

ESSEX POLICE AND ESSEX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE PRECEPTS 2019/2020



Investing in more local, visible and accessible policing by: funding the recruitment of up to 215 additional officers, bringing police officer numbers to over 3,200 by March 2020.



Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

Helping to keep you safe by investing in: sprinkler initiatives for vulnerable communities, improvements to operational training and the recruitment and retention of firefighters.



Hello,

At the end of last year we carried out a public survey and more than 71 per cent of you who responded said you would be prepared to invest more in policing to help improve the service provided. 73 per cent of these positive respondents said they would be prepared to pay at least £20 a year more and 48 per cent said at least £25 more. In the light of that and following detailed discussions with the Chief Constable, I am increasing the policing element of the Council Tax by £24 a year for the average household, the maximum permitted by government without a referendum. This will mean that the average Band D property will pay £192.96 for policing in a year, an increase of £2 per month. The current levy is £169.02 per year.

I also set the budget for the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service. Based on detailed discussions with the Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive, I am going to increase the precept by roughly the rate of inflation or 2.94 per cent. This will be equivalent to an increase of £2.07 a year resulting in a rise from £70.38 to £72.45 for a Band D Council Tax property.

Our budgets this year contain an ambitious set of measures to improve policing across our county and get ahead of the increase in crime and disorder that we have seen; they will also underpin the effectiveness of our fire and rescue service. Any increase in tax has an impact and I do not take the decision to increase precepts for both police and fire and rescue services lightly. However, I have heard the feedback from the public about the improvements we need to make and this money will make a real difference.

The total budget for Essex Police is £300.5 million. £175.8 million is from central government taxes and £124.6 million is drawn from local taxation.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's total budget is £73.8 million with £46.9 million coming from Council Tax and £24.5 million from central government taxes with the balance being drawn from the service's more than adequate reserves.

Last year the increase in the policing element of the Council Tax led to 150 additional officers joining Essex Police. These officers have been recruited, trained and are arriving in your communities now.

People across the county have been telling me that they want more policing and that they are prepared to pay more to have it. This year's budget will enable the Chief Constable to recruit up to 215 additional police officers, bringing numbers to over 3,200 by March next year which will get Essex Police near where it needs to be to deal with the level of demand we are seeing.



Roger Hirst - your Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

ESSEX POLICE

£300.5m
TOTAL BUDGET

£175.9m
FROM CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT TAX

£124.6m
FROM LOCAL
TAXATION

This extra investment means: Up to 215 additional police officers on top of the 150 recruited this year, as well as 32 operational police staff and 18 police support staff.



NEW

68
TOWN CENTRE
POLICING

50
LOCAL
POLICING



21
ROAD
POLICING

20
WORKING WITH
CHILDREN & YOUNG
PEOPLE



20
CRIME & PUBLIC
PROTECTION
COMMAND

20
DEALING WITH
GANGS, VIOLENCE &
VULNERABILITY

7
GYPSY, TRAVELLER &
RURAL ENGAGEMENT

6
SERIOUS CRIME
DIRECTORATE

NEW

3
DEDICATED BUSINESS
CRIME TEAM

ESSEX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



£73.8m
TOTAL BUDGET

£24.5m
FROM CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT TAX

£49.3m
FROM LOCAL TAXATION &
INTERNAL RESERVES

Extra investment:

£400,000
TO SUPPORT
RECRUITMENT &
RETENTION OF
FIREFIGHTERS

£372,000
ON SPRINKLER
INITIATIVES IN
VULNERABLE
COMMUNITIES

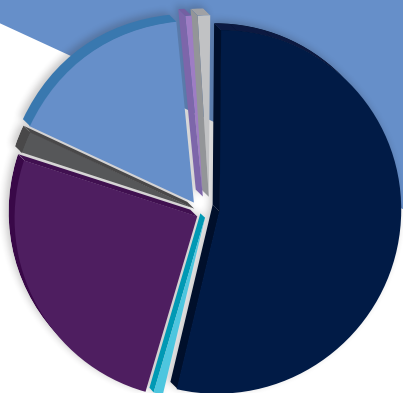


£600,000
TO SUPPORT
IMPROVEMENTS
TO OPERATIONAL
TRAINING



Expenditure Budgets (£000s) 2019-2020

ESSEX POLICE



Police Officer pay & allowance	174,987
PCSO Staff pay & allowances	2,951
Police Staff pay & allowances	83,030
Other employees expenses	6,345
Premises, transport, supplies & services	54,065
Office of the PFCC	1,307
Commissioning grants	3,378
Gross Police & Crime Expenditure	326,063
<i>Income</i>	<i>(25,058)</i>
<i>Contribution from Reserve</i>	<i>(527)</i>
Net-cost of service	300,478



ESSEX COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Firefighter pay	37,427
Control and support staff	15,388
Enabling services	2,196
Premises and equipment	10,464
Capital financing charges	6,493
Other costs	5,617
Gross Fire & Rescue Expenditure	77,585
<i>Operational grants & income</i>	<i>(3,788)</i>
Net-cost of service	73,797

