

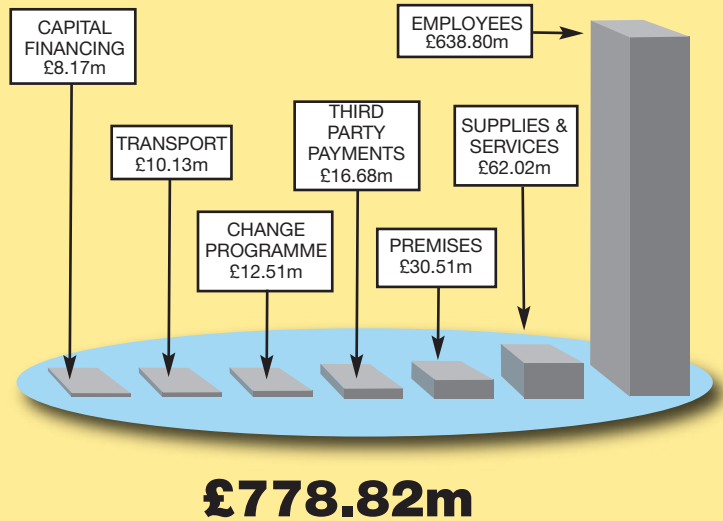


The tables below show how the net budget of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (£709.13m) is funded from Central Government, business ratepayers and the precept on council taxpayers. This is compared with the previous year (£686.79m) with the main changes shown separately below.

How the money is spent

Revenue Expenditure Budget 2023-24

Revenue Expenditure	2022-23 £m	2023-24 £m	
Employees	626.21	638.80	12.58
Premises	21.43	30.51	9.08
Transport	13.27	10.13	-3.14
Supplies & Services	55.89	62.02	6.13
Third Party Payments	103.62	16.68	-86.94
Capital Financing	18.92	8.17	-10.75
Change programme	12.38	12.51	0.13
Gross Expenditure	851.72	778.82	-72.90
Required savings	0.00	0.00	0.00
Income	-173.82	-78.47	95.36
Police Force Net Expenditure	677.90	700.35	22.46
Office of the Police Crime Commissioner	2.95	2.82	-0.12
Police Grant - Community Safety	3.86	3.86	0.00
Helping Communities	0.40	0.40	0.00
Grant Expenditure	1.69	1.69	0.00
Restorative Justice & Victim Support Expenditure	6.32	6.19	-0.13
Violence Reduction Unit Expenditure	5.86	4.39	-1.48
Victim Support Expenditure, Reducing Crime Grants and Governance	21.08	19.35	-1.73
Restorative Justice & Victim Support Income	-6.32	-6.19	0.13
Violence Reduction Unit Income	-5.86	-4.39	1.48
Total net expenditure	686.79	709.13	22.33
Use of reserves	-8.05	-10.75	-2.70
Net budget requirement	678.74	698.37	19.63



Where the money comes from

How spending has changed

	2022-23 £m	2023-24 £m
Net budget requirement	678.74	698.37
Less:		
Police grant inc. DCLG	-525.14	-526.97
Council tax support grant	-19.03	-19.03
Gross Precept	134.57	152.38
Collection Fund Surplus	1.64	-2.96
Council tax requirement	136.21	149.42
Resident population	2,939,927	2,916,458

	£m
2022-23 net expenditure	686.8
Add:	
Pay Adjustments, Inflation & Increments	34.7
Non-Pay Inflation	7.1
Increase in Capital Financing Requirement	1.4
Gas & Electricity Inflation	9
Roll Out Of Force Wide Replacement Body Armour	4.2
Less:	
Movement In Ringfenced Uplift Grant	-8.5
Priority Based Budgeting Exercise	-12.2
Movement in Change Programme/Estates Strategy	-4.2
Increase in Interest Receivable	-1.9
One-off Short Term Borrowing to Fund Capital Programme	-7
PCC Office Savings	-0.3
2023-24 Net Expenditure	709.1

What you will pay for policing in West Midlands in 2023-24

Spend on policing per head of population in 2023-24

COUNCIL TAX BAND	Yearly amount per property
A	£135.03
B	£157.54
C	£180.04
D	£202.55
E	£247.56
F	£292.57
G	£337.58
H	£405.10

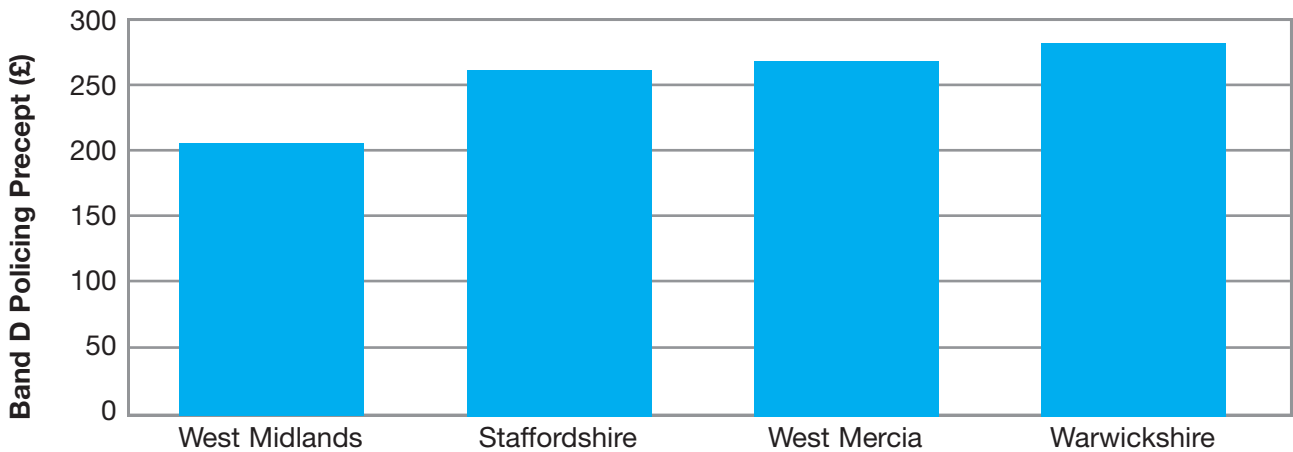
COST

Council Tax	£51.23
Police Grant inc. DCLG	£180.69
Council Tax Support Grant	£6.52
Equivalent to an average cost per person of	£238.45

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Policing Precepts 2023-24



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West Midlands	£202.55
Staffordshire	£260.57
West Mercia	£264.50
Warwickshire	£276.71



*Police and Crime Commissioner
Simon Foster*

The West Midlands Police budget remains under severe pressure. The total grant settlement for the West Midlands in 23/24 is £569.7 million, which is an increase of £10.3 million on the 22/23 settlement. This grant will enable WMP to maintain police officer numbers during 23/24,

as part of the so called national uplift programme target of 1,200 officers by March 2023 and fund the 22/23 police officer pay award.

Of course, this is welcome. However, it will not replace the 2,221 police officers we lost between 2010 and 2019. WMP will still have 1,000 less police officers than it had in 2010 – whilst at the same time, there are police forces in other parts of the country that now have more police officers, than they have ever previously had in their history.

In addition, Police and Crime Commissioners are expected to pay for the Police Staff 2022 pay award, together with 2023 pay awards and meet rising costs and inflation, from the funding settlement. As part of the budget for 2023/24 West Midlands Police will continue to have to deliver further efficiency savings.

The settlement includes the opportunity for PCC's to raise their precept by up to £15 per year per Band D property in 23/24. This is an increase on the £10 per year, per Band D property, that was announced in

December 2021. The ability to raise the Council Tax police precept by £15 per year, per Band D property – an amount that equates to £1.25 per month - will generate an additional income of £13.2 million. The amount raised per household from the police precept, for a Band D property, will continue to be the second lowest in England.

However, even with the increase in the precept, the savings required to support the revenue budget in 23/24 will be £28.1 million. The effect of this is that the government is to all intents and purposes, mandating an increase in the precept. This also illustrates that the settlement does not maintain the baseline funding that West Midlands Police needs to operate on a day to day basis, to deliver an effective and efficient police service.

The government is determined to continue with its strategy of compelling the people of the West Midlands to pay more local tax, for less local policing. I would much rather that the government had fully funded this increase, rather than effectively mandating it and imposing the burden onto local taxpayers. However, I was elected on a clear mandate to re-build community policing and that is exactly what I am doing. People want preventative, proactive, problem solving and visible policing out on the streets, keeping people, their families and local communities safe and secure.



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