

A Message from The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire ALAN HARDWICK



Throughout my time as Police and Crime Commissioner I have made a commitment to listen to the views of the people of Lincolnshire. Our communities have always been very clear that they would find reductions in the numbers of police officers and PCSOs unacceptable. So would I. I will therefore be providing the Chief Constable with a budget that allows him to maintain 1100 police officers and 149 PCSOs.

In his Spending Review and Autumn Statement, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said *"there will be no cuts in the police budget at all."* However this assumes that PCCs in England increase their precept to the maximum referendum limit in 2016/17.

The income I received from the Home Office in 2015/16 was £65.9m. The provisional figure for 2016/17 is £65.5m. I cautiously welcome this, however the new funding formula which has been delayed must ensure those Forces such as Lincolnshire that have a history of delivering efficiencies are not penalised in the future. The new funding arrangements need to incentivise those less efficient forces into action. This is not evident in this year's settlement.

I raise nearly 40% of the costs of policing in Lincolnshire from the Council Tax precept. This is above the national average. As I have always said, and the Home Affairs Select Committee agrees, this is unfair. I have therefore always been clear that I do not wish to place a greater burden on the taxpayers of this County. However I also have a duty to maintain efficient and effective police services in Lincolnshire and

must have regard to the Chief Constable's advice about the resources he needs to keep our communities safe. In setting my budget I have considered these duties alongside the level of central government grant and what it is fair to raise through the precept.

For these reasons, I have taken the difficult decision to raise the policing element of the council tax by 1.96%. For the majority of Lincolnshire residents this amounts to no more than 7 pence per week.

The Chief Constable and I are continuing to work positively with Government to inform the development of a new funding formula that is fair to both Lincolnshire and the police service as a whole.

Proposals for the funding formula suggested we would be £8 million better off. There is recognition that we have been treated unfairly in the past and the Government have made a commitment to address that next year. Ministers have put their faith in us to deliver one of the most efficient and effective police forces in the Country and I have faith that they will stay true to their word.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Hardwick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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for Lincolnshire**

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I am always keen to hear from the people of Lincolnshire.

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Property Band	Cost last year (£)	Increase this year (£)	Cost this year (£)	Increase per week (pence)
A	131.76	2.58	134.34	5
B	153.72	3.01	156.73	6
C	175.68	3.44	179.12	7
D	197.64	3.87	201.51	7
E	241.56	4.73	246.29	9
F	285.48	5.59	291.07	11
G	329.40	6.45	335.85	12
H	395.28	7.74	403.02	15

What money do we receive and how is it spent?

The Police and Crime Commissioner's total funding for 2016/17 is budgeted to be £117.1 million.

The majority of this income (58.1%) comes from government grants, 38.7% comes from council tax.

The majority of the budgeted expenditure is spent on the direct cost of employing police officers, with the rest spent on support staff, vehicles and the other services they need to perform their duties.

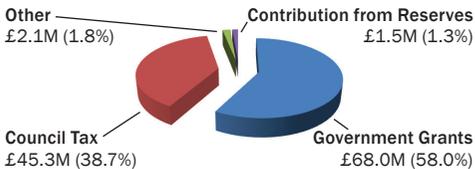
Income

Government Grants	58.0%	£68.0m
Council tax	38.7%	£45.3m
Other income	1.8%	£2.1m
Contribution from Reserves	1.3%	£1.5m
Total	100.0%	£117.0m

Expenditure

Police Officers	48.7%	£57.0m
Police Staff	12.5%	£14.6m
Strategic Partner	19.1%	£22.3m
Other costs	19.6%	£23.0m
Total	100.0%	£117.0m

Income (in £ millions)



Expenditure (in £ millions)

