

Table 3: Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria



Message from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria

At the start of this budget setting process I set out to ask the public what they want for their police force, and the response was clear. You told myself and the Chief Constable that you are prepared to pay a little extra to offset recent budget reductions and invest in Northumbria Police services.

I am committed to ensuring our region has a police force that keeps us safe, one that has the resources it needs to protect communities and the most vulnerable, and one that ensures neighbourhoods are supported with local police officers ‘on the beat’. But alongside the need to fund these services, have to take into account the impact on residents of any rise in household bills.

The police precept will increase by 1.99%, equivalent to 22 pence per month for a band D property, and for a band A property by 15 pence per month. I believe this is fair on households dealing with their own cost issues while at the same time ensuring Northumbria Police is well positioned to tackle emerging crime trends, and has the resources it needs to keep communities safe.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £134.33 to £137.00 for the year. This remains, by far, the lowest precept of any Police and Crime Commissioner in England and Wales. You can find more information on the OPCC website - www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk

2019/2020			Service	2020/2021		
Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000		Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
296,918	12,836	284,082	Police General	321,465	18,938	302,527
		284,082	Budget Requirement			302,527
		218,960	LESS			
		3,423	Formula Grant			235,347
		6,867	Special Pension Grant			3,423
		1,301	Council Tax Support Grant			6,867
		762	Legacy Council Tax Grants			1,301
		<u>52,769</u>	Constituent Authorities' Net Surplus			938
			Council Tax Requirement			<u>54,651</u>
		£6.994m	Charge on Gateshead			£7.186m
		£134.33	Band "D" Equivalent Charge			£137.00

Change in Council Tax Requirement between years is attributable to:

Inflation, budget pressures and other budget adjustments	£000s	18,586
Investment in policing priorities		4,358
Budget savings		(3,700)
Increase in formula grant funding		(16,387)
Ring-fenced Uplift grant		(5,175)
Change in required transfer to reserves		4,200
		<u>1,882</u>