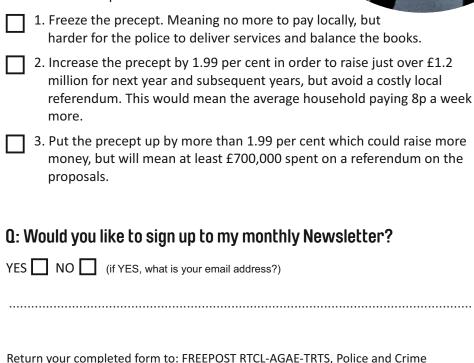
Questions



There are three options:



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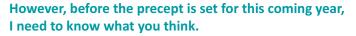


Have your say on local police funding 2017/18

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 you to help set priorities for the police, you said that providing an exceptional local service whilst tackling emerging crimes, like online fraud and harassment, were top of your list.

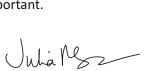
As your Police and Crime Commissioner, it's my job to ensure the Chief Constable delivers this for you. I also set the precept for local policing. This is the amount you pay in your council tax towards running North Yorkshire Police.



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.

You can also tell me your preference online at telljulia.com

Thank you for your time.



Julia Mulligan
Police and Crime Commissioner
for North Yorkshire

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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.

Our government funding will reduce in 2017/18 and will continue to do so in both 2018/19 and 2019/20.

Over the past seven years, our central funding has been cut from £87 million in 2010/2011 to £68 million in 2017/18. If you take into account the effect of inflation, the cut is bigger still, amounting to £30 million in real terms, or 32 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 £3 million for the year. This would rise to £4.3 million if the precept was frozen.

What are the options for local funding?

The options are to:

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

What would happen if we froze the precept?

If we froze the precept, taking account of increasing costs previously mentioned and inflation, this would effectively mean a cut to North Yorkshire Police's budget.



A freeze would mean:

Property	2016/17	2017/18
Band	(£)	(£)
Band A	144.67	144.67
Band B	168.78	168.78
Band C	192.89	192.89
Band D	217.00	217.00
Band E	265.22	265.22
Band F	313.44	313.44
Band G	361.67	361.67
Band H	434.00	434.00

An increase of 1.99 per cent would mean:

Property Band	2016/17	2017/18	Increase per annum	Increase per week
	£	£	£	pence
Α	144.67	147.55	2.88	6
В	168.78	172.14	3.36	6
С	192.89	196.73	3.84	7
D	217.00	221.32	4.32	8
Е	265.22	270.50	5.28	10
F	313.44	319.67	6.24	12
G	361.67	368.86	7.20	14
Н	434.00	442.64	8.64	17

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

However, the Chief Constable and I will continue 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.

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 telljulia.com
- Sending me an email at pcc@northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk
- Calling my office on 01423 569 562
- Writing to me:

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The last day for responses is 11 January 2017



