



# Your police Council Tax explained

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# How your council tax will be spent on fighting crime and keeping communities safe

**Police and Crime Commissioner Marc Jones and Chief Constable Chris Haward explain how the extra council tax raised this year will be invested in front line policing to keep you and your community safe.**

**This extra money will be dedicated to:**



## **Maintaining police officer numbers**

Retaining our police officer numbers at 1186, bolstering local neighbourhood teams, preventing and tackling crime, and protecting our communities.

## **Extra officers and staff into specialist sexual assault/abuse units**

Commitment to greater protection and justice for children and adults across Lincolnshire who experience some of the most harmful crimes.

## **Improving 101 call response times**

Lincolnshire has one of the best 999 answering records in England. An additional 15 call handlers will boost the 101 service to give residents the service they deserve.



## **Making our roads safer**

Investment in the Serious Collisions Investigation Unit will help deliver crucial answers and justice to victims and families of tragic incidents on our roads.



## **Increasing community confidence**

We are determined to keep the confidence of the public and raise it even further with investment into the Professional Standards Department to maintain and raise standards of conduct and behaviour within the service.

## **More officers on shift when you need them**

Investment in a revised deployment model to place more officers on duty in peak demand periods thereby improving incident response times

Huge amounts of work have been done in Lincolnshire to create a police force we can be proud of – and we all owe a debt of gratitude to county tax payers for supporting that development.

Without the financial backing of residents, prudent financial planning and investment in innovation and new technology we could not have created the effective and efficient Police Force we have today.

Last year that support meant funds were available for investment in a new roads policing team, a rural crime team, 12 new community beat managers and an enhanced forensics capability – all now working to keep communities safe, track down and arrest criminals.

But we cannot afford to stand still. We must continue to find new ways to evolve our crime fighting, deployment of resources and policing models to best protect our communities.

Every penny possible has been made available this year for the Chief and his team to maximise the service our communities receive.

For next year the planned budget for the Chief will be £146m – up from £135m the previous year.

While we must manage our financial resources as efficiently as possible, Lincolnshire's funding is hampered by the Government's current funding formula.

The Government has listened to us and has now committed to delivering the review needed. For months the PCC has worked with senior policing leaders to develop the basis of a new formula.

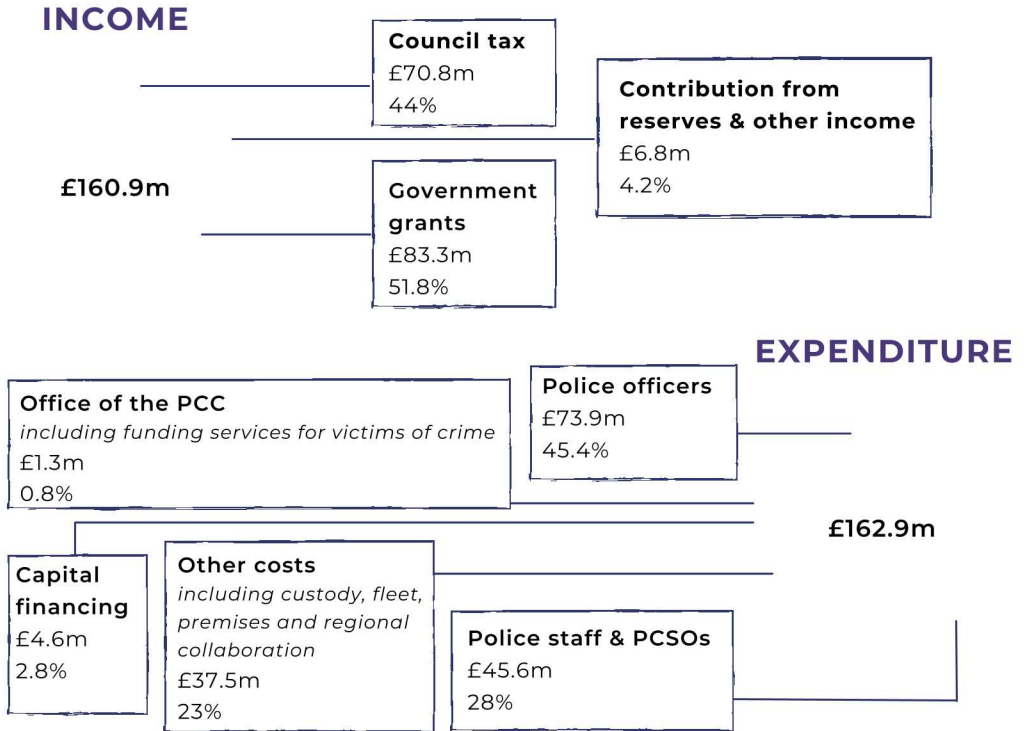
It is, however, important to be realistic about this process. If the review recognises our historic underfunding, any changes to funding will be phased over a number of years.

That means in the short and medium term we still have challenges in how we spend the money available.

The PCC is confident that we have the right people, the right experience and the right approach to ensure we maintain one of the most effective and efficient forces in the UK.

But none of this would have been possible without your assistance.

# What money do we receive and how is it spent?



The chart above excludes £2m of savings, the delivery plan for which is currently being finalised

Property band	Cost last year (£)	Increase this year (£)	Cost this year (£)	Cost per week this year (£)	Increase per week (pence)
A	184.20	9.96	194.16	3.73	19
B	214.90	11.62	226.52	4.36	22
C	245.60	13.28	258.88	4.98	26
D	276.30	14.94	291.24	5.60	29
E	337.70	18.26	355.96	6.85	35
F	399.10	21.58	420.68	8.09	42
G	460.50	24.90	485.40	9.33	48
H	552.60	29.88	582.48	11.20	57

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