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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Working Together to Increase Community Conference in Northumbria during 2015/16

As Police and Crime Commissioner, part of my role is to engage with the local community, to do this I hold public meetings and attend events to speak about policing and to listen to what local people say. I write articles for the media to promote the good work we do here in Northumbria. I want the public to feel part of Northumbria Police – it is your force.

When considering the police element of the council tax, I asked the public to let me know their thoughts as knowing what local residents think allows me to focus my thinking on how we can deliver to meet your needs.

Some of the ways I will continue to make a difference in 2016/17

- Increase the number of police officers on the frontline – recruiting more officers to ensure that the police workforce represents the communities it serves and we maximise our visibility and impact on keeping our local communities safe.
- Continue to review the way that complaints are dealt with, making further enhancements to the timeliness and quality of responses and overall satisfaction with the management of complaints.
- Promoting opportunities for the public to be involved in policing through volunteering and for the public to help shape my thinking about future police and crime priorities.