

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

Council Tax Information 2020/2021

At the start of this budget setting process I set out to ask the public what they want for their police force, and the response was clear. You told myself and the Chief Constable that you are prepared to pay a little extra to offset recent budget reductions and invest in Northumbria Police services.

I am committed to ensuring our region has a police force that keeps us safe, one that has the resources it needs to protect communities and the most vulnerable, and one that ensures neighbourhoods are supported with local police officers 'on the beat'. But alongside the need to fund these services, I have to take into account the impact on residents of any rise in household bills.

The police precept will increase by 1.99%, equivalent to 22 pence per month for a band D property, and for a band A property by 15 pence per month. I believe this is fair on households dealing with their own cost issues while at the same time ensuring Northumbria Police is well positioned to tackle emerging crime trends, and has the resources it needs to keep communities safe.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £134.33 to £137.00 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