

# Council Tax

2022/23



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**Gloucestershire**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

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## 2022/23

**This is a budget that will begin building back better for Gloucestershire.**

Spending for the year ahead will reach £521 million, a rise of more than £38 million on 2021/22 levels.

The budget includes an extra £100 million for our roads, funding for 26-miles of cycle track from Stroud to Bishop's Cleeve, a £150 million investment in school buildings, investment in our market towns and high streets and ongoing support and protection of the most vulnerable in our communities. There is also a commitment to continuing investing in Gloucestershire's fight against Covid-19 and in the county's firefighters.

£14 million additional investment will be made for children and young people services, making sure young people are given the best possible start in life and are kept safe from harm with an additional £9 million set to be invested in services for vulnerable adults and those living with a disability.

A further £1 million per year towards tackling climate change, helping us to meet the ambitious targets we have set for the county. We're supporting healthy and active travel by investing more than £20 million in cycle routes across the county. In the region of £2 million is set aside for essential drainage maintenance and £550,000 will go into a Community Speedwatch Safety Fund to support communities where speed awareness activity, like a 20 is plenty campaign would make a real difference.

Despite the extra investment, we still expect to have one of the lowest council tax levels of any county council.

The budget will raise around £10.2 million to help fund services through a council tax increase of 1.99%. We will also apply the national social care precept at 1% to raise an additional £3.7 million to support the thousands of vulnerable adults we work with each year. Based on a band D property, this equates to a £3.50 monthly increase.

We continue to challenge ourselves to work more efficiently and effectively and as a result £13 million in budget reductions have been identified for next year, helping to meet increased demand and costs.



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**Councillor Mark Hawthorne**  
Leader of Gloucestershire County Council

# How we will spend your money

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Extra  
**£100m**  
for our roads



**£150m**  
investment in  
school buildings in  
Gloucestershire



**£1m**  
per year to tackle  
climate change



**£14m**  
additional investment  
into Children and Young  
People's Services



Over  
**£20m**  
invested into  
cycle routes  
across the county



**£9m**  
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vulnerable adults  
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Foster for  
Gloucestershire County Council

# Make a big difference to the life of a local child



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# How your council tax is helping to re-build your police

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During last year's election, I made a commitment to considerably increase the size of the Constabulary. On starting work, I discovered the scale of the challenge. This included an unfunded budget gap in the current year of £1.4 million, projected to become up to £10 million over the next three years, with inflation also a limiting factor. Furthermore, unlike many other areas of the country, with the cost of policing in Gloucestershire now borne almost equally between a grant from Central Government and funding from local taxpayers, any attempt to improve the service has to be met through increased Council Tax, Government grants and maximising the Constabulary's revenue streams.

To begin to implement the manifesto proposals on which I was elected, I have increased the police precept for a Band D property by £10, or just under 20p per week. This is the maximum I am allowed to do without subjecting you to an expensive Referendum.

So far, the Government's uplift programme has enabled the Constabulary to bring in a number of new officers, and I am working with the Chief Constable to ensure that the £10 increase meets his most immediate needs, such as investigating crimes against the most vulnerable in society, by, for example, increasing the numbers working in Child Abuse Investigation Teams. The £10 rise will also ensure that we can start to increase the number of people in the Force Control Room who take 999 and 101 phone calls. I am assured this will lead to swifter response times.

**Over the next two financial years, I want to see the Constabulary increase in size by more than 400 personnel, split roughly 50:50 between full time and volunteer officers and staff. This is a bold ambition, particularly on bringing in so many volunteers, but I am determined to do everything I can to deliver on this vow.**

Whilst any tax increase is regrettable, my mandate is an extremely strong one. Almost two thirds of all valid votes at the election were cast in my favour, giving me an overall majority of 31,000, including majorities in each of Gloucestershire's six districts.

I made it clear that investment in policing would inevitably mean higher council taxes, although this rise is much lower than the average rise of the past few years. While recognising the many pressures on household finances, I believe 20p per week extra to correct historical under investment and improve essential services, represents excellent value for money, and you will be able to see the impact of this funding.

Thank you for your continued support. Over the next two years of my office, I promise to continue to work tirelessly to use your money wisely to strengthen your Constabulary, so that it can continue to excel in keeping you safe from crime.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Nelson". The script is fluid and cursive.

**Chris Nelson**  
Police and Crime Commissioner



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# My Six Priorities



## **Creating safer communities**

Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and increasing feelings of safety



## **Tackling violence against women and girls**

Challenging unacceptable attitudes and behaviour



## **Strengthening your Constabulary**

A trusted, visible and responsive policing family. Expanding the Force by more than 400 officers and staff, split roughly 50:50 between full-time and volunteer enhancements



## **Targeting the causes of crime**

Prioritising those most at risk of harm



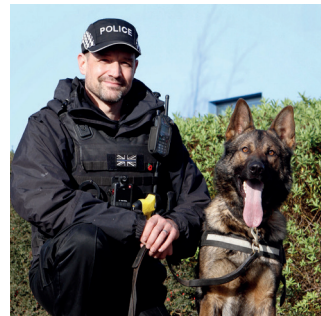
## **Supporting victims and reducing reoffending**

A people centred justice system



## **Empowering local communities**

Giving you a voice in policing

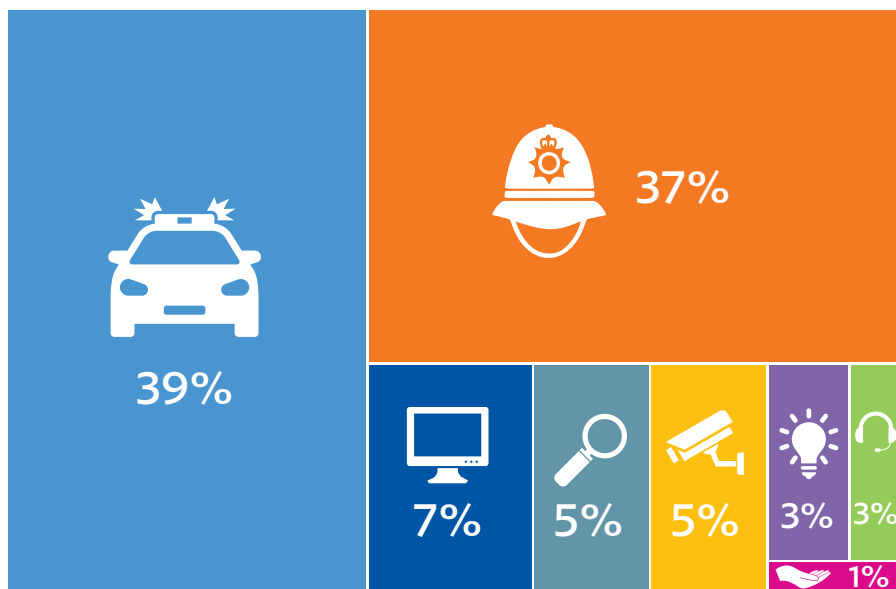


You can find out more about the PCC's priorities and see his Police and Crime Prevention Plan in full here:

**[www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan-priorities/](http://www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/police-and-crime-plan-priorities/)**

# Strengthening your Constabulary

Deployment of new officers and staff in first term



■ Response Policing 
 ■ Neighbourhood Policing 
 ■ Investigations 
 ■ Public Protection 
 ■ Intelligence 
 ■ Fixing 101 
 ■ Crime Management Unit 
 ■ Support to volunteering

## A year in numbers



Cyber

262 a month  
3,146 a year



Missing person

188 a month  
2,256 a year



Homicides

12 murders  
1 manslaughter  
over the last year



Domestic Abuse

589 a month  
7,064 a year



Injured Officers

272 physical  
assault's by a  
person this year



Anti Social Behaviour

1,805 a month  
21,657 a year



## Here when you need us

### **The Police and Crime Commissioner**

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### **Gloucestershire Constabulary**

Phone: 101 for non-emergency calls • 999 for emergencies

Website: [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk)

### **Forest of Dean & Gloucester Division**

Local Policing Superintendent, Jane Probert • Location: Coleford

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### **Cheltenham & Tewkesbury Division**

Local Policing Superintendent, Roddy Gosden • Location: Holland House

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### **Cotswold & Stroud Division**

Local Policing Superintendent, Mark Chicken • Location: Stroud

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### **Neighbourhood Watch**

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