



Leicestershire Police Authority

your council tax 2009/10 explained

A message from the Chairman of the Police Authority and the Chief Constable of Leicestershire Constabulary

Dear Resident

We would like to thank you for supporting the Authority's decision in 2008/09 to raise the policing element of the council tax. This has allowed us to recruit 105 additional police officers and 22 police staff over the past few months as part of our commitment to protecting our communities.

This year we have been able to limit the increase to 3% and, according to independent inspection, the Constabulary remains one of the most efficient and productive forces in the country. This means an additional 9.3 pence per week for a Band D Council tax payer raising it to £3.18 per week per household. Properties that are rated Band C or below will pay less than this amount and those rated Band E or above will pay slightly more. The purpose of this note is to explain why.

The Home Office continues to provide less funding than the national formula calculates we should receive. Nevertheless, a 3% increase this year ensures the police can continue to provide some of the best Neighbourhood Policing in the country and can also improve the protection of children and other vulnerable people in our society. We will also continue to tackle the serious and organised crime gangs that deal in drugs, human trafficking and gun crime.

The Constabulary and its partners are committed to improving the service given to local people. Leicestershire Constabulary was one of the first forces to sign up to the new Policing Pledge. The Pledge outlines the ten promises which will drive the delivery of a policing service that is accessible and responsive to local needs.

In the coming year the Police Authority and Constabulary will work towards achieving the Pledge and a new single national confidence target. This measures the extent to which you, the public, think the police and local councils are dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter to you locally.

Yours sincerely,

Byron Rhodes
Chairman, Leicestershire Police Authority

Matt Baggott
Chief Constable, Leicestershire Constabulary

Your views are important to us

Leicestershire Police Authority is an independent group of people who are here to ensure the police are providing YOU with the best possible service in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. To do this we need YOUR help, please take a moment to complete and return the FREE questionnaire included on this leaflet to VOICE YOUR VIEWS on your local policing service.

Public consultation is vitally important to us.

The information we collect through consultation on your local policing service influences the decisions made by the Authority in setting the local police objectives. For a full report on our 2008 consultation results and to see your local policing priorities for 2009/10 please visit our website:

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or call 0116 2298980.



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The Police Authority has approved a budget of 169.8 million, an increase of £5.1 million on 2008/09.

	08/09 £m	09/10 £m
Gross spending	171.6	176.9
Less income	-6.9	-7.1
Budget requirement	164.7	169.8
Less		
	08/09 £m	09/10 £m
Police Grant	-64.3	-66.1
Revenue Support Grant	-6.2	-9.7
Business Rate	-44.2	-42.1
Collection Fund Surplus	-0.1	-0.1
From Council Tax payer	49.9	51.8
Band D Council Tax	160.40	165.21

The increase in Band D Council Tax equates to less than 9.3 pence per week. The Police Authority owns assets valued at £109 million. The external debt outstanding is £17 million

The increase is due to the following:

	£m
Essential growth	0.3
Pay and price increases	4.3
Pay increments	1.4
Full year impact of growth 2008/09	0.6
Other	2.0
	8.6
Less	
	£m
Increase in use of reserves	-1.7
Efficiency savings	-0.9
Other	-0.9
Net increase	5.1

The Government is expected to provide a total of £12.7 million in specific grants. These include part payment for Crime-fighting fund officers and Police Community Support Officers.

How the gross revenue budget is spent		Capital spending		Staff numbers		
Police officer costs	61%	Property	£m	Projected numbers are:		
Police staff costs	23%	Vehicles	2.2	1.4.2009		1.4.2010
Other	16%	IT and other	1.0	2,350	Police officers	2,357
		Total	2.3	1,324	Police staff	1,314
			5.5	229	PCSOs	229
		Funded from:		3,903	Total	3,900
		Borrowing	3.1			
		Capital grant	2.1			
		Other grants and receipts	0.3			
		Total	5.5			

Assistance in understanding this leaflet is available on request.

Any questions regarding finances should be addressed to:

The Treasurer, Leicestershire Police Authority, St. Johns, Enderby, LE19 2BX

Tel: (0116) 229 8980

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Your views

Your views are important, please take a moment to fill in this form and return it to us.

Q1. It is the responsibility of the police and local council working in partnership to deal with crime and anti-social behaviour in your local area. So how much would you agree or disagree that the police and local council are dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter in this area:

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly AGREE	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to AGREE	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Tend to DISAGREE	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly DISAGREE
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Q2. Generally speaking, how safe do you feel in your local area?

<input type="checkbox"/> I feel safe ALL of the time	<input type="checkbox"/> I feel safe MOST of the time	<input type="checkbox"/> I feel unsafe MOST of the time	<input type="checkbox"/> I feel unsafe ALL of the time
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Q3. What is the main reason you say this?

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Q4. What two things could the police do to make you feel safer or improve the service?

1.
2.

You do not have to give this information, but it will help us to monitor our service if you do:-

Your age: 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

Prefer not to say

Gender: Male Female Transgender Prefer not to say

Ethnicity Asian Black Chinese Mixed White Other Prefer not to say

Religious beliefs/faith Buddhist Christian Hindu Jewish Muslim Sikh

None Other Prefer not to say

Sexual orientation: Bi-sexual Gay/Lesbian Heterosexual Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? Yes No

Your postcode:

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During 2008 a total of 2983 people responded to questions about their local policing issues. 71% of people who responded said they felt safe most or all of the time in their local area. 29% said they felt unsafe most or all of the time. The top concerns people had in their local area were, motoring offences, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Young people's views are important to us and in 2008 a total of 1344 young people gave their views on local police issues. 77% of young people said they felt safe on the streets most or all of the time during the day. 57% said they felt safe on the streets most or all of the night. 8% of young people said they felt unsafe most or all of the time during the day and 24% said they felt unsafe most or all of the time during the night. Young people were most concerned about physical or sexual assault, theft of personal belongings and drugs. This feedback helped shape our objectives for 2009/10. Feedback from all consultation undertaken by the Authority in 2008 can be viewed on our website at www.leics-pa.police.uk