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# Building a Safer West Mercia

My mission for the communities of West Mercia remains unchanged, despite the financial challenges the nation continues to face.

I am committed to ensuring that crime falls, offenders are brought swiftly to justice and victims get the support they need.

As your voice in policing, I have listened and delivered on calls for more police officers based in the heart of your community with numbers hitting record levels in West Mercia.

## I will deliver:

### Improved visible and accessible policing

- Record number of police officers – 2,506.
- Creation of town centre policing teams to tackle crime.

### Better investigations and better outcomes

- Ensuring victims of crime get a higher level of service.
- More officers focused on tackling child abuse.

### Improved public contact

- Quicker response times to 999 and 101 calls and digital enquiries.
- New technology to allow police officers to capture more evidence.



Visit [www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/budget2024](http://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/budget2024) to read the budget report in full. Find out how the police budget is spent, overleaf.

## What will I pay towards policing?

<b>Council tax band</b>	A	<b>£185.00</b>
	B	<b>£215.83</b>
	C	<b>£246.67</b>
	D	<b>£277.50</b>
	E	<b>£339.17</b>
	F	<b>£400.83</b>
	G	<b>£462.50</b>
	H	<b>£555.00</b>

The amount you pay for the police service will increase by 4.91% in 2024/25.

Council Tax bands are calculated to six decimal places, but presented here to two decimal places, therefore they may vary by +/- 0.01%.

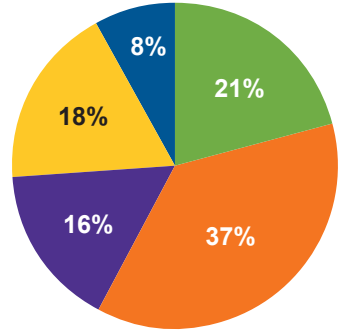


## How is the money spent?

In 2024/25 we plan to spend £284.158m before income and use of reserves. The expenditure on police services has increased by £11.1m.

This is how the money is spent:

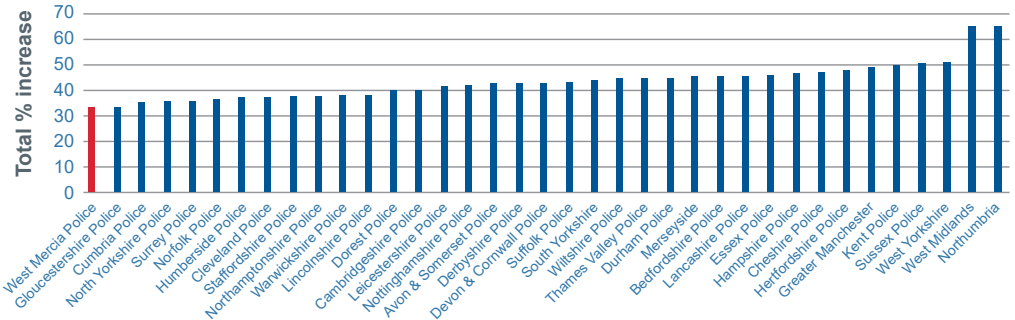
- Support services
- Local policing
- Tactical policing
- Investigations
- Office of Police and Crime Commissioner



## Paying less in West Mercia

The PCC has the lowest percentage increase in council tax of all forces in England and Wales since 2016.

PCC precept increase 2016/17 to 2023/24



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