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THE BEAT

In the next 12 months not only will we see more officers on our streets, but the start of a new multimillion pound custody project will get underway and new resources to tackle worrying issues like knife crime will be put in place.

This is long overdue investment.

For the first time in a very long time we're in a position to meaningfully build for the future.

The years of austerity haven't disappeared but we're strengthening our resolve and really getting our teeth into the pressing challenges of today. Ultimately, this will make Nottinghamshire a safer place for everybody.

Paddy Tipping
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner





Nottinghamshire Police is growing!

There's good news for Nottinghamshire - we're investing in our police force and substantially bolstering our frontline. My recently-agreed 2018-19 budget will deliver an extra 80 police officers into our communities and I hope to push police strength to the 2000 mark over the next two years. We're also redistributing 61 supervisory posts to frontline activities to increase the policing presence in your communities.

Nottinghamshire needs a well-resourced and fully-equipped force to do a good job. I've pressed hard for more funding in our central government grant and while that hasn't happened, we're finally being given the flexibility to strengthen our resolve and meet new challenges.

This means householders will pay an increase of 6.54% in the amount of council tax they pay towards policing next year, equating to £11.97 extra per year for a Band D property.

The total budget for policing Nottinghamshire in 2018-19 has been set at £193.1m. Of this £133.9m comes from the Police Grant, allocated by central government.

This year, the policing element of your Council Tax will raise a total of £61.1m, a net increase of £4.7m on the 2017-18 figure - critical funds which can be ploughed back into bolstering our blue line. This is what local people have told me is important and this is what we will deliver.

New custody facility on its way

Nottinghamshire Police will be getting a brand new custody facility to replace the outdated Bridewell suite which is no longer fit for purpose. My 2018-19 budget includes provision for the £15.7m capital investment which will ensure we maintain the very best standards of custody.

The new purpose-built replacement, which is unlikely to be operational during the next 12 months, will be located on a new site and will offer modern equipment and bespoke facilities to help us meet increased demands. We'll be announcing exactly where the new suite will be built in the very near future.



Rural crime

We're stepping up our efforts to increase safety in our rural areas. A new Crime Fighting Fund is being developed to tackle problems which impact on our rural communities as well as serious issues such as knife crime.

Nottinghamshire has lost more than 600 officers throughout the austerity years. I realise the impact of these losses hits sparsely populated and isolated areas of our county most when every police officer is responsible for a wider geographical area.

In 2018-19, we will be bolstering our neighbourhood policing teams but we'll also be acquiring a specialist vehicle to boost the scope of the rural crime team. I will continue to listen to our rural communities and give them the policing they deserve.



Closing in on Knife Crime

Nottinghamshire has a new dedicated Knife Crime Strategy Manager to toughen the response to knife crime. This is a huge step and further proof of how serious we are to eradicate knife culture from our streets.

Currently, Nottinghamshire Police has the only dedicated knife crime team outside the Metropolitan Police and has given advice to other forces on how to deal with the problem. This new post is possible thanks to the additional funding we'll raise in 2018-19. Detective Superintendent Simon Firth, who has been appointed to the role, will work alongside partners to deliver a consistent prevention strategy across all aspects of education, engagement and enforcement.



The Force recently supported national colleagues with Operation Sceptre, confiscating two knives, a knuckle-duster and an asp plus increasing visibility in areas with a disproportionately high number of incidents. This operation raised awareness of the dangers of carrying a knife, and I have been clear that we need the support of the public to achieve the change in behaviour that is vital in the work to tackle this devastating type of crime.



Leadership inspection

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) has noted the progress in leadership across policing in Nottinghamshire.

Since last year's inspection, we've welcomed a new chief officer team which has put in place sound strategies to guide, mentor and solve the increasingly complex challenges we face. With recruitment plans underway and a highly supportive system for staff development and promotion, I'm confident Nottinghamshire will continue to go from strength to strength with a wealth of new talent under its belt in the coming months.



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Youth projects toast success

Nottinghamshire is once again at the national forefront of crime prevention. Two youth projects I helped fund have made it through to the final of the National Crimebeat Awards in April.

Nottinghamshire Youth Commission's Know Your Rights film and The Dragon's Den Style Project 8, delivered and part-funded by Nottinghamshire County Council, have made it through to the final of the coveted competition.

The projects, which address serious issues such as stop and search tactics and cyberbullying, give young people a stronger role to play in public safety and I wish them the best of luck in securing the £1,000 top prize.



Putting victims first

We're working very hard to ensure we comply with National Crime Recording Standards with robust new processes in place to accurately record our work. Victims always come first in Nottinghamshire which is why we are working increasingly hard to identify all victims of crime and provide the appropriate support and referral to specialist services.

One such example will be seen later this year, when a new service for victims of sexual violence and abuse will be launched. The Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) support service, which has been funded by me and the City and County Councils, will provide vital support to victims to help them cope and recover from their ordeal.

As a result of the changes in recording, we will now be consistently recording crimes at a higher rate than previously. Meeting rising demand with fewer resources is challenging which is why we have lobbied the Government consistently, with some success, for more funding. We'll be boosting our officer numbers to 2000 over the next two years which will really strengthen our ability to gather intelligence and address local crime.

KEEP ON TALKING

I'm delighted that so many people contact me, with problems, compliments and comments. This is particularly important as I need to be able to listen to your views and learn from them and also know that you can keep up to date with what my team and I are doing.

Whatever I do, I am answerable to you, the electorate. You can contact me at any time to ask questions or put your views across.

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