



Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Frequently Asked Questions – Sussex Police Precept

1. How were residents consulted on the proposed increase to the precept?

The Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) sought the views of Sussex taxpayers between 28 October 2015 and 9 January 2016.

Information about the consultation and a link to the online survey was shared with residents in a number of ways to maximise the response. Dedicated communications were issued via the OPCC website (+10,000 visitors), social media (+3,000 followers on Twitter and Facebook), and weekly email newsletter (+4,500 subscribers).

An alert was sent to all residents signed up to receive Sussex Police community messaging (+40,000 subscribers and NHW coordinators) and the consultation was also highlighted on the front page of the Sussex Police public-facing website and social media channels (+100,000 followers on Twitter and Facebook).

A proactive media relations campaign was delivered by the OPCC to ensure that news of the consultation and a link to the survey was communicated to residents through the print press and broadcast media.

Paper copies of the survey were made available on request by Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner and distributed at selected public engagement events across the county. Locations were chosen based on district response rates to the online survey to ensure a representative sample.

2. What was the response to the public consultation?

A total of 3,738 Sussex residents completed the survey and 65.8% of the respondents said that they would support an increase. Residents who supported an increase were asked what amount of additional precept they would be prepared to pay per annum. The majority supported a £10 increase.

A [report](#) was submitted to the Sussex Police & Crime Panel on 22 January 2016 which provides a further breakdown of these responses, in Appendix B.

3. What does Precept mean?

Police Precept is the amount you pay for policing in your Council Tax.

4. How much has the Commissioner's salary increased?

The increase in precept does not result in any increase or bonus to the Commissioner's salary. Salaries for all Police & Crime Commissioners are set by Government.

The current rates were introduced in November 2012 when the first election for Commissioners took place. There have been no pay rises since that time.

In addition, Mrs Bourne does not claim for any additional expenses or allowances, as is despite being permitted in the regulations.

5. How much of the money raised goes towards the Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner?

The cost of the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Office of the Sussex PCC are included in the total spending plan and totals £1.184m, which remains unchanged since the PCC took office in November 2012.

6. What is the source of "Other" income in the total funding?

Approximately 50% of the "other" income in the total police funding comes from the policing of Gatwick Airport. The remainder comes from a number of smaller items, such as the policing of Brighton & Hove Albion football matches and policing of other large events in the county.