

## The police share of council tax explained

Bedfordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Kathryn Holloway, has promised to recruit 110-130 officers a year during her term as a result of a £12 per year rise in council tax in the county.

The Policing Settlement of December 2017 gave PCCs the right for the first time to raise the police share of council tax - the precept - by a pound a month for Band D homes without having to hold a referendum. The decision to proceed with the increase follows a public consultation with residents and was then taken to the Police and Crime Panel, where members voted in favour of the rise.



**“I’m absolutely clear that if the burden for paying for policing has been shifted from Central Government to the local council taxpayer this year and next that it must pay for improvements which are both visible and welcome to the public. I am planning to recruit between 110 and 130 new officers per year for each of the next two years of my term as a result to boost Bedfordshire’s notoriously overstretched frontline.**

**“The intention is for the Force to raise the number of officers overall by 10% over the next four years, taking those who retire or leave into consideration too. This position has received the backing of the public, who have called for more police to strengthen Bedfordshire Police’s response to crime,” said Commissioner Holloway.**

Please see the below table for costings per band:

	<b>2017/18</b> £	<b>2018/19</b> £	<b>Increase £</b>
<b>A</b>	110.73	118.73	8.00
<b>B</b>	129.18	138.51	9.33
<b>C</b>	147.64	158.30	10.66
<b>D</b>	166.09	178.09	12.00
<b>E</b>	203.00	217.67	14.67
<b>F</b>	239.91	257.24	17.33
<b>G</b>	276.82	296.82	20.00
<b>H</b>	332.18	356.18	24.00

### **Where officers will go:**

- 1. Community Hubs** – Furthering the ambition to enhance Community Policing in Bedfordshire
- 2. Cyber** – Additional officers in our dedicated Cyber team will help to combat the ever increasing demand of technology based criminality.

### **The Commissioner’s priorities for policing in Bedfordshire:**

- 1.** A return to more visible community policing across the county
- 2.** To rebuild public confidence in Bedfordshire police
- 3.** To ensure that the police are available when we need them most
- 4.** Putting victims at the centre of the way we police and prosecute
- 5.** A fair deal on policing wherever you live – in town or country
- 6.** Protecting the police to protect the public with a proper duty of care
- 7.** Genuinely being a Commissioner for all communities
- 8.** Working with partners to break the cycle of serial offending and to prevent crime where possible

- 3. Vulnerability** – We are now able to increase officer numbers in the Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse unit and the Public Protection Hub.
- 4. Emerald Team** – In 2017, due to increasing demand from domestic abuse and serious sexual offences, the team was temporarily increased which can now be made permanent.