



STRENGTHENING LOCAL POLICING

The Chief Constable, Giles York, has assured me that more resources, more officers and more staff will result in Sussex Police being better placed to prevent crime, respond to incidents and carry out investigations. He has told me:

“We are committed to providing a more visible and reassuring policing presence where it’s most needed and making it easier for people to contact us. We will also be improving the Force’s capacity to tackle serious and digitally-enabled crime.

“The Local Policing Programme, which we originally began in 2015, was designed to be scaled up as more resources became available.

“Thanks to Sussex households, the unprecedented increase in funding means that by March 2023 there will be over 400 more police officers, PCSOs and specialist staff than we had in 2017.”

PAYING MORE FOR MORE

- 100 additional PCSOs
- 50 extra police officers
- 50 more investigators & specialists
- Improved 101 & public contact

For further information about the budget visit: www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/budget



SUSSEX POLICE PRECEPT

2019/20

HOW TO CONTACT SUSSEX POLICE



REPORT ONLINE

www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us



999 in an emergency

when a life is threatened or there is imminent danger



101 for all non-emergency calls

when you don't require an urgent response (calls to 101 cost 15p for the entire call from mobiles and landlines)



Alternatively you can call the charity Crimestoppers or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org



SAFE:SPACE Sussex

For direct access to help and support for victims and witnesses of crime visit www.safespacesussex.org.uk



I will continue to support policing services in Sussex, recruiting even more officers thanks to your contributions through the police element of council tax - the precept.



Following the precept rise last year and money from reserves, Sussex Police had already embarked on its biggest recruitment programme for ten years, protecting 476 posts under threat and recruiting 270 police officers.

Sussex residents tell me they welcome this but also say they want to see PCSOs back in communities, more police on our roads and a better 101 service.

This year the Chief Constable has told me he needs a mix of policing skills to provide a more visible neighbourhood presence, improve contact with the public and meet a range of complex crime demands.

Having listened to what Sussex residents want and what the Chief Constable needs, I will take this unique opportunity for us to recruit officers and invest in a better service.

By raising the precept this year by £2 a month for an average Band D property I can provide funding to recruit 100 PCSOs; 50 extra police officers; 50 investigators and specialist staff.

Katy Bourne



“I just want to see more policing”

“101 is frustrating and badly needs improving”

50 extra police officers

This year's precept rise means we can fund the extra 50 police officers that Sussex Police has asked for so that, by March 2023, we will have 250 more police officers than we had in 2017.

50 more investigators & specialists

People said they were concerned that police are too busy to investigate some incidents. Sussex Police say extra investigators and digital specialists will help deal with the rise in complex and serious crimes.

Improving 101 & public contact

Nearly everyone we spoke to told us the non-emergency 101 service was not good enough. Sussex Police has committed to improving contact with more call handlers and better technology.

100 more PCSOs

In focus groups across Sussex, you told me you really valued PCSOs. The Chief Constable has asked me to fund 100 extra PCSOs to increase visibility, boost public confidence and provide support for police investigations.

“We hear that police don't have the people to investigate some crimes”

“We want more PCSOs as they know the area and local issues”

