

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

Your police precept is the result of careful consideration of policing needs offset against household cost pressures. While recent events have led to some economic uncertainty, local budget surveys have shown people are prepared to pay a little more for a better resourced police force.

Nationally, police forces were given permission by Government to increase bills by a maximum of £15 a year, the equivalent of 10.9% in the Northumbria force area. I believe this would be too high a figure for many households.

So instead, the local police precept will increase by 4.99%, equivalent to 57 pence per month for a band D property, and for a band A property by 38 pence per month. This slight increase will go towards ensuring Northumbria Police can effectively fight crime and prevent crime. Alongside an ongoing recruitment campaign and a continued commitment to neighbourhood policing, your precept increase will pay for 60 new police investigators.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £137.00 to £143.84 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