

# West Yorkshire Police Council Tax Information 2022/2023



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## West Yorkshire: Safe. Just. Inclusive.

I was elected as the first Mayor of West Yorkshire in May 2021. As part of my role, I have the responsibilities of a Police and Crime Commissioner, and I oversee West Yorkshire Police's Budget which includes setting the police element of Council Tax, known as the Precept.

With the cost of living high on the agenda, it was incredibly important that this budget had a clear mandate from our communities. Ahead of setting the budget I ran a survey, and the majority of respondents supported an increase to the Precept to be spent on further recruitment of officers and staff. This result, coupled with the comprehensive feedback of my Police and Crime Plan consultation, has revealed a strong appetite for change. People want to feel safe in their communities.

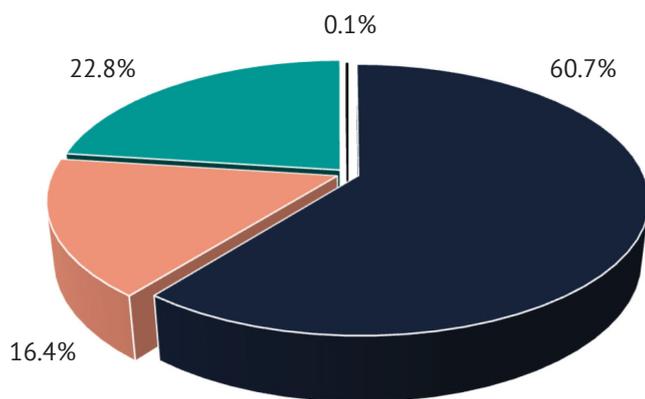
The police element of the Council Tax has increased by 4.7% to fund further recruitment of officers and staff. In real terms that means that most people will pay no more than an extra £8.89 a year (17 pence per week) as over 81% of properties in West Yorkshire fall within Council Tax Bands A, B and C.

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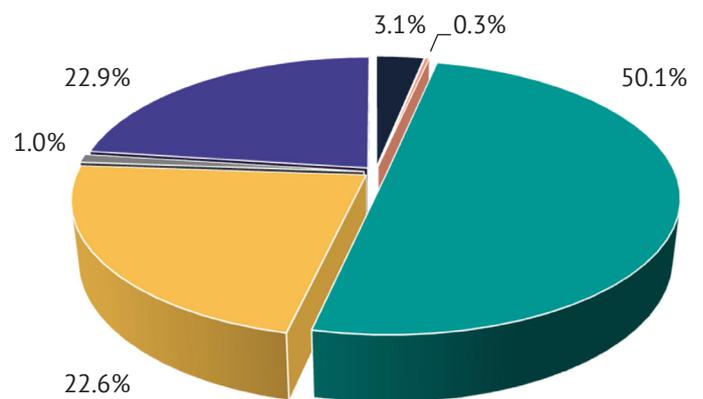
The increase equates to no more than an extra 17 pence a week for most households in West Yorkshire

## Where the money came from 2022/2023



- Government Grant 60.7%
- Income 16.4%
- Precept 22.8%
- Other 0.1%

## What the money is spent on 2022/2023



- PCSOs 3.1%
- Mayor's Policing and Crime Function 0.3%
- Police Officers 50.1%
- Police Staff 22.6%
- Borrowing 1.0%
- Running Costs (eg. premises, vehicles) 22.9%

**West Yorkshire continues to have the fourth lowest Precept in England and Wales**

BUDGET	2021/2022 £m	2022/2023 £m
Gross Expenditure	616.167	649.293
Council Tax Requirement	138.222	147.863



COUNCIL TAX BAND	CURRENT COST PER YEAR £	2022/2023 COST £	ANNUAL INCREASE £	PER WEEK INCREASE £
A	140.85	147.52	6.67	0.13
B	164.33	172.11	7.78	0.15
C	187.80	196.69	8.89	0.17
D	211.28	221.28	10.00	0.19
E	258.23	270.45	12.22	0.24
F	305.18	319.62	14.44	0.28
G	352.13	368.80	16.67	0.32
H	422.56	442.56	20.00	0.39

**Summary:** There will be 4.7% increase to the annual police Council Tax.

**The new budget enables the recruitment of 341 police officers and 84 members of police staff. Additional resources will be allocated to protecting the vulnerable, supporting victims and witnesses and reducing crime as well as increasing diversity, equality and inclusion.**

I have a number of key priorities in relation to policing and crime which are keeping women and girls safe, increasing police officer and police staff numbers, putting victims first and ensuring our police service represents the community it serves.

To assist me in this work I appointed Alison Lowe, as my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (pictured together above). Alison comes with a great deal of understanding and expertise having worked in the voluntary sector and as a local Councillor for 30 years.

We've been hard at work delivering for our communities in West Yorkshire including securing millions of pounds of

additional funding to support victims of domestic and sexual violence, increasing the safety of women and girls in parks, public transport and the night-time economy, launching the Mayor's Safer Communities Fund and continuing to develop innovative approaches to tackle serious violence through the ground-breaking work of the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). We have set up a pan-West Yorkshire Vision Zero Board to reduce and – hopefully eliminate – road deaths and serious injuries.

**You can find out more about our work and contact us on the below.**

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