

# Questions



**Q: Which of these statements best reflects your views on this proposal?**

There are three options:

- 1. Freeze the precept. Meaning no more to pay locally, but harder for the police to deliver services and balance the books.
- 2. Increase the precept by 1.99 per cent in order to raise just over £1.2 million for next year and subsequent years, but avoid a costly local referendum. This would mean the average household paying 8p a week more.
- 3. Put the precept up by more than 1.99 per cent which could raise more money, but will mean at least £700,000 spent on a referendum on the proposals.

**Q: Do you have any particular views on the future of policing in North Yorkshire?**

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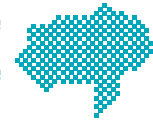
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- YES  NO (if YES, what is your email address?)
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North Yorkshire



## Have your say on local police funding

### 2016/17



North Yorkshire is the safest place in England and our police do a good job. But like everywhere, we have our challenges. When I asked the public to help set priorities for the police, 90 per cent of you put protecting vulnerable people at the top of your list.

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, it's my job to ensure the Chief Constable delivers this for you. I also set the precept for local policing. This is the amount you pay in your council tax towards running North Yorkshire Police.

However, before the precept is set for this coming year, I need to know what you think.

Please tick your preference on the back of this leaflet and return it to me FREEPOST. It will only take a moment and your views are important.

Thank you for your time.



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## Police funding information

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## How is North Yorkshire Police funded?

About 55 per cent of funding comes from the Government while the remaining 45 per cent is raised locally, mainly through the 'police precept' – the amount you pay for local policing in your council tax.

We therefore very much welcome the Government's recent decision to save policing from future budget cuts. However, over the past five years, our central funding has been cut from £87 million in 2010/2011 to £69 million in 2015/16. If you take into account the effect of inflation, the cut is bigger still, amounting to £26 million in real terms – or 30 per cent of central funding. Looking ahead, we also have increases in national insurance, pay and pensions, which mean we will still need to save £1.9m for the year. This would rise to £3.1m if the precept was frozen. By 2020, we would need to save up to £15.7m.

## What are the options for local funding?

The options are to:

- freeze the amount we pay
- increase the amount we pay by 1.99 per cent, or 8p on average per week
- increase the amount we pay by more than two per cent

## What would happen if we froze the precept?

In its sums for police funding, the Government assumed that we will raise the precept by at least 1.99 per cent. Not doing so will mean a cut to North Yorkshire Police's budget.

This would come at a time when some types of crime are putting increasing



## A freeze would mean:

Property Band	2015/16 (£)	2016/17 (£)
Band A	141.85	141.85
Band B	165.49	165.49
Band C	189.13	189.13
Band D	212.77	212.77
Band E	260.05	260.05
Band F	307.33	307.33
Band G	354.62	354.62
Band H	425.54	425.54

pressure on the police. These include services to protect the most vulnerable people in our society, particularly our children, people at risk of domestic abuse and hate crime.

In addition, the Chief Constable and I have made a pledge to preserve frontline neighbourhood policing, which we know is so valued by the public.

## What would happen if we increase the amount we pay by 1.99 per cent?

This would raise just over £1.2 million for next year and – importantly – subsequent years. However, it would mean the average household paying 8p a week more.

## Can we increase our contribution by more than two per cent?

Yes. But the Government will only allow that if we carry out a local referendum which could cost at least £700,000.

## An increase of 1.99 per cent would mean:

Property Band	2015/16 £	2016/17 £	Increase per annum £	Increase per week pence
A	141.85	144.67	2.82	5
B	165.49	168.78	3.29	6
C	189.13	192.89	3.76	7
D	212.77	217.00	4.23	8
E	260.05	265.23	5.18	10
F	307.33	313.45	6.12	12
G	354.62	361.67	7.06	14
H	425.54	434.01	8.47	16



## How to have your say

Your views are important so please let me know what you think **NOW** by:

- Completing the form overleaf
- Registering your views online at [www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/precept](http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/precept)
- Sending me an email at [pcc@northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:pcc@northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk)
- Calling my office on 01423 569 562

## Alternatively you can write to me:

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The last day for responses is 12 January 2016