

# Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Budget 2021/2022



## Dear resident

It is my responsibility to set the policing element of your council tax. This is one of the most important decisions I take each year and I must balance the Chief Constable's financial requirements for operational policing with affordability for local tax payers. In determining the budget for 2021/22 I have taken into account a robust financial case put forward by the Chief Constable of Gwent Police, and a recommendation from the Gwent Police and Crime Panel to keep costs down for residents on the condition that is

does not affect front line officer and staff numbers. My team also carried out an extensive nine-week programme of public engagement with residents across Gwent to ensure that as many people as possible had an opportunity to share their views. In total 55 per cent of respondents indicated they were content to support a council tax rise of up to £2 per month. Taking all of these factors into account I have decided to increase the precept by 5.49 per cent which will mean that the average household in Gwent (band D properties)

will pay £1.25 extra per month for its policing service. I am pleased that I have been able to keep the figure below £2 while at the same time allowing Gwent Police to continue to deliver an efficient and effective service that keeps Gwent as one of the safest places in the UK. It will also enable Gwent Police to recruit 18 more Community Support Officers over the next two years and this is something I very much welcome. These are in addition to the significant investment we have made in about 170 new Police Officer posts since 2016,

which have also been funded through previous Council Tax Precept increases. These will complement the 165 new officers that will join Gwent Police as part of the UK government's Operation Uplift programme. I would like to thank everyone that took the time to share their views and to the Police and Crime Panel for their continued scrutiny and support.

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## Cost of policing and in Gwent

	2020/21	2021/22
	£'000	£'000
Gross revenue budget	155,661	163,633
Less income	(7,310)	(6,790)
Less Home Office & MoJ grant	(3,817)	(4,182)
Less Welsh Gov grants	(5,543)	(5,106)
Net revenue expenditure	138,991	147,555

## How it's paid for

General police grant (Home Office)	46,660	51,539
Revenue support grant (Welsh Gov)	22,132	21,591
National non-domestic rates (Welsh Gov)	9,658	10,266
Council tax precept	60,541	64,159
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>138,991</b>	<b>147,555</b>

## Capital budget

	2020/21	2021/22
	£'000	£'000
Capital budget	22,507	18,655
Expenditure incurred in providing buildings and other assets is called capital expenditure		

## How it's paid for

Capital grant	120	120
Revenue contribution to capital	10,013	7,725
Contribution from reserves	12,173	10,809
Capital asset disposal	201	0
<b>Total capital</b>	<b>22,507</b>	<b>18,655</b>

## What you will pay

### Property council tax band

Tax band	Cost
A	£191.97
B	£223.97
C	£255.96
D	£287.96
E	£351.95
F	£415.94
G	£479.93
H	£575.92
I	£671.91

For more information on your complete council tax bill, contact Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport or Torfaen council.

