

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

The Chief Constable and I are wholly committed to delivering safer streets and stronger communities across the force area, but without the appropriate funding, we face significant financial pressures even with Government's much welcome cash boost for neighbourhood policing. Raising additional funding through a slight increase in the Council Tax Precept will help our force tackle local priorities that matter to local people and that's what I am determined to do. To address the challenges facing Northumbria Police I have approved an increase of 117p per month for a Band D property. For the majority of households in Northumbria, those in a Band A property, the increase is 78p per month. The increase in the precept will provide over £5.9m in extra funds for 2025/26 which will help keep the force appropriately resourced, meet budgetary pressures and allow for some investment. The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £181.84 to £195.84 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](http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)