



West Yorkshire Police Council Tax Information 2026–27



As part of my role as Mayor of West Yorkshire, I am responsible for setting our police budget.

This relates to the ‘police precept’ – which is the part of your council tax bill that funds policing in our region.

West Yorkshire currently has the fourth-lowest Police Band D precept level in England and Wales, yet operational policing continues to face increasing pressures.

People have told us that they value the work of West Yorkshire Police and want to see more visible policing in our communities.

Following an extensive consultation with the public, the majority of people (57%) supported an increase to the police precept.

Against this backdrop, the decision has been made to increase the police section of council tax to ensure vital investment for the Force.

This will result in a very small increase. Around 80% of the region’s taxpayers live in households that are bands A, B, and C, which will see an increase of between 19 pence and 26 pence per week.

This increase to the police precept will significantly reduce West Yorkshire Police’s funding gap and move us toward a more sustainable financial position.

This will also enable the ongoing delivery of the Mayor’s Police and Crime Plan for 2024–28, which sets out joint ambitions and priorities for policing and community safety.

I appreciate the public’s support for strengthening frontline policing, as it helps us continue working together towards a safer and fairer West Yorkshire.

Whilst our precept supports visible policing in West Yorkshire, I’ve also been working closely with the police, partner agencies, and my Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Alison Lowe OBE, over the last year to make our region a safer and better place. Over the past year we have:

- Launched our second Police and Crime Plan, building on West Yorkshire’s innovative work to improve the safety of women and girls, and to tackle gangs, drugs, and knife crime.
- Continued the vital work of our Women’s Safety Unit, which drives change through partnership, raises awareness, and focuses on preventing violence against women and girls.
- Supported more than 8,000 young people under 24 and almost 500 adults through the West Yorkshire Violence Reduction Partnership since April 2025, helping to address knife crime and serious violence across the region.
- Awarded over £4.4 million through the Mayor’s Safer Communities Fund since 2021, directing money taken from criminals to 460 local projects dedicated to making West Yorkshire safer.
- Launched our new People’s Fund, part of our commitment to co-producing a serious violence strategy. Up to £100,000 will be made available in each district, with local groups able to bid for up to £10,000. Residents will then decide which projects receive funding.
- Continued to work towards achieving West Yorkshire Vision Zero, reducing all road death and serious injury in the county to zero by 2040. Over the last year the number of those killed and seriously injured has fallen with a host of initiatives covering education and enforcement as well as road design and support for victims.

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Budget	2025-26 £m	2026-27 £m
Gross Expenditure	828,180	866,304
Council Tax Requirement	182,554	195,433

West Yorkshire continues to have the fourth lowest Precept in England & Wales.

Note. The note above assumes all forces will increase CT to the maximum allowed – annual increase of £15 for band D properties

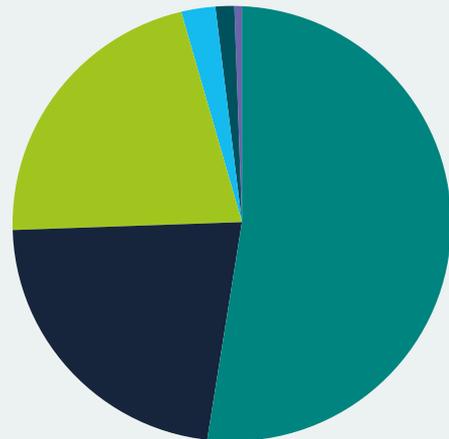
Where the money came from 2026-27

- Government grant 52.1%
- Income 25.2%
- Precept 22.6%
- Other 0.1%



What the money is spent on 2026-27

- Police officers 53.5%
- Police staff 21.9%
- Running costs* 20.4%
- PCSOs 2.2%
- Borrowing 1.1%
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority 0.8%



* Running costs eg. premises and vehicles

There will be 5.7% increase to the annual police council tax.

Council Tax Band	2025-26 cost per year £	2026-27 cost £	Annual increase £	Per week increase £
A	175.52	185.52	10.00	0.19
B	204.77	216.44	11.67	0.22
C	234.02	247.36	13.34	0.26
D	263.28	278.28	15.00	0.29
E	321.78	340.12	18.34	0.35
F	380.29	401.96	21.67	0.42
G	438.77	463.80	25.03	0.48
H	526.56	556.56	30.00	0.58