

2016/17 Essex Local Policing Summary

2016/17 Budget

The 2016/17 budget of **£266.2m** consists of £261.7m for Policing operations, £1.2m for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex (the PCC) and £3.3m 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. For 2016/17 the budget provision for community safety funds is maintained at £2.5m. In addition, the PCC's responsibilities for commissioning services for victims and restorative justice measures will be facilitated by Government grants of £1.9m.

Funding the 2016/17 Police and Crime Plan

The budget requirement of £266.2m will be funded from two main sources; Government Grant and Council Tax. Government grant funding will be £158.7m and Council Tax receipts will be £94.3m.

	2015/16 (£millions)	2016/17 (£millions)
Net expenditure:-		
Policing Operations	260.8	261.7
Office of the PCC	1.2	1.2
Community Grants	2.5	3.3
Total	264.5	266.2
Less: use of balances	(2.0)	0
Budget requirement	262.5	266.2
Financed by:		
Home Office Grant	105.5	102.8
Home Office Formula Grant	56.2	56.0
Council Tax Support Grant	11.0	13.0
Council Tax	88.1	92.6
Surplus on Collection Fund	1.7	1.8

Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)

Savings required over the next five year period will need to be £23.4m.

Budget savings

In 2016/17, budget savings of £17.4m are needed to meet unavoidable cost increases and to reshape services provided in order to respond to new and emerging crime patterns. This includes investment in public protection services to address serious crimes of child abuse, sexual exploitation and domestic violence.

Council Tax 2016/17

The 2016/17 budget requires a Council Tax increase of **3.36%** (a rise of just 10p a week for a Band D property). Band D is used as the base for calculating the tax. To raise Council Tax income of £92.6 million, a Council Tax (Band D) of £152.10 is needed. The other seven bands are fixed in direct proportion to Band D as follows:-

Band A £101.40 **Band C** £135.20 **Band E** £185.90 **Band G** £253.50
Band B £118.30 **Band D** £152.10 **Band F** £219.70 **Band H** £304.20

Essex will have one of the lowest Council tax for Police purposes of the 35 Shire Forces in England and Wales.