.2	268.9
Less: use of balances	0	0
Budget requirement	266.2	268.9
Financed by:		
Home Office Grant	102.8	101.3
Home Office Formula Grant	56.0	55.2
Council Tax Support Grant	13.0	13.1
Council Tax	92.6	97.4
Surplus on Collection Fund	1.8	1.9

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

Savings required over the next five year period will need to be £25.7m.

Budget savings

In 2017/18, budget savings of £3.6m are needed to meet unavoidable cost increases and to reshape services provided in order to respond to new and emerging crime patterns.

Council Tax 2017/18

The 2017/18 budget requires a Council Tax increase of **3.25%**, raising £3.1m of additional council tax receipts. Band D is used as the base for calculating the tax. To raise Council Tax income of £97.4 million, a Council Tax (Band D) of £157.05 is needed. The other seven bands are fixed in direct proportion to Band D as follows:-

Band A £104.70	Band C £139.60	Band E £191.95	Band G £261.75
Band B £122.15	Band D £157.05	Band F £226.85	Band H £314.10

Essex will have one of the lowest police precepts across the 35 shire forces in England and Wales.