



MESSAGE FROM VERA BAIRD QC, NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION 2017/18



From October 2016 until the end of January 2017, I have been consulting with local residents about the refresh of the Police & Crime Plan, the document that sets out your priorities that Northumbria Police deliver. I have also been finding out your thoughts about police funding – as to deliver your priorities I have to ensure we have funding in place.

Throughout all meetings and online surveys, as in previous years, you have told me that neighbourhood policing is your priority – it's mine too.

Central government budget cuts continue to hit Northumbria police force hard. Since 2010 Northumbria has had to make £123.4m of cuts and efficiencies to manage the reductions imposed by government, with further savings of £31.7m planned over the next 4 years, that's £155.1m in total to 2020/21. Tough decisions have been taken, and thanks to prudent financial planning, we have been able to recruit 173 police officers during 2016/2017.

The recruitment of police officers is what you have told me you want to see happen and that is what I have delivered. New police officers on our streets further delivers our commitment to neighbourhood policing.

When calculating the overall policing budget for Northumbria, the Government had anticipated that the police precept of the council tax would rise by £5 per year. There was no negotiation with government, if we wanted to maintain our vital neighbourhood policing services, we would have to accept this decision. Prudent financial planning and increased efficiency, combined with this increase, which works out at about 1p per day increase for most homes, has allowed us to protect the services that matter to you the most.



As well as bringing in new officers to serve your community, we continue to train officers and work with partners to tackle new emerging crimes such as cyber crime and child sexual exploitation. Northumbria Police will continue to invest in technology to tackle those who try to commit cyber crime, often affecting older and vulnerable residents.

Throughout the year, like all other police forces, Northumbria has regular inspections by HMIC, these reports always show Northumbria's commitment to the communities we serve – this will never change. Where there are recommendations we build upon them to ensure an even better service.

The extra money generated through the police precept will fund the priorities that you have set out in the Police & Crime Plan, which you can read on my website: www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk

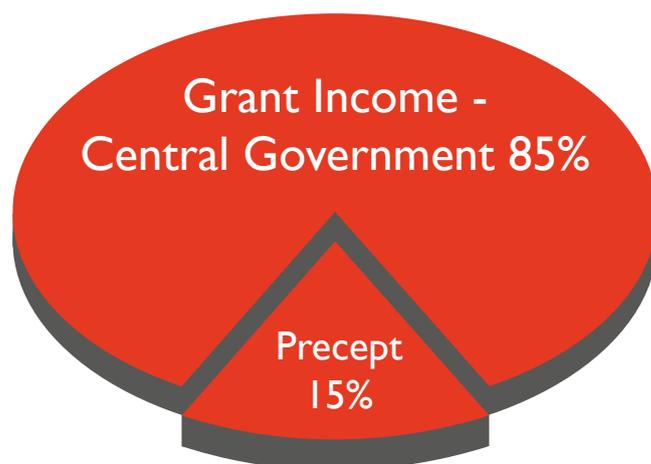
Best wishes

Dame Vera Baird QC
Police & Crime Commissioner – Northumbria

FINANCES AND SPEND

In recent years our external auditors have issued an unqualified Value for Money Conclusion which is published on the Northumbria OPCC website each year. The opinion concludes in each year; that in all significant respects the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria has put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. The conclusion clearly demonstrates that Northumbria continue to make informed decisions and deploy resources to achieve planned and sustainable outcomes for tax payers and local communities.

FUNDING FOR NORTHUMBRIA



HOW FUNDING IS ALLOCATED TO POLICING SERVICES

Policing Services	Resource Allocation
Local Policing	55.4%
Investigations	7.9%
Public Protection	7.5%
Dealing with the Public	6.9%
Criminal Justice Arrangements	6.5%
Intelligence	5.7%
Operational Support	4.6%
Roads Policing	2.6%
Investigative Support	2.4%
Police and Crime Commissioner	0.5%
Total	100%

Council Tax Band	Police Council Tax 2016/17	Police Council Tax 2017/18	Weekly Increase	Yearly Increase
A	£62.22	£65.55	7p	£3.33
B	£72.59	£76.48	8p	£3.89
C	£82.96	£87.40	9p	£4.44
D	£93.33	£98.33	10p	£5.00
E	£114.07	£120.18	12p	£6.11
F	£134.81	£142.03	14p	£7.22
G	£155.55	£163.88	16p	£8.33
H	£186.66	£196.66	20p	£10.00

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