

Council tax bands for policing

There has been no increase in the amount you pay in council tax for policing.

£	£	£	£
A 96.35	C 128.47	E 176.65	G 240.88
B 112.41	D 144.53	F 208.77	H 289.06

How the budget compares with last year

The Police Authority's net budget requirement for 2011/12 is £177.2m compared with £177.5m last year. The following table shows the reasons for the decrease:

	£m
Last year's budget 2010/11	177.5
Increase in service provision	2.5
Increase in expenditure due to inflation	1.0
Contribution to capital financing	1.5
Reduction in grants	6.6
Contribution from reserves	(0.8)
Equivalent budget requirement for 2011/12	188.3
Budget reductions and savings	(11.1)
This year's budget 2011/12	177.2

Cheshire Constabulary is already a low cost force. Independent value for money studies have shown it to be cost effective and according to the recent British Crime Survey, crime is at its lowest level for three decades.

We will make as many savings as we can by working with partners to share costs, remove waste and duplication, share specialist functions and equipment with other police forces or agencies, review staffing levels within operational support departments and create smaller departments in finance, human resources, procurement and training.

Estimated expenditure and income

	2011/12 £m	2010/11 £m
Police Officers	88.3	92.7
Police Staff	53.9	57.3
Other expenditure (including notional asset charges)	45.7	45.3
Police pensions	17.5	19.5
Gross revenue expenditure	205.4	214.8
Less income (fees, charges, interest etc)	(6.1)	(7.3)
Less specific grants	(14.5)	(21.2)
Contribution to capital financing	1.5	(0.0)
Contribution from reserves	(0.8)	(0.0)
Total net revenue expenditure	185.5	186.3
Less notional asset charges	(8.3)	(8.8)
Net budget requirement	177.2	177.5

There will be 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.