



## POLICE BUDGET 2025/26

# HELPING COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE

Setting my first police budget has been a huge responsibility as your Police and Crime Commissioner and one of the statutory duties I have to perform.

In setting the budget, I listened to the needs and views of Cheshire's communities whilst ensuring that Cheshire Constabulary has the monies available to provide the best possible service.

I consulted with the public to see what they would be willing to pay for policing through their council tax for the next financial year. Due to rising costs, I included two increase options, but also gave people the opportunity to opt for no increase. The options in the consultation were:

- No rise – this would require a reduction in services significantly beyond the £6.3m in savings already identified.
- £14 rise per year (for band D properties) – this would allow Cheshire Constabulary to maintain the improved level of service that has been achieved over the past year and enhance neighbourhood policing.
- £28 rise per year (for band D properties) – this would allow for further investment in key areas like technology and protecting vulnerable people as well as an enhancement to neighbourhood policing.

Two thirds of Cheshire properties fall into bands A-C so will pay less than the figures above per year for policing.

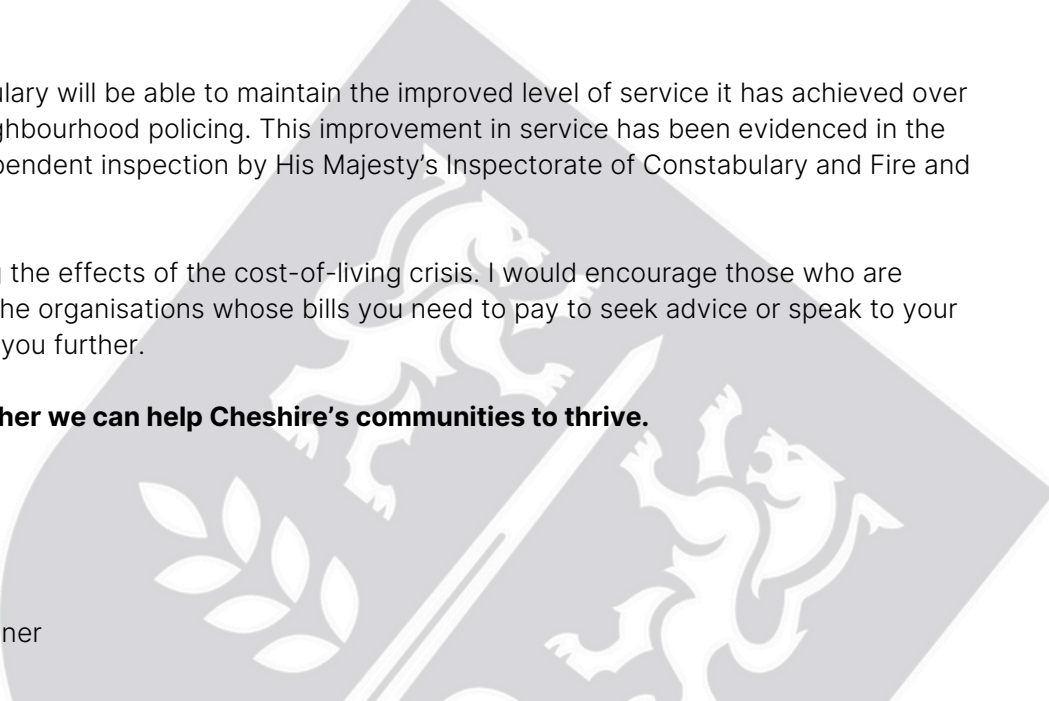
67% of respondents were in favour of a rise in the cost, also known as the policing precept, following the consultation. This demonstrates people's desire for investment in policing, support and intervention services, which I promised to deliver.

With this increase, Cheshire Constabulary will be able to maintain the improved level of service it has achieved over the past year, as well as enhance neighbourhood policing. This improvement in service has been evidenced in the [recent PEEL report](#), following an independent inspection by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS).

I am aware that people are still feeling the effects of the cost-of-living crisis. I would encourage those who are struggling not to stay silent. Contact the organisations whose bills you need to pay to seek advice or speak to your local Citizens' Advice who can advise you further.

**I am your voice in policing and together we can help Cheshire's communities to thrive.**

Dan Price  
Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner



## Listening to the public



Create local policing plans **specific** to that area, **listening** to public concerns.

Commission **services** to support victims of crime, when and where they need them.



## Reducing crime



**Increase** in officer numbers and **enhanced** neighbourhood policing.

Provide **innovative intervention programmes** to deter those getting involved in crime.



## Modernising



**Embrace** modern technology, e.g AI, to enhance policing.

Provide a **fit for purpose** police service, with a modern estate and assets.



## Council tax bands for policing

In the provisional settlement on 17th December 2024, the Government announced that Cheshire Constabulary would receive up to £280m to fund local policing in 2025/26, an increase of £16.2m.

Subsequently, the final settlement was received on 30th January 2025, and through this, the Government announced an additional £1.5m for Cheshire through the ring-fenced Neighbourhood Policing Grant. This takes the total available to Cheshire through this grant up to £3m and the total increase in funding to £17.7m. This figure assumes that the police precept would be raised by £14 per year for the average band D household.

From Monday 6th January – Monday 20th January 2025 I carried out an online public consultation to ask residents how much they would be willing to pay for policing over the next financial year.

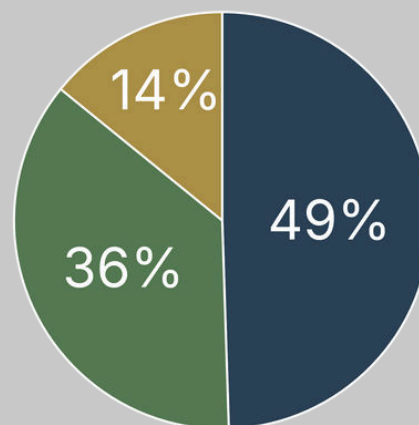
67% of the 1,703 respondents said they would be willing to pay for an increase in the precept to support measures outlined in the budget. As a result and following approval by the Police and Crime Panel, the precept will rise by £14 per year for an average band D property.

How much police precept you'll pay depends on your council tax bands and these figures are available in the table. These figures represent a rise of 5.3%.

**Cheshire's precept remains the 11th lowest of all police forces.**

Band	£	Band	£
<b>A</b>	£184.63	<b>E</b>	£338.48
<b>B</b>	£215.40	<b>F</b>	£400.02
<b>C</b>	£246.17	<b>G</b>	£461.57
<b>D</b>	£276.94	<b>H</b>	£553.88

## Where does the funding come from?



- Government grant
- Council tax precept
- Other income

Funding	£
Government grant	£150,680,231
Council tax precept	£111,915,516
Other income and specific grants	£44,295,158
<b>Total funding and income</b>	<b>£306,890,905</b>