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

## Council Tax Information 2019/2020

During our public consultation on policing, you told the Chief Constable and I that you want to see continued investment in policing and were willing to pay a little extra. As your PCC, I believe government should pay for this - the Home Office disagree. The police precept will increase for a band D property by 46p a week and for a band A property by 31p per week.

Since 2010, Central government has required £142 million in cuts and efficiencies from the police force budget. For the 2019/20 funding, they assumed that the precept would increase by £24 - if it did not it would reduce Northumbria Police funding by £9.4 million.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £110.33 to £134.33 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