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North Wales police funding survey 2024

Tell us your views on police funding from Council Tax for 2025 to 2026



This document was written by the **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales**. It is an easy read version of ‘Precept Survey 2024 for Financial Year 2025-26’.

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How to use this survey



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Words in **bold blue writing** may be hard to understand. We have explained what they mean in the text.



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About this survey



We are the **Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales**. The Police and Crime Commissioner is in charge of policing in North Wales.



We want to know what **you think** about money paid from **Council Tax** for police services.



Council Tax is the money you pay to your council for local services.



Part of your council tax pays for police services in your area. We call this part the **precept**.



Please send your answers by **12:00 midnight on 20 December 2024.**



Your answers will help us set our **budget** for 2025 to 2026. Our **budget** is our plan for how much money we need each year.

Questions



Question 1

Do you pay Council Tax or Business Rates?

Please tick 1 box.

I pay Council Tax

I pay Business Rates

I do not pay Council Tax or **Business Rates**



Business rates is the tax paid by people who own or run businesses.



Question 2

For 2025 to 2026, we need Council Tax to go up by £23 a year. This will keep our budget the same as this year. This means we can provide the same level of service.



Since 2010, we have saved £45 million every year by making cuts.



We must have a balanced budget by law. This means the amount we spend on police services is not more than the money we get. Because of this, Council Tax must go up.



The options on the next page give you an idea of what different increases in council tax will mean for policing.



For 2025 to 2026, how much do you agree to Council Tax going up by?

Please tick 1 box.

37 pence per week (£19 per year) – We will need to make cuts of about £1 million.

44 pence per week (£23 per year) – This will keep our budget the same as this year.

51 pence per week (£26.50 per year) – This will give us about £1 million for small changes.



If you have any comments, please write them in the box below.



Question 3

If Council Tax goes up by 51 pence a week, the police will have more money for changes.



Where do you think this extra money should go?

Please choose **up to 5 areas** from the list below:



Tackling and preventing crime in countryside areas and dealing with **wildlife crime**. This is anything that breaks laws about protecting wild plants and animals.



Tackling and preventing **hate crime**. **Hate crime** is being treated badly because people think you are different. For example, because of a disability or race.



Helping the police work better and faster.



Supporting the **North Wales Women's Justice Strategy**. This is our plan to support women to live crime free, happy, healthy lives.



Making roads safer.



Keeping people away from crime.



Tackling and preventing **domestic abuse** and **sexual violence**. **Domestic abuse** is any behaviour that causes harm to someone. It is carried out by a partner, ex-partner or family member. **Sexual violence** is a sex act done to someone when they do not agree to it.



Using **restorative justice** more. This is helping people fix the harm they caused.



Protecting people who need extra help.



Helping children and young people stay out of trouble.



Tackling and preventing **cybercrime**. This is crime on the internet.



Helping people who have committed crimes to not do it again.



I have another idea.

Please write it in the box below.



Question 4

How old are you?

Please tick 1 box

Under 16

16 to 24

25 to 34

35 to 44

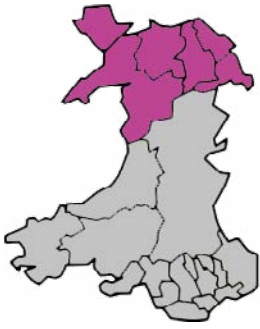
45 to 54

55 to 64

65 to 74

75 and over

I do not want to say



Question 5

Where do you live?

Please tick 1 box.

Anglesey

Gwynedd

Conwy

Denbighshire

Flintshire

Wrexham



Question 6

What is your gender?

Please tick 1 box.

Male

Female

Other

I do not want to say



Question 7

How did you hear about this survey?

Please tick 1 box.

At an event

On social media

From family or friends

By text or email

In a newspaper

At the library or police station

Paying your Council Tax



If you find it hard to pay your Council Tax, you might be able to get help.



Please contact your Council Tax office. They can tell you about discounts or their Council Tax reduction scheme.



Thank you for sharing your views.



Or email your completed survey to OPCC@northwales.police.uk