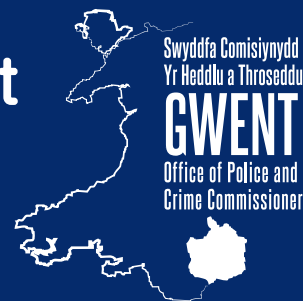


# Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Budget 2015 / 2016



Dear Resident,  
I'm accountable to you for the delivery of policing and how we prevent and reduce crime here in Gwent. My five priorities for policing and crime in Gwent are to:

- Deliver the best quality of service available;
- Prevent and reduce crime;
- Take action to tackle anti-social behaviour;
- Protect people from serious harm; and
- Make the best use of resources and provide value for money.

In order to deliver on these priorities, one of the most important responsibilities I have is to prepare and set the police element of your council tax (known as the police precept) and the annual budget.

In determining the budget for 2015/16, I have taken into account the Chief Constable's requirements to deliver operational policing – the cost of which accounts for the majority of the police and crime budget.

This financial year has seen core government grants for policing and tackling crime in Gwent reduced by **£3.9 million**. The impact of these cuts will largely be mitigated through Gwent Police's existing efficiency programme, budget reductions and reserve contributions.

However, to partially offset the remaining impact of this funding reduction whilst being mindful of the difficulties residents are going through in these times of austerity, I have decided to increase the police precept on residential properties by **3.99%** for 2015/16. This increase was

agreed by the Gwent Police and Crime Panel on the 23rd January 2015.

This produces a challenging but achievable budget to deliver my police and crime priorities, which will enable me to protect services to the public. You can reach me on the contact details below if you have any questions or observations about policing and crime in Gwent.

Best Wishes

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## Cost of delivering priorities

	2014/15 £'000s	2015/16 £'000s
Gross Revenue Budget	129,411	127,935
Less Income	(5,105)	(5,591)
Less Specific Grants (Home Office)	(165)	(166)
Less Specific Grants (Welsh Government)	(4,622)	(4,404)
Net Revenue Expenditure	119,519	117,774
<b>How it's paid for</b>		
General Police Grant (Home Office)	46,169	43,220
Revenue Support Grant (Welsh Government)	17,156	16,609
National Non-Domestic Rates (Welsh Government)	13,519	13,088
Council Tax Precept	42,675	44,857
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>119,519</b>	<b>117,774</b>

## Capital Budget

Expenditure incurred in providing buildings and other assets is called capital expenditure.		
	2014/15 £'000s	2015/16 £'000s
Capital Budget	4,042	6,195
Note – Capital Grant is still provisional.		
<b>How it's paid for</b>		
Capital Grant	1,100	1,100
Innovation Fund	924	625
Receipts from Sale of Premises	380	0
Contribution from Reserves	1,638	4,470
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>4,042</b>	<b>6,195</b>
The cost of repaying loans is covered in the revenue budget.		

## What you will pay

### Property Tax Band

Tax band	Cost
<b>A</b>	<b>£141.08</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>£164.59</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>£188.11</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>£211.62</b>
<b>E</b>	<b>£258.65</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>£305.67</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>£352.70</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>£423.24</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>£493.78</b>

