

PROTECTING NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

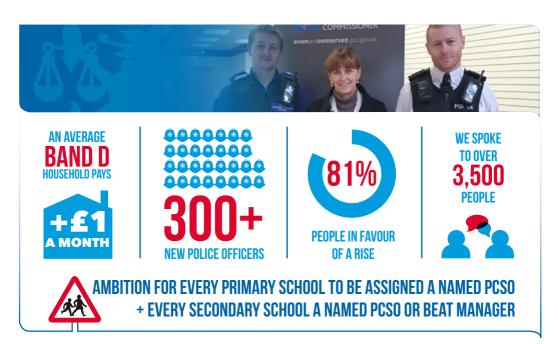
I have been lobbying hard to secure the best possible funding arrangements for policing. In December, the Government made it clear that an increasing proportion of policing costs will have to be met by local council taxpayers.

I recognise that any increase in household bills will be felt by you and I want to assure you that the policing you receive on a local level through your neighbourhood policing teams will be unchanged thanks to this increase in your council tax.

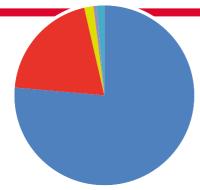
Neighbourhood policing is at the heart of our communities and is essential to ensuring Avon and Somerset remains a safe place to live and work.

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Sue Mountstevens Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset



HOW WE SPEND THE BUDGET 2018/19 THE CHART BELOW SHOWS WHERE THE MONEY GOES



Police Officers, Staff and PCSOs - £218.2m

- Running Expenses £57m
- Capital Funding £5m
- Office of the PCC £1.4m

PCC victim and crime related support services - £3.4m

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?	2017/18	2018/19
Funding from central government	£176m	£176m
Council tax	£102m	£109m
Total	£278m	£285m

CHANGES IN SPENDING

The net expenditure for the police will be £7m higher in 2018/19 compared to 2017/18 following 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 £12 a year for the average band D household. This means that the average band D precept will be £193.81. This follows extensive consultation with over 3,500 residents. Although inflation and other unavoidable spending pressures will increase costs by £11m, savings have been agreed to balance the budget.



