



Protecting your police service

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, my priority is simple: to make sure Merseyside Police has the resources, people and tools it needs to keep you safe.

Policing is changing all the time. New challenges and increasingly complex crime mean we must stay one step ahead. That's why the Chief Constable and I are focused on strengthening neighbourhood policing — the local, community-focused approach you consistently tell me matters most.

I didn't take lightly the decision to ask local taxpayers to contribute a little more. I'm grateful for your support, and for the Police and Crime Panel's unanimous backing. Your contribution helps us maintain the visible policing presence and high-quality service you rightly expect.

Even with your support, we still face a significant budget gap. To close it, the Chief Constable has identified savings that protect frontline services wherever possible.

Every pound we spend is focused on delivering the priorities set out in my Police and Crime Plan:

- Fighting crime and antisocial behaviour,
- Supporting victims,
- Preventing harm.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of officers, PCSOs, staff and partners, Merseyside



continues to make positive progress in tackling crime and improving safety. We are committed to building on this momentum as we deliver the new force strategy and work towards our ambition for Merseyside Police to be recognised as the best police force in the UK.

Last year, I secured nearly £8.5m in extra funding for projects to tackle serious violence, make our streets safe and protect victims. This work continues every single day, and I will keep fighting to bring as much investment as possible into our region.

Thank you for your support in helping us to protect our police service and our work to build a safer, stronger Merseyside.

Emily Spurrell

Police Precept 2026/27



EMILY SPURRELL
MERSEYSIDE POLICE
& CRIME COMMISSIONER



The budget

How the money is spent...

Description	2025/26	2026/27
Police Officer Pay	£246.092m	£253.054m
Police Pensions	£72.099m	£75.038m
Police Staff Pay	£111.261m	£116.246m
Police Staff Pensions	£16.584m	£8.250m
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner	£1.837m	£1.900m
PCC Controlled Expenditure	£10.156m	£10.386m
Other	£43.846m	£62.222m
Gross Expenditure	£501.875m	£527.096m

Where the money comes from...

Source	2025/26	2026/27
Police General Grant	£315.998m	£340.077m
Council Tax Grants	£15.641m	£15.641m
Council Tax Requirement	£111.273m	£119.660m
Collection Fund Surplus	£0.928m	£0.317m
Net Contribution (-to) / from Reserves	£4.116m	(-£0.317m)
Specific Government Grants	£50.747m	£48.425m
Income	£3.172m	£3.293m
Total Funding	£501.875m	£527.096m

How our spending has changed...

Gross Expenditure 2025/26	£501.875m
Part year effect of 2025 pay award above original budget	£4.879m
Impact of Price Inflation above 2025/26 contingency	£0.413m
Additional Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee target	£1.666m
Allowance for pay inflation	£14.571m
Allowance for price inflation	£1.616m
Net Committed Growth/(Savings)	£2.076m
GROSS EXPENDITURE 2026/27	£527.096m

Why has council tax changed?

Council Tax Requirement 2025/26	£111.273m
Increase in tax base	£2.281m
Increase in Band D Equivalent	£6.106m
Council Tax Requirement 2026/27	£119.660m

Your council tax

2025/26		2026/27	Increase
398,872	Tax base (Band D equivalent properties)	407,050	8,178
£278,97	Band D Equivalent Charge	£293,97	£15.00

Your contribution 2026/27:

Increase from 2025/26

Tax Band A*	£195.98	*majority of taxpayers on Merseyside	£10.00
Tax Band B	£228.64		£11.67
Tax Band C	£261.31		£13.33
Tax Band D	£293.97		£15.00
Tax Band E	£359.30		£18.33
Tax Band F	£424.62		£21.67
Tax Band G	£489.95		£25.00
Tax Band H	£587.94		£30.00

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