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Dear, thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

The information that you are seeking is held by this office and is set out below.

Can you please provide details of your police force budget for 2015-16 and say how much less this is in percentage terms compared to the previous year?

Budget 2014/15	£179,998,000
Budget 2015/16	£172,842,000
Reduction	£7,156,000
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How is your force going to meet the savings required?

The Force has been completely redesigned over the last two years in light of financial projections of future substantial budget reductions. This will make the major contribution towards the budget reductions needed and will involve savings on staffing, both officers and police staff. Other savings will be found from increased collaboration and reductions in non-pay costs.

Are you intending to raise the police precept and if so by how much?

Precept increase in 2015/16 is 1.99% (£176.57 in 2014/15 rising to £180.08 in 2015/16, an increase of £3.51 per annum for a Band D property)

Looking beyond 2015-16, what estimates have you made of the likely budget reduction over the following two, three, four or five years?

Budget reductions in 2016/17	£6,952,000
Budget reductions in 2017/18	£6,979,000
Budget reductions in 2018/19	£7,172,000
Budget reductions in 2019/20	£2,994,000

(Note: Budget reductions are after planned use of reserves in each year)

What plans are being considered to make the likely required savings?

As indicated above, budget reductions in future years include the ongoing effect of the implementation of the revised Force structure together with further savings in relation to rationalisation of accommodation and reductions in the spending on vehicles. Options for further collaboration will also be explored.

I hope you find this information helpful. Whilst we have, on this occasion, been able to comply with your deadline please note that the Freedom of Information Act does allow up to 20 working days in which to respond.

If you think that we have not supplied information in accordance with our Publication Scheme or under general rights of access then you have the right to ask for an internal review. Any request for an internal review should be made within 30 days and addressed to:

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We would aim to complete an internal review within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely