



Thames Valley
Police Authority

THE AUTHORITY BEHIND THE FORCE



**MAKING YOUR
MONEY GO FURTHER.
COUNCIL TAX 2011/12**

THE BIG PICTURE

Thames Valley Police Authority takes its responsibilities very seriously. As the independent body which oversees, scrutinises and sets the budget for Thames Valley Police, the Authority has a challenging job on its hands. In the current environment of significant cuts to funding and the requirement for savings, setting the budget is a balancing act, providing the Chief Constable with the resources needed to operate effectively and deliver local and national policing priorities, while responding to the financial challenges from the Government.

Following the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review, in December 2010 it was announced that government grants for the police service would be reduced by 20% in real terms over the next four years. In cash terms this means that for Thames Valley, our grant funding will be reduced by around 12%, starting with a 3.7% reduction in 2011/12.

Nevertheless in Thames Valley over £50 million worth of savings need to be made during the next four years. The Police Authority and Force are constantly exploring ways to make savings that have the minimum impact on visible frontline policing. We are clear about what we want to achieve and that is value for money policing for our communities.

HOW WE WILL MAKE SAVINGS

The Authority and the Force have been working together for some time to identify savings. We have worked hard to reduce costs and increase efficiency, through:

- Collaboration with other forces to save money and improve service. In 2010 we signed an agreement with Hampshire Constabulary to create joint Information Communication Technology, Information Management and Operations departments
- Force restructure to streamline the way we deliver our services at a local level by removing a layer of management
- Reviewing the way we do things by focusing on the way we operate; we have already identified savings in the region of £47 million.

These savings initiatives will result in a managed reduction of around 800 posts and associated staffing costs by 2014/15. However, this is a worst case scenario and it is hoped that if further efficiencies can be found in non-staff costs it will reduce the need to cut staff posts. The Authority is committed to working with the Force to reduce bureaucracy and protect visible frontline services such as local response teams, neighbourhood officers and PCSOs as far as possible.

Thames Valley Police Authority has taken the decision to freeze the police element of the council tax precept for 2011/12. The freeze in the police element entitles Thames Valley Police Authority to a government grant, equivalent to a local council tax increase of 2.5%.

POLICE AUTHORITY BUDGET

The Authority's net revenue budget for 2011/12 is £383.145 million, which represents an annual reduction of £11.891 million or 3.01%.

The budget includes appropriate provision for pay and price increases over the next 12 months.

In order to deliver a budget which does not require any increase in council tax, the Authority and Force have identified and implemented cash savings of £15.582 million.

2010/11			2011/12	
Total £m	per head £		Total £m	per head £
440.21	201.48	Gross expenditure	427.46	195.64
-40.32	-18.45	Income	-41.50	-18.99
-4.85	-2.22	Contribution from reserves	-2.81	-1.29
395.04	180.81	Net expenditure	383.15	175.36
		Less:		
-83.92	-38.41	Business rates	-68.29	-31.25
-12.19	-5.58	Revenue support grant	-21.11	-9.66
-164.86	-75.45	Police grant	-158.15	-72.39
-0.27	-0.13	Council tax from previous years	-0.70	-0.32
133.80	61.24	Precept	134.90	61.74

The police precept for each council tax band is:

Band	2011/12 £	Band	2011/12 £
A	102.87	E	188.59
B	120.01	F	222.88
C	137.16	G	257.17
D	154.30	H	308.60

SAVING BUT STILL SERVING

The Policing Strategy was developed in response to feedback from Police Authority and Force consultations and government directives.

For 2011/12 our objectives are to:

- Cut crimes that are of most concern to the community
- Increase the visible presence of the police
- Protect our communities from the most serious harm
- Improve communication with the public in order to enhance trust and confidence with our communities
- Tackle bureaucracy and develop the professional skills of all staff
- Reduce costs and protect the front line.

Thames Valley Police Authority's priority is to ensure that you get the best value for money from your police force by:

- Cutting crime
- Catching criminals
- Cutting costs.

Thames Valley Police Authority is committed to working with the Force to protect frontline services such as local response teams, neighbourhood officers and PCSOs as far as possible in the challenging times ahead.

YOUR POLICE AUTHORITY

Thames Valley Police Authority is an independent organisation that ensures there is an effective and efficient local police force for the people of Thames Valley. It is made up of 19 local members who comprise of elected councillors and independent members.

For more information about the budget set by the Police Authority and the Policing Strategy please visit www.tvpa.police.uk or call 01865 846 780 or email counciltax@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

To find out more about policing in the Thames Valley area, report a non emergency crime or make a complaint:

- Visit the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk
- Call 0845 8 505 505
- In an emergency always dial 999.



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