

A key aspect of my role as Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales is to set the annual precept, which is the portion of Council Tax that pays for policing. The level that the precept is set at determines the total amount of money available for policing in North Wales. Over half of the funding for policing comes from Council Tax, with the remainder coming from the UK and Welsh Government.

Following a survey that took place with residents and business owners of North Wales – and with the agreement of the North Wales Police and Crime Panel – there will be a 43p per week (or £22.50 per year) increase in Council Tax for a Band D property for the financial year 2025-26. In percentage terms, this means a 6.44% increase on last year and the agreed amount is effective from 1 April 2025.

Striking a fair balance between ensuring our valued police officers, staff and volunteers are adequately resourced, and that local residents' own financial resources are thoroughly considered, is a responsibility I take seriously as Police and Crime Commissioner. I know how difficult times still are for many people and that large numbers are struggling financially. I hope that working together with the Welsh and UK Governments, we can ensure that the Police are well resourced and that local people really feel this co-operative approach to crime fighting in their communities and that they see value for their money.

We all rely on having a Force that has the necessary resources to fight crime and keep our communities safe and it is up to me to ensure that any increase is spent wisely by North Wales Police in the service of the region's residents and visitors and I trust that this increase will enable Police to act on the direction I have set for them. This direction was set in my recently launched Police and Crime Plan for fighting and preventing crime in North Wales. It focuses on a local neighbourhood policing presence; supporting victims, communities and businesses; and a fair and effective criminal justice system.

It is my job, and my duty, on behalf of the people, to hold the Chief Constable to account on the performance of the Force in delivering my Police and Crime Plan and I hope that, given the right financial resources, the officers, staff and volunteers of North Wales Police can do this job effectively and with the continued support of residents.

Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales



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How much of your council tax is spent on policing?

There are nine council tax bands in north Wales, based on the capital value of the property in 2003.

Band D is used for national comparisons of tax levels. From a Band D Council Tax bill, only £372.15 is allocated to funding the police service of North Wales, as agreed by the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales.

Therefore, depending on your property band, the amount from your Council Tax bill which funds the police service of North Wales is as follows:

Band A	£248.10
Band B	£289.45
Band C	£330.80
Band D	£372.15
Band E	£454.85
Band F	£537.55
Band G	£620.25
Band H	£744.30
Band I	£868.35

Comparison of the level of the Revenue Budget with the Welsh Government's guidance

Using a formula developed for all Police Forces in England and Wales, the Welsh Government and the Home Office have issued a "spending norm" known as the Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) plus Police Grant of £148.610m for 2025-2026. This is the Government's assessment of the Commissioner's need to spend in order to provide the same level of service as other commissioners in Wales if they also spend at the level of their own SSA plus Police Grant.

The Commissioner is allowed to spend in excess of its SSA/ Police grant total, with the excess being funded from the Council Tax or Reserves. The Commissioner has set a budget requirement of £211.842million.

Where does the money come from?

46.03% - Government Grants

53.97% - Council Tax

What do you get for your money?

9.10% is spent on dealing with the public

42.10% is spent on local policing

26.40% is spent on investigations

8.30% is spent on criminal justice

14.10% is spent on specialist operations

The Commissioner's estimated financial reserves at the end of the financial year

2024-2025 £49.215 million

2025-2026 £41.070 million

Where does your money go?

2024-2025 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£109.652 million
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£61.123 million
Expenditure – Pensions	£3.989 million
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£7.336 million
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£50.238 million
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£5.999 million

Gross Revenue Expenditure

£238.337 million

Less: Income £38.056 million

Budget Requirement

£200.281 million

Financed by:

Specific Police Grant	£54.362 million
Floor Grant	£23.289 million
Revenue Support Grant	£16.109 million
Share of Non-Domestic Rates	£0.252 million

Total grants

£94.012 million

Council Tax £106.269 million

Total Finance

£200.281 million

2025-2026 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£118.946 million
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£67.862 million
Expenditure – Pensions	£4.013 million
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£7.421 million
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£52.413 million
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£5.546 million

Gross Revenue Expenditure

£256.201 million

Less: Income £44.359 million

Budget Requirement

£211.842 million

Financed by:

Specific Police Grant	£56.385 million
Floor Grant	£25.018 million
Revenue Support Grant	£15.851 million
Share of Non-Domestic Rates	£0.250 million

Total grants

£97.504 million

Council Tax £114.338 million

Total Finance

£211.842 million

2025-2026 Budget

Expenditure – Pay – Police Officers	£387.14 per Band D
Expenditure – Pay – Police Staff	£220.88 per Band D
Expenditure – Pensions	£13.06 per Band D
Expenditure – Other Employee Costs	£24.15 per Band D
Expenditure – Other Running Costs	£170.59 per Band D
Expenditure – Contribution to Capital Expenditure	£18.05 per Band D

Gross Revenue Expenditure

Less: Income £144.38 per Band D

Budget Requirement

£833.88 per Band D

£144.38 per Band D

£689.50 per Band D

Financed by:

Specific Police Grant £183.52 per Band D

Floor Grant £81.43 per Band D

Revenue Support Grant £51.59 per Band D

Share of Non-Domestic Rates £0.81 per Band D

Total grants

£317.36 per Band D

Council Tax £372.15 per Band D

Total Finance

£689.50 per Band D

The Commissioner's Capital Budget 2025-2026

Proposed Expenditure

Vehicles and Equipment £2.902 million

Building Works £7.879 million

Information Technology and Communication Equipment £6.377 million

Total Expenditure

£17.158 million

Method of Financing:

Capital Grant £1.580 million

Borrowing £6.827 million

Capital Receipts £1.528 million

Revenue Contribution and Balances £7.223 million

Total Financing

£17.158 million

Where can you get more details?

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This leaflet gives a breakdown of how much of your council tax is spent on policing and an indication of where your money goes. For more information about the police budget, please visit the OPCC website: www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Commissioner is accountable to people across North Wales and is always eager to hear what they think about police and crime matters. If you want to share your views with the Commissioner, please contact **01492 805486** or email **OPCC@northwales.police.uk**. Alternatively, visit our website: www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk

HOW TO CONTACT NORTH WALES POLICE

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