



Your Police Authority is responsible, amongst other matters, for setting the budget and, following consultation with local communities, setting the strategic direction of policing. This includes agreeing policing priorities and setting the Chief Constable challenging targets to drive performance higher.

Cheshire Police Authority operates to deliver an efficient and effective police service, that is built on neighbourhood policing and tackles all levels of criminality and makes the citizens of Cheshire safe and feel safer.

This year, the police budget and council tax has given the Authority some hard decisions to make as, a maximum budget has been set by Government, we still need to improve the way we deliver policing in our communities and transform the way it is supported by our staff. Over 4,000 officers and staff are dedicated to providing the policing services you need when you call us for help.

The challenge is to ensure that the police service is efficient and effective and that we have the right people with the right skills and investment in place to provide a service in which people feel confident whilst protecting frontline services and driving efficiencies.

Margaret Ollerenshaw,
Chairman of the Police Authority

During the last year, crime has fallen by 10% which means over 7500 fewer victims.

Our investment in:-

- **Neighbourhood Policing;** and
- **Policing serious and organised crime** has been maintained.





This year, residents of Cheshire are being asked to pay £54.06m in council tax for policing services. This represents £2.78 per week for each Band D household.

The Police Authority has agreed a budget of £177.5 million for the policing of Cheshire in 2010/11. This is an increase of 2.7% on 2009/10. The grant from Government this year will increase by 2.5% and the council tax will increase by 2.7%, about 7p per week.

Liz Lunn, Treasurer – 01244 614109

Where will the money come from?

	£m	£ per resident	£ per band D equivalent
This year's budget 2010/11	177.5	175.53	474.40
Less Government Funding:			
Police Grant	(67.0)	(66.30)	(179.17)
Business Rates	(49.3)	(48.80)	(131.89)
Revenue Support Grant	(7.2)	(7.09)	(19.15)
Collection Fund Deficit	0.1	0.13	0.34
Local Council Tax	54.1	53.47	144.53

Efficiency Savings

As in all parts of the country, we have been affected by the recession and need to continue to make savings. The estimated cumulative efficiency savings for last year are £12.179m which is equivalent to £32.64 for each Band D household.

This compares to £7.053m in 2008/09.



Council tax bands for policing

	£	annual increase of (£)	£	annual increase of (£)	£	annual increase of (£)	£	annual increase of (£)
A	96.35	2.55	C	128.47	3.40	E	176.65	4.68
B	112.41	2.98	D	144.53	3.83	F	208.77	5.54
						G	240.88	6.38
						H	289.06	7.66

How the budget compares with last year

The Police Authority's net budget requirement for 2010/11 is £177.5m compared with £172.9m last year. The following table shows the reasons for the increase:

	£m
Last year's budget 2009/10	172.9
Increase in police pensions	0.1
Increase in service provision	4.4
Efficiency and other savings	(5.0)
Increase in expenditure due to inflation	5.0
Reduction in grants	(0.1)
Movement on reserves	0.0
This year's budget 2010/11	177.5

Police Authority meetings

You are welcome to attend meetings of the Police Authority, which begin at 9.30am and are held at Constabulary Headquarters, Winsford, CW7 2UA.

Tuesday 13 April 2010

Tuesday 13 July 2010

Tuesday 28 September 2010

Tuesday 14 December 2010

Tuesday 22 February 2011

Estimated expenditure and income

	2010/11 £m	2009/10 £m
Police Officers	92.7	91.0
Police Staff	57.3	51.7
Other expenditure (including notional asset charges)	45.3	48.4
Police pensions	19.5	19.4
Gross revenue expenditure	214.8	210.5
Less income (fees, charges, interest etc)	(7.3)	(7.0)
Less specific grants	(21.2)	(21.1)
Less reserves	(0.0)	(0.9)
Total net revenue expenditure	186.3	181.5
Less notional asset charges	(8.8)	(8.6)
Net budget requirement	177.5	172.9

In addition, there will be other public meetings and opportunities to raise concerns about policing with your local officers, senior officers and Members of the Authority which will be advertised in the local press and on our website during the year.

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things you need to know about **your** police authority

- 1 is an independent body of 17 local people including councillors, a magistrate and members of the public.
- 2 sets objectives and targets based on consultation with local people for the police to deliver.
- 3 manages the police budget and consults with local people before setting the police part of the council tax.
- 4 hires, and if necessary, dismisses the Chief Constable and senior police officers.
- 5 monitors police performance and holds the Chief Constable to account on behalf of the community.
- 6 checks that the Chief Constable delivers a police service which balances both national strategic priorities with the concerns of local people.
- 7 ensures that citizens have a say in how they are policed.
- 8 monitors complaints against the police.
- 9 promotes equality and good relations between different groups of people.
- 10 makes sure the police service does everything it can to keep improving policing for your community.