

## The background

Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation that sets the policing budget and is responsible for overseeing Hampshire Constabulary.

The Police Authority and the Chief Constable together set the strategic direction for Hampshire Constabulary and ensure that policing services are provided as efficiently and effectively as possible within available resources.

The seventeen members of the Police Authority, who are elected councillors, magistrates or members of the public, represent the views of the people of Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

The results of the Police Authority's ongoing consultation with local people feed into the process of setting the annual police objectives and priorities. These objectives and priorities are published in a local policing plan each year and an annual report shows the extent to which these were achieved. In 2007 a summary of local policing performance was printed in the local authority publications Hampshire Now (Hampshire), Flagship (Portsmouth), City View (Southampton) and One Island (Isle of Wight) to provide an 'at a glance' view of how Hampshire Constabulary is performing. We intend to publish similar information later in 2008.



## Policing priorities

The results of the Police Authority's public consultation have been fed into the Constabulary's planning process. As a result, for 2008/09 the policing priorities are:

- **Safer neighbourhoods**  
working with communities to build and maintain neighbourhoods where people are safe and feel safe
- **Safeguard people**  
protecting the vulnerable
- **Protect our communities**  
from terrorism and domestic extremism and prepare for emergencies and major incidents
- **Prevent, reduce and detect crime**  
targeting criminals, protecting victims

To find out more about what these priorities mean, the local policing plan for 2008-11 will be published at [www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org](http://www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org) and [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk) from April 2008. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us (see alongside for more information) and we will send you a copy.

### For more information...

Further explanation about the Police Authority, its members, committees and the amount for policing in the council tax can be viewed at [www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org](http://www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org) If you do not have access to the internet or require information in an alternative version such as Braille, large print or audio, please contact us in one of the following ways:

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If you have a comment to make about policing in your area, please contact your local police station. The telephone number for all non-emergency calls to the police is **0845 045 45 45**. In an emergency, always dial 999. Hampshire Constabulary's website address is [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk).

## Where the money comes from

Policing is funded mostly through Government grants and partly by an amount for policing set within the council tax.

The budget for 2008/09 is £294.2m compared with £281.9m in 2007/08. The increase is £12.3m or 4.3%.

	£000
<b>Budget for 2008/09</b>	<b>294,186</b>
<b>Police grant</b>	<b>118,472</b>
<b>Revenue support grant</b>	<b>10,237</b>
<b>National business rates</b>	<b>73,533</b>
<b>Total general Government grants</b>	<b>202,242</b>
<b>Surplus on council tax collection funds</b>	<b>297</b>
<b>Council tax precept</b>	<b>91,647</b>

## Council Tax for 2008/09

In 2008/09 the policing element for a council tax band D is £135.54, compared with £125.37 in 2007/08, an increase of £10.17.



## How the money will be used

In 2008/09 the Police Authority will invest £331.0m gross expenditure into policing Hampshire and the Isle of Wight compared with £318.0m in 2007/08. After deducting income, specific grants and use of reserves, this results in the budget of £294.2m.

This year, we have increased the police part of the council tax in order to meet growing demands of essential policing activity and to continue the commitment to increases in neighbourhood policing over recent years.

In achieving the budget, difficult decisions on savings have still had to be made. Savings of £3.2m will be achieved in areas that impact least on frontline policing and with the most scope for efficiencies. Growth of £3.2m has only been provided for issues that are statutory, regulatory or operationally critical.

In 2008/09 the Police Authority will invest a further £17.1m in its capital assets. This will be spent on police buildings (£13.6m) and vehicles (£3.5m).

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<b>Employees and training</b>	<b>276,470</b>
<b>Running costs</b>	<b>50,274</b>
<b>Capital financing</b>	<b>1,117</b>
<b>Provision for inflation</b>	<b>3,161</b>
<b>Gross revenue expenditure</b>	<b>331,022</b>
<b>Income &amp; interest received</b>	<b>11,847</b>
<b>Specific grants</b>	<b>24,807</b>
<b>Contributions from reserves</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Budget requirement</b>	<b>294,186</b>

