



Hampshire Police Authority - delivering an effective and efficient police service for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

When people call their local police, they want to be confident they will receive an excellent service and feel safe in their community. Hampshire Constabulary wants to continually improve that service, fully supported by the Police Authority which also makes sure the service is meeting the needs of local people.

Crime is falling, so our two counties are becoming safer places for us to live, work and visit but Hampshire Constabulary, supported by the Police Authority, will continue to do all we can to drive it down further. The public also tell us they are increasingly confident in the way the police are tackling crime, and the ways officers and PCSOs are becoming involved in local communities to prevent crime before it happens. The way victims of crime are kept informed by Hampshire Constabulary is also improving, and the Police Authority encourages this approach by giving grants to organisations that support victims of crime.

The national economic picture means that tough decisions have to be made to ensure this level

of service continues in the future. Senior officers and officials from the Police Authority and Constabulary are constantly exploring ways to make savings that do not impact on frontline policing. It is a fine balancing act, but we are clear about what we want to achieve - and that is a high quality policing service for our communities.

Your Police Authority

Hampshire Constabulary is responsible for operational policing, while Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation that ensures there is an effective and efficient police force for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

It is made up of 17 members who are elected councillors and independent members of the

public. The Authority is responsible for consulting with the public about their policing priorities, working together with the Chief Constable to set the Policing Plan, and setting a budget to ensure the Constabulary can meet public expectations and the Authority's challenging targets to reduce crime.



Policing Priorities

The Police Authority and the Chief Constable jointly agreed on three-year policing priorities in 2008, and these are published in the Policing Plan. The priorities are informed by the results of consultation with the public, local authorities and other agencies, together with the latest crime statistics. Our consultation programme includes over 30 community events across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The priorities are underpinned by a set of values which aims to secure the trust and confidence of our communities.

In everything we do, we **CARE**:

- C**ommon sense and sound judgement
- A**ct with integrity, courage and compassion
- R**espect people and keep our promises
- E**xperiences used to learn and improve

A full copy of the Policing Plan is available by visiting www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org

Get in touch with us

If you would like to talk to your Safer Neighbourhoods Team, call the police non-emergency number on **101** (or **0845 045 45 45** if outside Hampshire and Isle of Wight) or visit www.hampshire.police.uk.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Police Authority or contact any of its members to talk about the level of service you are receiving from Hampshire Constabulary, please visit www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org or call **01962 871595**.



Ensuring value for money from your police service

The majority of funding for policing comes through Government grants, with around one third coming from Council Tax. The budget for 2010/11 is £313.7m compared with £304.7m in 2009/10. The increase is £9.0m or 2.97%.



£'000

Budget for 2010/11	313,749
Police grant	125,322
Revenue support grant	11,119
National business rates	76,573
Total general government grants	213,014
Surplus on Council Tax collection funds	579
Council Tax precept	100,156

The Authority has been praised for the way its finances are managed. The Audit Commission independently assesses public sector organisations in the way money is spent, and has concluded the Authority scored three out of a maximum of 4, meaning it is performing well.

Council Tax for 2010/11

In 2010/11 the policing element for a council tax band D is £146.25 per year. This is an increase of £4.14 compared to last year, or 2.91 per cent.

How the money will be spent

The majority of the money (84 per cent) will be spent on employees, in particular the delivery of excellent frontline policing. The additional cost in 2010/11 of providing current service levels is £11.5m. Most of this increase in cost is pay and price inflation (£7.7m), but there is also an additional £1.6m for capital financing. Additional growth and other budget pressures of £3.7m have been included to meet new mandatory



requirements and increase the amount of time officers can spend on the streets.

This includes £0.6m to replace body armour before it reaches its expiry date and £0.8m to increase the use of mobile data that will allow officers to undertake more work outside of police stations. Savings of £6.2m have been identified to reduce the impact on Council Tax payers and balance the budget. The Authority and Constabulary will use efficiency

savings made in 2009/10 to support the 2010/11 budget with a contribution from reserves of £2.3m. Another £1.5m will be saved in 2010/11 by delivering further efficiency savings in police staff working practices. A Savings Team is in place to identify opportunities for further efficiency savings in 2010/11 and beyond. The efficiency savings will help to improve frontline policing despite the challenging financial outlook. The remaining balance is met through the increase in Government Grant and council tax receivable of £9.0m.

Efficiency savings

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Police Authority	Hampshire Police	24,665,000	36	9,359,000	54

Performance has also improved during this time despite the financial challenges.

Hampshire Police Authority continues to have among the lowest council tax precepts for Band D of the 31 shire police authorities.

Net revenue expenditure per head of population is the 6th lowest of 41 police authorities, 11% below the average. An independent review by the Audit Commission concluded the Authority is performing well on value for money.