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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER



# MESSAGE FROM VERA BAIRD QC,

## NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Council Tax Information  
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In December 2018, Police and Crime Commissioners across England and Wales received the funding agreement for their police forces. Here in Northumbria, the Home Secretary assumed that I would increase the police precept element of Council Tax by £24.00 (for a Band D property or £16.00 for a Band A property). If I didn't do this, it would have wiped £9.4 million off our budget.

The Government did not consult with Police and Crime Commissioners about the proposed increase to the police precept – but I thought it was vital that I found out if local residents were happy to pay 31p a week extra for a Band A property.

Our consultation took us all over the Northumbria force area to meet people, we also set up online and telephone surveys – we worked hard to engage with the communities that we serve to find out what you thought. Many of you recognised that policing needed extra funding (88%) and agreed with me that it should be the government that funds policing. Sadly that isn't the case and you agreed that policing is a priority and that you were willing to support Northumbria Police.

Northumbria police precept is the lowest in England and Wales. For a Band D property it is £134.33, the average for England and Wales is £219.19. We will continue to squeeze every penny out of every pound. With the Chief Constable, we will continue to look for savings in every area of business. Since the cuts came into effect in 2010 Northumbria Police have lost £142.3 million. We have been reliant upon reserves. That position cannot continue as reserves are nearing the lowest level allowed.

Every single extra penny raised will go into policing, we will be looking to recruit officers and police staff. Be assured that your priority of neighbourhood policing remains my priority – it always will be whilst I am Northumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner.

Despite all the challenges, Northumbria Police is proud to serve our local communities, we excel at delivering for local people and HMIC inspections reinforce this. We are a learning organisation and always want to improve, we relish feedback from residents, partners and government. You can find out more about how we spend the money received on my website: [www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk). Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

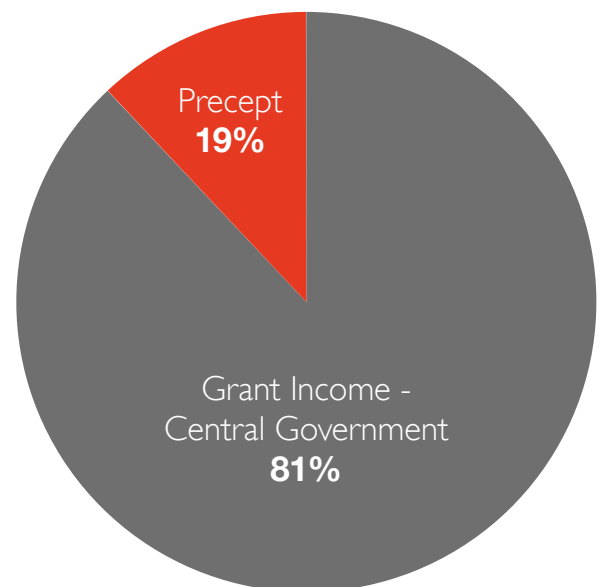
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# FINANCES AND SPEND

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.

## HOW FUNDING IS ALLOCATED TO POLICING SERVICES

| Policing Services             | Resource Allocation |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Local Policing                | 50.1%               |
| Public Protection             | 9.2%                |
| Investigations                | 9.0%                |
| Dealing with the Public       | 7.0%                |
| Criminal justice Arrangements | 7.0%                |
| Intelligence                  | 6.6%                |
| Operational Support           | 5.9%                |
| Roads Policing                | 2.2%                |
| Investigative Support         | 2.5%                |
| Police and Crime Commissioner | 0.5%                |
|                               | <b>100.0%</b>       |



| Council Tax Band | Police Council Tax 2017/18 | Police Council Tax 2018/19 | Weekly Increase |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| A                | £73.55                     | £89.55                     | 31p             |
| B                | £85.81                     | £104.48                    | 36p             |
| C                | £98.07                     | £119.40                    | 41p             |
| D                | £110.33                    | £134.33                    | 46p             |
| E                | £134.85                    | £164.18                    | 56p             |
| F                | £159.37                    | £194.03                    | 67p             |
| G                | £183.88                    | £223.88                    | 77p             |
| H                | £220.66                    | £268.66                    | 92p             |

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