

What is the precept?

The policing precept is a contribution from local residents towards local policing. This is collected with your council tax payment and goes directly to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to allocate to the police force.

What are you consulting us on?

I want to know whether you would be willing to pay an extra sum per month to enable us to improve policing services in Wiltshire and recruit more police officers.

At the moment this is what you pay:

Council tax bands	Monthly	Annually
Band A	£10.13	£121.51
Band B	£11.81	£141.77
Band C	£13.50	£162.02
Band D	£15.19	£182.27
Band E	£18.56	£222.77
Band F	£21.94	£263.28
Band G	£25.31	£303.78
Band H	£30.38	£364.54

The proposed increase is outlined here:

Council tax bands	Monthly	Annually
Band A	£1.33	£16
Band B	£1.55	£18.66
Band C	£1.78	£21.33
Band D	£2	£24
Band E	£2.45	£29.34
Band F	£2.89	£34.67
Band G	£3.33	£40
Band H	£4	£48

How is this money spent?

This money is spent on policing in Wiltshire, 98% of the PCC's budget is allocated to the Chief Constable and the remaining 2% is spent by the PCC's office on commissioning services which includes supporting victims of crime, crime prevention and restorative justice.

But don't you receive funding from the Government?

Around two thirds of Wiltshire Police funding comes from the Government, the rest is collected locally with your council tax.

Why are you asking us for more money?

I've listened when the public have said they want to see more police, and I want to enhance community policing, prevent crime from happening in the first place and enable Wiltshire to tackle cyber-crime effectively.

It's always a difficult decision to increase the precept, but it is necessary if we want more police officers. I continue to lobby the Government to provide fairer funding for Wiltshire Police, just because we live in a rural county it doesn't mean that we aren't seeing the same threats and demand as more urban forces.

What will change if I agree?

If residents and businesses back my proposal additional funding will be allocated to:

- Recruiting 41 extra police officers and two dedicated cyber-crime staff, with a particular emphasis on response and community policing.
- Two cyber teams (CIET and DIIU) tackling child sexual exploitation and online fraud
- Targeting those at risk of committing crime with diversionary tactics

Where can I have my say?

To give your feedback please visit <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk> and click on the link on the homepage, you can also contact the PCC's office directly by emailing pcc@wiltshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk or calling 01380 734 022.