



Policing and crime element of council tax consultation

December 2015 - February 2016



How have we done this year?

Crime and Public Confidence

Crime increased by 12% from December 2014 to November 2015
7th lowest crime rate nationally with 50.7 crimes per 1,000 population

Public confidence measured by the OPCC Survey in 2015 is 83.7%, and had been consistently high since 2012

Victim satisfaction to October 2015 is 84.3% which is around the national average

A good HMIC Assessment of Wiltshire Police

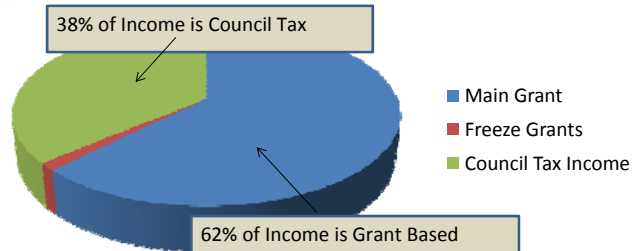
Performance is regularly assessed by Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary. Overall Wiltshire Police are rated as "good".

Our constabulary remains one of the best in the country.



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Our Current funding



2/3rds of the funding comes from grants.

Without an increase in Council Tax, police budgets would reduce in real terms.



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2016-17 Funding

Central Funding Announcement

This years provisional settlement shows central funding reduce from £63.7m to £63.4m, a £0.3m reduction.

This will be the fifth straight year of central funding reductions

Whilst this reduction is lower than previous years the loss of £0.3m with cost pressures (national wage agreement £0.8m, national pensions change impact on national insurance £2.0m) will result in significant savings still being required.



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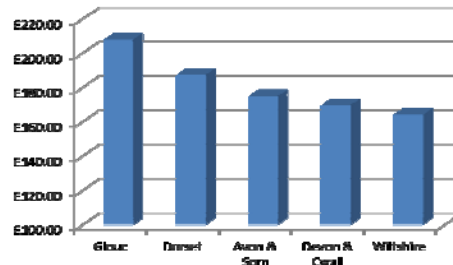
The impact on the police element of Council Tax

The current Band D council tax for policing of £163.98 per household, this is the lowest in the region

This consultation is about a proposed increase of £3.12 per year (which is 1.9%)

£3.12 would provide additional funding of £760,000 in 2016-17.

Council Tax (per Band D property p.a.)



£167.10 remains well below the 2015-16 national average of £174.81



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What impact will the funding choice have?

What is the budget?

A £3.12 increase in Council Tax will give a budget of £105.695m compared to £103.956m for the current year. This would lead to a funding gap of £2.6m for policing in Wiltshire.

I am committed to investing additional income from council tax in local policing.

How about the long term?

The Chancellor's Autumn Statement promised a cash neutral position for policing however no detail per force is available. With no council tax increases the funding gap against the national average would grow. With small council tax increases the resources available for local policing are better protected.



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Give your feedback

- Consultation from Wednesday 16 December – Wednesday 3 February 2016
- Commissioner and members of his team attending Wiltshire Area Boards and Swindon Locality meetings
- Read more about the proposal and give feedback on the Commissioner's website when we have digested the detail of today's announcement – www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk



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