

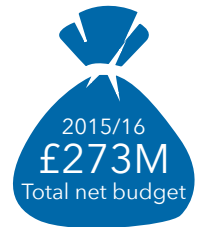


Avon and Somerset covers more than 1,855 square miles and is home to around 1.6 million people. There are over 5,000 police officers and staff working hard to keep you safe and to make sure that Avon and Somerset remains a safe place to live and work. Crime and the risk of crime is below the national average and public confidence in policing remains amongst the highest nationally.

SPENDING PLANS	2015/16	2016/17
Gross expenditure	£302m	£306m
Specific grants and other income	£29m	£30m
Net Budget requirement	£273m	£276m



WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?	2015/16	2016/17
Funding from central government	£179m	£178m
Amount paid by council tax	£94m	£98m
Total income	£273m	£276m



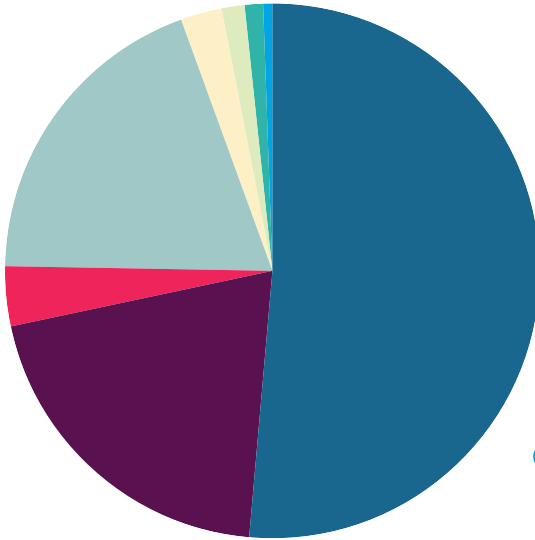
## CHANGES IN SPENDING

The net expenditure for the police will be £3m higher in 2016/17 compared to 2015/16 following a 0.6% reduction in central government funding offset by a rise in council tax funding. The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has taken the decision to increase the policing part of the council tax by £3.48 a year for the average band D household. This follows extensive consultation with over 3,000 residents. Although inflation and other unavoidable spending pressures will increase costs by £11m, savings have been agreed to balance the budget. This means that the average band D precept will be £178.26.

The PCC also receives £1.8 million funding for victims services from the Ministry of Justice and this has been retained at the same level as 2015/16 alongside a small increase to fund services for victims of child sexual abuse.

# HOW WE SPEND THE BUDGET 2016/17

The chart below shows where the budget goes



- Police Officers - £142.2m
- Police Staff - £56m
- Community Support Officers - £10.3m
- Running Expenses - £52.5m
- Police Pensions - £7m
- Capital Funding Costs - £4.2m
- Community Safety Fund - £2.6m
- Office of the PCC - £1.4m

## AVON & SOMERSET POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER *Election 2016*

In May, there will be an election for the next Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset. Every resident who is registered to vote can do so on Thursday, May 5 at their local polling station.

A Police and Crime Commissioner has the statutory duty to set the police budget and the priorities for the police in consultation with residents. A new Police and Crime Plan setting out the policing priorities for the year ahead will be published this summer.



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