



Policing for Lancashire

Lancashire Constabulary and Police Authority are facing a period of unprecedented change which will reshape future policing services in the county.

While our attention now focuses on the forthcoming funding challenges and the proposed introduction of new Police and Crime Commissioners, community policing is, and will remain, our top priority and residents can be assured all our decisions will be based on providing the best possible outcome for our communities.

Listening to You

Significant work has been carried out to achieve the necessary savings in our budget to cope with the funding shortfall but this has been firmly rooted in protecting the local policing services that are valued by our communities. New ways of working will be introduced to increase efficiency and ensure all our resources are used to maximum effect while still providing the public with excellent value for money.

Every step of our plans for future policing services has been influenced by the views of local residents through consultation. It has been made clear to us that effective Neighbourhood Policing and tackling anti-social behaviour are key concerns for our communities which is why our main operational policy remains:

'To reassure the public by dealing with the anti-social behaviour and crime that is of concern while particularly protecting those who are vulnerable'.

Looking back - How Did We Do?

Despite stringent funding cuts, Lancashire Constabulary once again exceeded performance expectations in 2009-10 and continued to meet the challenging performance targets set by the Police Authority.

Overall crime fell by 8.7% when compared to the previous year meaning that 10,000 fewer crimes were committed.

This is the fifth consecutive year in which crime has fallen in the county – with some categories such as burglary and car crime experiencing the lowest rate in more than three decades. In addition, criminal damage & arson and anti-social behaviour all saw a reduction in 2009-10 compared to the previous year.

Looking Ahead

Lancashire Constabulary and Police Authority are determined to maintain the quality of policing in the county despite the financial challenges ahead.

We are required to save almost £44million from our budget over the next four years - £29million of which must be found before 2013.

This will be achieved through a programme of organisational reviews which have already been underway for some time. This work has already delivered savings of £14million before the start of the next financial year (April 2012).

Our job is to make the people of Lancashire safer and we will continue to prioritise our resources to achieve this aim. We are also mindful of the cost pressures also facing Lancashire households and therefore will freeze the policing share of the council tax bill for 2011-12.

The Impact of Bridging the Funding Gap

As a Force and Police Authority we are looking at all aspects of our business to ensure we achieve the savings required of us in a way which continues to sustain our excellent performance.

The review programme currently involves 49 projects which will identify a range of savings options to reduce duplication and streamline services. Our aim is to protect as much as possible the frontline policing service we provide the public by concentrating any structural changes on support functions.

Money Matters - To find out more log on to www.lancspa.gov.uk/moneymatters

The specific amount you will pay for policing depends upon the band in which your property falls. In 2011-12 the amount you pay for policing will remain the same as last year as the Authority has agreed to freeze council tax.

Band A £97.51 **Band B £113.77** **Band C £130.02** **Band D £146.27**
Band E £178.77 **Band F £211.28** **Band G £243.78** **Band H £292.54**

LPA Budget Analysis 2011-2012

	£m	£m	Increase
2010/2011 Adjusted Budget Requirement		289.326	
Add: Provision for inflation to 31 March 2012			
Pay	2.920		
Prices	1.283	4.203	1.45%
Add: Committed Variations -			
Removal of Special Priority Payments	-2.663		
Implications of 2010/11 budget decisions in 2011/12	-0.920		
Increase in investment income	-0.160		
PND subscription	0.143		
Increase in Employers Pension Contributions	0.300		
Capital Financing Costs	0.376		
Specific Grant reductions 11/12	0.521		
Council Tax Freeze Grant	-1.709	-4.112	-1.42%
Less: Cashable Efficiency Savings		-13.822	-4.78%
2011/12 Budget Requirement		275.595	-4.75%

LPA Expenditure & Income 2011-2012

	2010/11 £m	2011/12 £m	2011/12 per head £
Gross Revenue Expenditure	311.757	300.454	206.10
Less: Income	-22.820	-24.859	-17.05
	288.937	275.595	189.05
Add: Contribution to Reserves	0.389	-	0.00
Budget Requirement	289.326	275.595	189.05
Less: Police Grant	124.312	114.338	78.43
Less: Revenue Support Grant/Non-Domestic Rates	96.872	92.748	63.62
Less: Council Tax Collection Surpluses/(Deficits)	-0.193	-0.055	-0.03
Council Tax	68.335	68.564	47.03
Band D Equivalent	£146.27	£146.27	

Directly Elected Police and Crime Commissioners

In May 2012 the Government intends to replace Police Authorities with directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. This will be the first time that police governance will be carried out by just one person. Find out more www.lancspa.gov.uk/police-reform.

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