



# Leicestershire Police Authority

*Your Money Your Voice Your Police*

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

### Dear Resident

As you will see in your Council Tax bill the cost of policing has increased. The policing precept has risen by 2.68% which is equivalent to an extra 8.5p per week for a Band D property, raising the total police precept for this type of property to £3.26 per week. If your property is rated A, B or C you will pay less. If it is rated E, F, G or H you will pay more. The purpose of this note is to explain why we have set the budget at this level.

The Home Office continues to fund policing in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland in a less favourable way than comparable forces by not applying the Government's own funding formula. Due to this, Leicestershire lost £3.240m in 2008, £3.122m in 2009 and will lose a further £2.805m in 2010. The downturn in the economy has only made this situation worse. Government Departments and partners who provide us with non mainstream funding will be looking hard at where they can make cuts in their budgets.

The good news is that Leicestershire Constabulary remains one of the most productive forces in the country with a track record of efficiency and effectiveness. Past inspections by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) have described the Constabulary as "...the best overall performer ... in terms of prudent financial and resource management." The recent HMIC inspection of the Police Authority states that "External audit and inspection shows a proven record of effective financial management."

The Policing Pledge is our continued promise to you and we are committed to providing a police service that tackles crime and antisocial behaviour as well as the most serious crimes so that you feel safe and remain safe. We are committed to improving public confidence and satisfaction and to meeting our confidence target of 57.8% by April 2011. The Police Authority look forward to meeting future challenges and together with the Constabulary will ensure you receive an effective and efficient policing service.

Yours sincerely  
**Byron Rhodes**  
Chairman  
Leicestershire Police Authority

Chris Eyre  
Temporary Chief Constable  
Leicestershire Constabulary

### Consultation 2009

In order to provide the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland with a police service that is second to none it is important that the Police understand what matters to the people and communities who live in this area.

The police welcome your views on policing whether good or bad. There are a number of ways by which people have been able to have their say. These range from consulting with people who have recently contacted the police about the service they received, to collecting the views of a cross section of the public to assess both their confidence levels and to give them an opportunity to raise any issues that they have locally which can be used as part of the priority setting process.

In the past 12 months the views of 5,000 service users have been collected and approximately 20,000 people have expressed views that have been used in the setting of policing priorities.

In addition over 10,000 of these people have expressed an interest in being involved in future consultation about policing in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. This gives us the scope to consult about aspects of policing which may be specific to certain communities within the Force area.

By listening to the diverse voices of the local community we can ensure we are providing an efficient and effective police service that meets the needs of everyone in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

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### 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 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 Policing Objectives. For a full report on our 2009 consultation results and to see your local policing priorities for 2010/11 please visit our website: [www.leics-pa.police.uk](http://www.leics-pa.police.uk) or call 0116 229 8980. Any questions regarding finances should be addressed to: The Treasurer, Leicestershire Police Authority, St Johns, Enderby, Leicester, LE19 2BX. Tel: 0116 229 8980 Email: [police.authority@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:police.authority@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

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:

Strongly AGREE		Tend to DISAGREE	
Tend to AGREE		Strongly DISAGREE	
Neither agree nor disagree		Don't know	

**Q2.** 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:

What age were you on your last birthday?

	Prefer not to say
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Gender:

Male	Female	Prefer not to say
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Do you identify yourself as Transgender?	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
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How would you describe your ethnicity?

	Prefer not to say
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Please state your religion or belief

	Prefer not to say
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How would you describe your sexual orientation?		Prefer not to say
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The Disability Discrimination Act defines a person as having a disability if he or she 'has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities'.

Do you have such a disability?

Yes	No	Prefer not to say
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We are keen to improve our services. Would you be willing to take part in future consultations?

Yes	If yes, please indicate below which type of consultation you would be willing to take part in and forward your details to us.	No	If no, thank you for completing this survey.
Focus Groups	Phone Surveys	Postal Surveys	Web based Surveys

If you have said YES to further consultation please forward your contact details by emailing [police.authority@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:police.authority@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk) or by visiting our Consultation Panel page on our website <http://www.leics-pa.police.uk/get-involved/consultation-panel/> or by writing to us at Leicestershire Police Authority, St Johns, Enderby, Leicester, LE19 2BX or by telephone on 0116 229 8980 or text on 07847 359 130

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### The 2010/11 Budget

The Police Authority has approved a budget of £175.1 million; this is an increase of £5.3 million on 2009/10.

	09/10	10/11	The increase is due to the following:	
	£m	£m		£m
Gross Spending	176.9	182.8	Essential Growth	-
Less Income	-7.1	-7.7	Pay and Price increases	4.2
Budget Requirement	169.8	175.1	Pay increments	1.4
<b>LESS</b>			Full year impact of growth 2009/10	0.1
Police Grant	-66.1	-67.9	Reduction in use of reserves	2.9
Revenue Support Grant	-9.7	-6.8	Other	1.3
Business Rate	-42.1	-46.6	<b>LESS</b>	
Collection Fund Surplus	-0.1	-0.2	Efficiency savings	-3.8
<b>From Council Tax</b>	51.8	53.6	Other	-0.8
<b>Payer</b>			<b>Net increase</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>Band D Council Tax</b>	<b>£165.21</b>	<b>£169.63</b>		

The increase in Band D Council Tax equates to 8.5 pence per week. The Police Authority owns assets valued at £94 million. The external debt outstanding is £17 million.

The Government is expected to provide a total of £12.9 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

Police officer costs	61%
Police staff costs	23%
Other	16%
<b>Capital Spending</b>	<b>£m</b>
Property	1.5
Vehicles	1.0
IT and other	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.8</b>
<b>Funded from:</b>	<b>£m</b>
Borrowing	4.6
Capital grant	2.1
Other grants and receipts	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.8</b>

#### Staff numbers

Projected numbers are:

	01/04/2010	01/04/2011
Police Officers	2,332	2,212
Police Staff	1,364	1,291
PCSOs	229	229
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,925</b>	<b>3,732</b>

Police Authorities are required to have regard to economy, efficiency and effectiveness in their actions. An efficiency saving occurs when the costs of an activity falls, but its effectiveness is not reduced. By the end of March 2010, reported efficiency savings since April 2008 are forecast to be £13,435,000.

The notional effect of the savings forecast for the Police Authority is equivalent to £43 when divided by the authority's tax base. This compares to the average for similar types of Police Authorities of £54. The value of savings reported in 2008/09 was £8,094,000.

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