Suffolk is a safe county and we have a strong Constabulary which works hard to protect us and keep us safe.

The financial challenges policing faces are well-documented, both nationally and locally, but our force continues to meet those challenges to keep us safe. The arguments for ensuring Suffolk Constabulary has sufficient resources are well-rehearsed and it concerns me greatly that our county does not receive an equitable financial settlement from the Home Office. My commitment to achieve a fairer funding settlement for Suffolk continues.

Each year I have to set the policing budget and decide the level of precept we all pay in our council tax. In 2023/24 I increased the amount you pay towards policing. This additional funding has increased the policing budget by £3.9m and gives the Constabulary the resources it needs to keep pace with the increased demands placed upon it. I will closely monitor this investment and provide a quarterly update on my website.

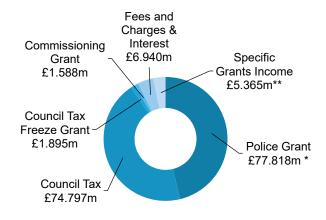
The total budget for policing in this year 2023/24 is £168.4m. The breakdown of how it is spent is detailed overleaf.

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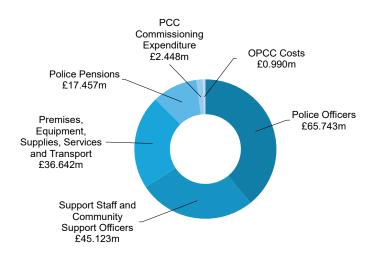
### Policing Budget for 2023/24

#### Where the money comes from - £168.4m



- Includes £27.401m that used to be funded from DCLG, now funded through the Home Office
- \*\* Includes £2.477m ring-fenced uplift grant

#### Where we spend the money - £168.4m



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## Police & Crime Commissioner Tim Passmore

- Elected by the public
- Is the link between the public and the police
- Sets the strategy for policing and crime and disorder reduction outlined in his Police & Crime Plan
- Sets the budget and council tax precept
- Hires the Chief Constable
  - Holds the Chief Constable to account for performance against agreed measures
  - Commissions services for crime and disorder reduction and for victims of crime

## **Chief Constable Rachel Kearton**

- Leads the officers and staff of Suffolk Constabulary
- Responsible for delivering the Police and Crime Plan
- Accountable to the PCC for the performance of the force
- Advises the PCC on strategy and budget to meet current threats and risk
- Directs and controls the force
- Has operational independence
- Responsible for the force's purpose and areas of focus
- Is politically independent

# **PCC GRANTS - 2023/24**

A significant part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's role is to commission services that support the Constabulary in its work or supports victims.

Each year the Police and Crime Commissioner allocates funding to address domestic abuse and sexual violence, this year the funding amounts to over £1.6m. This funding supports the Independent Domestic Violence Advisory (IDVA) service and the work of organisations such as Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre, Leeway Domestic Violence and Abuse Services, Lighthouse Women's Aid, Suffolk Rape Crisis, Survivors in Transition and Waveney Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum.

The PCC also awards Crime and Disorder Reduction Grants to organisations providing services that will contribute to securing crime and disorder reduction in Suffolk. In this financial year grants have been awarded to a variety of initiatives including the Suffolk Lowland Search and Rescue (SuLSAR), Taxi Marshals in Ipswich, Positive Futures to work with young people and Anglia Care Trust for mediation.

The PCC also has an annual £300k Police and Crime Commissioner Fund, managed by Suffolk Community Foundation, which funds voluntary sector initiatives which support the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.

### Who can apply for a Police & Crime Commissioner Fund

The Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner's Fund is administered by Suffolk Community Foundation and is open four times a year.

Grants of between £2,500 and £20,000 are available to support the work of Suffolk-based voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises and community interest companies to deliver services that help support victims of crime and reduce crime and disorder.

For more information and details on how to apply please visit the 'Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Fund' page on the Suffolk Community Foundation website. To find out more about the organisations currently supported by the PCC fund go to the PCC's website, www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk.