



Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

In the Faringdon, Oxfordshire police area they are very many new houses being built and planned to be built. Some already occupied.

This means that the income from Council Tax will increase for all Public Sector organisations, including the police.

Please tell me how you make use of the increased council tax income in the specific area from where the income has arisen

Response

The OPCC can confirm that information you have requested is held.

The Thames Valley Police (TVP) net revenue budget is financed by a combination of Home Office police grant and income from council tax.

Although the number of Band D equivalent properties (the Taxbase) has increased by an average of 1.8% per annum over the last 5 years, due to housing growth, we have suffered significant real-terms reduction in Home Office grants which means that we have had to find over £100m of cash efficiency savings, since 2010, simply to balance our revenue budgets.

For budget purposes we operate as one force i.e. income from police grant and council tax funds our total revenue expenditure. There is no direct link between income received from ratepayers from one specific location to the amount spent on policing in that area

I hope this response is helpful. If you would like any further information please contact Ian Thompson, the Chief Finance Officer and Deputy Chief Executive for the OPCC. He is contactable via phone on 01865541959 or email at ian.thompson@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk