

Who we are...

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 2006 a summary of local policing was printed in the local authority publications Hampshire Now (Hampshire), Flagship (Portsmouth), City View (Southampton) and Wight Insight (Isle of Wight) to provide an 'at a glance' view of how Hampshire Constabulary is performing. We intend to publish the same type of summary in the same publications later in 2007.



Policing priorities...

The results of the Police Authority's public consultation have been fed into the Constabulary's planning process. As a result, for 2007/08 the policing priorities are:

- Enhance safer neighbourhoods
- Strengthen public protection (with an emphasis on missing persons, child abuse, domestic abuse, multi-agency public protection arrangements and hate crime)
- Protect our communities from terrorism, domestic extremism and major disasters
- Reduce and detect crime:
 - drug and alcohol related crime
 - violent crime
 - major, serious and organised crime

To find out more about what these priorities mean, the local policing plan will be published at www.hantspa.org and www.hampshire.police.uk from April 2007. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us (see box to right) 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.hantspa.org. If you do not have access to the internet or require information in an alternative format, please contact us at the addresses on the back cover.

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

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 2007/08 is £281.9m compared to £269.7m in 2006/07. The increase is £12.2m or 4.5%.

	£000
Budget for 2007/08	281,925
Police grant	115,702
Revenue support grant	11,725
National business rates	69,864
Total general Government grants	197,291
Surplus on council tax collection funds	592
Council tax precept	84,042

Council tax for 2007/08...

In 2007/08 the policing element for a council tax band D is £125.37, compared with £119.43 in 2006/07, which equates to an increase of £5.94 (4.97%) per annum or less than 12 pence per week.

How the money will be used...

In 2007/08 the Police Authority will invest £318.0m gross expenditure into policing Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, compared with £304.2m in 2006/07. After deducting sources of income and use of reserves, this results in the budget of £281.9m.

In achieving the budget, difficult decisions on budget cuts have had to be made. However by revising priorities and using civilianisation to release police officers back to the frontline, the budget provides for an extra 84 police officers (29 new posts and 55 released by civilianisation) for neighbourhood policing and other frontline roles and 119 new police staff posts (64 new posts and 55 civilianisations).

The single largest growth element has therefore been targeted at neighbourhood policing, with £1.8m invested towards providing an extra 50 sergeant posts by 2008/09.

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Employees and training	265,421
Running costs	48,578
Capital financing	642
Provision for inflation	3,392
Gross revenue expenditure	318,033
Income & interest received	10,907
Specific grants	24,457
Contributions from reserves	744
Budget requirement	281,925

In 2007/08 the Police Authority will invest a further £12.5m in its capital assets. This will be spent on police buildings (£9.2m), vehicles (£3m) and keyworker housing grants (£0.3m).

