

Police Precept Information 2022 - 2023



"Putting people at the heart of policing"

Part of being your Police and Crime Commissioner means that I am responsible for securing the annual budget for Bedfordshire Police. In 2021/22, the budget was made up of 61% from Government grant money and 39% from the police precept part of your council tax.

I also determine the local policing priorities for the Chief Constable based on listening to what residents tell me. These priorities are set out in my Police and Crime Plan, and I hold the Chief to account, on your behalf, for their successful delivery.

I know that any increase in outgoings for some people will be hard this year. I also know, because you have told me, that you want to see more officers in our communities and our rural areas, taking more criminals off the streets and protecting our towns and villages. To do this, as well as maintaining other services, we need to increase the precept.

Festus Akinbusoye, Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire



The increase in your precept means that we can:

- Recruit an extra 72 Police Officers
- Improve the way 999 and 101 calls are answered, which you have told me takes too long
- Continue to prioritise drug related serious organised crime
- Increase our rural crime capability to protect our villages and farms from criminals who target our rural communities
- Invest in the Professional Standards Department so that we continue to root out and deal swiftly with any corrupt behaviour within the Force
- Increase our victim engagement officers to support victims of rape, serious sexual offences and domestic abuse
- Invest in the sustainability agenda including the use of low and zero emission vehicles, and alternative forms of energy



The following table shows the Police Precept for all Council Tax bands:

	2021/2022 £	2022/2023 £
A	151.39	158.06
B	176.63	184.40
C	201.86	210.75
D	227.09	237.09
E	277.55	289.78
F	328.02	342.46
G	378.48	395.15
H	454.18	474.18



58%
of respondents from public consultation would welcome the rise in Police Precept



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