



Policing Budget 2017-2018

The total budget for Bedfordshire Police in 2017/18 has been set by the Police and Crime Commissioner at £102.203m.

This reflects an increase in the Policing Precept (the part of the Council Tax Bill that goes towards policing) of 1.99% to households across Bedfordshire.

The table below shows what amount each household will contribute towards the costs of policing, and the increase from the previous year.

Band	Total annual Amount £	Increase from 2016-17 £
A	110.73	2.16
B	129.18	2.52
C	147.64	2.88
D	166.09	3.24
E	203.00	3.96
F	239.91	4.68
G	276.82	5.40
H	332.18	6.48

Taking into account the savings and efficiencies made through collaboration arrangements with other forces and unavoidable pressures such as the introduction of the apprentice levy, the total budget represents an increase of £720K from the previous year.

This additional £720K means that Bedfordshire Police can recruit and retain an additional 10 police officers, taking the overall complement of budgeted police officer roles in Bedfordshire to 1,126. Approximately 80% of the total budget is used to recruit and retain police officers and police staff.

The additional police officers will be used to strengthen frontline policing in the seven Hubs announced in the Police and Crime Commissioner's Plan.

The Hubs will provide grass-roots policing of the neighbourhoods in which they are based and the surrounding area.

The increase in officer numbers will also be used to support the new Rural Crime Team, announced last December. This team will focus on the issues of real concern to many residents in those parts of the county, which have previously not received the policing support they should be entitled to.

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