

Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria



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

Your police precept is the result of careful consideration of policing needs offset against household cost pressures. While recent events have led to some economic uncertainty, local budget surveys have shown people are prepared to pay a little more for a better resourced police force.

Nationally, police forces were given permission by Government to increase bills by a maximum of £15 a year, the equivalent of 10.9% in the Northumbria force area. I believe this would be too high a figure for many households.

So instead, the local police precept will increase by 4.99%, equivalent to 57 pence per month for a band D property, and for a band A property by 38 pence per month. This slight increase will go towards ensuring Northumbria Police can effectively fight crime and prevent crime. Alongside an ongoing recruitment campaign and a continued commitment to neighbourhood policing, your precept increase will pay for 60 new police investigators.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £137.00 to £143.84 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

2020/21				2021/22		
Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000	Service	Gross Expenditure £'000	Gross Income £'000	Net Expenditure £'000
321,465	18,938	302,527	Police General	337,236	16,993	320,243
		302,527	Budget Requirement			320,243
			LESS			
		235,347	Formula Grant			250,183
		3,423	Special Pension Grant			3,423
		6,867	Council Tax Support Grant			6,867
		1,301	Legacy Council Tax Grants			1,301
		-	Local Council Tax Support (Covid-19)			1,686
		938	Constituent Authorities' Net Deficit			(170)
		54,651	Council Tax Requirement			56,953
		£7.186m	Charge on Gateshead			£7.549m
		£137.00	Band "D" Equivalent Charge			£143.84

Change in Council Tax Requirement between years is attributable to:

Inflation, budget pressures and other budget adjustments	22,549
Full year impact of investment approved in 2020/21	2,000
Investment 2021/22 - Additional 60 police officer investigator posts	2,700
Budget savings	(2,300)
Increase in formula grant funding	(14,836)
Reduction in Ring-fenced Uplift grant	2,075
Local Council Tax Support (Covid-19)	(1,686)
Change in required transfer to reserves	(8,200)
	2,302