

Kent now has 358 more police officers than it did in 2010 and has more officers in its ranks than at any time in its history.

# Council Tax precept 2023/24

The elected Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, Matthew Scott explains your council tax bill

The PCC proposed an increase in the precept of £15 a year, or 6.57% for a Band D property, equivalent to £1.25 a month, or 4p per day. A council tax for an average Band D property is £243.15.

Kent remains in the lowest quartile (bottom 10) of precepting PCCs across the country.

This precept rise will make up for the deficit in central government funding to maintain policing services and the record number of police officers in Kent.

These new officers will replace PCSOs in local areas as part of the implementation of the new Neighbourhood Policing Plan. This does mean a reduction in the headcount of PCSOs in Kent.

The precept will reduce the level of savings required for next year and limit further reductions in the numbers of staff.

It will support continued Investment in our police stations in Coldharbour, Maidstone, Sittingbourne, Folkestone, Tonbridge, and Ashford.

## Where every £1 of the police budget goes:



- Kent Police pay and overtime 82p
- Premises costs 6p
- Transport, supplies and other non-pay costs 11p
- Support for victims and community safety projects 1p
- The PCC and his office less than 1/2p

## Kent Police funding explained:

The policing part of your council tax, the part set by the PCC, is only around 10% of your total bill. The rest of what you pay in council tax goes to your local councils and the fire service.

The amount you contribute in council tax to the police is lower than most areas of the country. The majority of Kent Police's budget comes from central Government.

## Ways that you can contact the PCC Matthew Scott:

- Write: **OPCC, Kent Police, Sutton Road, Maidstone, ME15 9BZ**
- Call: **01622 677055**
- Email: **contactyourpcc@kent.police.uk**
- Visit: **www.kent-pcc.gov.uk**

