

“LOOKING AHEAD”

We are aware that the significant reductions indicated for the public sector from 2011/12 onwards will require even greater savings to be found.

In response, the Constabulary has set a target of £10m cash savings by the end of 2010/11 with an objective to secure the necessary savings but not to the detriment of police performance. An extensive efficiency programme will be introduced to remove duplication, streamline processes and eliminate waste to ensure that Lancashire Constabulary remains a top performing force for our local communities.

The efficiency savings information calculated by the Government and which has to be included with council tax information is set out in the table below:

Cumulative efficiency savings up to 2008/09	Cumulative efficiency savings up to 2009/10	Savings per band D property	National average for similar authorities
£18.1 million	£24.9 million	£53	£54

As set out in the previous paragraphs, the Authority and the Constabulary already have plans in place to continue to deliver additional efficiency savings of up to £10m in 2010/11, with further savings to come in future years, to continue to build on earlier years' performance set out in the table.

“LISTENING TO YOU”

This year our consultation on the budget showed that 84% of respondents were willing to pay an increase of £4 or more year to help maintain or improve police performance. Our budget for 2010/11 takes into account your feedback, which has had to be considered alongside the Government's stated intention to limit maximum increases.

“THE BUDGET 2010/11”

This year the budget has been agreed at £277.803M, an increase of 2.79% on last year. The Police Authority has tried to balance the need to protect the level of service delivery with an acceptable level of increase in council tax.

This means that the amount of Council Tax you will pay towards policing this year for a Band D (the average) property will be £146.27 a year. The single largest council tax band in Lancashire – 40% of the total number of properties – is Band A: the additional cost for a Band A property is £2.79 a year, or approximately 5p a week. Therefore the total amount a Band A household will pay for policing is just £1.87 per week.

At this level the Council Tax for policing in Lancashire remains one of the lowest in England and Wales: the specific amount you will pay, which depends on the band in which your property falls, is set out below:

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

“WORKING FOR YOU”

The Police Authority provides an important link between local communities and the Police Force. It works to:

- **Hold the Chief Constable to account for performance**
- **Identify your policing priorities in consultation with you**
- **Set performance targets and monitor delivery**
- **Agree the strategic direction for the Constabulary to help improve local service delivery**
- **Set the budget and amount of council tax paid towards policing Lancashire**
- **Monitor the way in which efficiency savings are achieved**
- **Ensure value for money**

A recent Government inspection shows that the Authority performs well and recognises the effective ways in which we drive up performance and check that the delivery of policing services meets the needs of local people.

YOUR COUNTY, YOUR POLICE, YOUR SAY

The Investors In Policing campaign has encouraged literally thousands of Lancashire people to get involved and tell us how they want to see the county policed.

We are firmly committed to putting the public at the heart of policing services in Lancashire so we want to continue to hear your views. Look out for our roadshows which will take place across each district, when you can talk to us and discuss what's important to you.



“IT'S NO BIG SECRET...”

WHERE YOUR COUNCIL TAX GOES” 2010 - 2011

If you would like this leaflet in a large print or audio format, please call **01772 531 209**.

There are many other ways you can get involved. Visit our website for more details or telephone the community engagement team on **01772 531209**.

“SUSTAINING SERVICES, CUTTING COSTS”

Like all public sector organisations, Lancashire Police Authority is facing some serious financial challenges over the next three to five years. In preparation we are planning ahead, trying to secure savings wherever possible, to help finance policing in the future and maintain the Constabulary’s excellent performance.

Over recent years, having consulted Lancashire communities, we have increased the police part of the Council Tax to provide Lancashire Constabulary with the funds to improve policing. As a result the Force’s capacity to deal with the things that you have said are the most important to you has increased.

Past investment in the protection of vulnerable people such as children, the elderly and those at risk of abuse will enable this important element of policing to be maintained, to help keep the most vulnerable in society safe.

Now, faced with significant reductions in public spending, we need to increase our emphasis on efficiency to deliver services for less cost whilst retaining a high level of performance.

“PERFORMANCE COUNTS”

- **Since 2003/2004 there has been a drop of 34,017 in all crimes, a reduction of 22.4% (from 151,835 to 117,818) and crime continues to fall across the county**
- **Since 2003/2004 there has been a drop of 9,808 offences of criminal damage, a reduction of 24.9% (from 39,447 to 29,639)**
- **Since 2003/2004 there has been a drop of 420 offences of Robbery, a reduction of 32.7% (from 1,285 to 865)**
- **Vehicle crime has reduced once again: with 10,880 recorded crimes, the lowest annual figure recorded since 1976**
- **Domestic Burglary remains low with 5,114 recorded crimes**

Figures to March 31st 2009

“YOU ARE AN INVESTOR IN POLICING”

Lancashire Police Authority believes that local people invest in policing through the payment of their council tax, of which approximately 9.5% of the total bill goes towards policing. This is why we ask for your views on the delivery of police services, so that your opinions can influence the decisions we make, directly shaping the way in which policing is delivered.

“WHERE YOU LIVE”

You have told us how much policing in your neighbourhood matters to you. As a result we asked the Constabulary to focus on Neighbourhood Policing and delivery of the Policing Pledge, scrutinising performance in these areas carefully to ensure continuous improvement.

Recent Government reports show the Constabulary to be one of the top performing forces in both of these areas.

“MONEY MATTERS”

This is one of the most difficult financial periods ever faced by the Police Authority and the ongoing requirement to tighten the purse strings is now even more essential as the prospect of significant cuts in government funding becomes a reality.

The Authority and the Constabulary are meeting this challenge with a structured and planned approach designed to deliver a programme of efficiency savings. The first stage of this programme will bring savings of almost £4M in 2010/11, which will help to protect the provision of frontline policing services this year.

This level of savings means that we have been able to keep the level of council tax paid towards policing by Lancashire residents as low as we possibly can. The aim of the budget planning process for this year has been to protect service delivery without placing excessive increases upon local taxpayers.

“LANCASHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY BUDGET ANALYSIS 2010 - 2011”

	£M	£M	Increase
2009 / 2010 Budget Requirement		270.250	
Add:			
Provision for inflation to 31 March 2011:			
Pay	6.111		
Prices	0.948	7.059	2.61%
Add:			
Committed Variations:			
Reduction in investment income	0.375		
Increase in Employers Pension Contributions	0.300		
Capital Financing Costs	3.304		
Other Budget Commitments	0.101	4.080	1.51%
Less:			
Cashable Efficiency Savings		(3.975)	(1.47%)
Add:		0.389	0.14%
2010 / 2011 Budget Requirement		277.803	2.79%

“LANCASHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY EXPENDITURE & INCOME 2010 - 2011”

	2009 / 2010 £M	2010 / 2011 £M	2010 / 2011 £ per head
Gross Revenue Expenditure	305.025	311.757	210.06
Less: Income	(34.775)	(34.343)	-23.14
	270.250	277.414	186.924
Add: Contribution to Reserves		0.389	0.26
Budget Requirement	270.250	277.803	187.18
Less: Police Grant	109.659	112.789	76.00
Revenue Support Grant / Non-Domestic Rates	94.479	96.872	65.27
Council Tax Collection Surpluses / (Deficits)	(0.163)	(0.193)	-0.13
Council Tax	66.275	68.335	46.04
Band D Equivalent	£142.08	£146.27	

“INVESTORS IN POLICING... MAXIMISING YOUR INVESTMENT”