

New Chief Constable Mike Veale

The force has made significant progress in recent years, as recognised by various independent inspections and reports. This is due in large part to the unstinting effort of Chief Constable Iain Spittal who recently announced his retirement. We all owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

It is very important we maintain progress and so I was delighted to be able to recruit Mike Veale to be the next Chief Constable.

Mike has an extensive background in policing. He has operational experience on patrol, as a detective and at leadership level. Under his watch as Chief Constable of Wiltshire the force has been recognised as one of the top performing in the country. He has a proven record of success in confronting similar challenges to those Cleveland faces. I look forward to him taking up his new role in March.



Cleveland Connected is an email messaging system which allows communities and businesses within Cleveland to receive crime prevention advice and information on recent incidents within their local areas.

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Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland Council Tax Information 2018/19

Government funding to Cleveland for the forthcoming year will be the same in cash terms as last year. A real term equivalent to a £1.6m cut, due to inflation and other rising costs. If the precept were to stay as it is, we would need to lose 50-60 officers to meet this shortfall. The force has already lost around 500 police posts in recent years, as a result of funding cuts, and I want to do all I can to protect officer numbers.



To maintain the current level of police services requires an increase of £1 per month in the precept charge to residents in band D properties. More than 80% will pay less than this. To raise the precept by more than £1, in order to boost police numbers, would require me to call, fund and win a referendum.

Thanks to those of you who took part in the recent consultation exercise. Of those responding, 80% were prepared to pay the extra £1 per month, with 20% expressing a preference for no increase. I am only aware of one person suggesting spending a potential £500,000 on a referendum.

After some challenging times, the force has made significant progress in recent years. We have been judged as "Good" on efficiency and effectiveness by the police watchdog and have recorded a 25% drop in complaints against the police – only one other force did better.

I am determined this progress is maintained and that we continue to develop neighbourhood policing. I proposed a £12 per year increase on the precept for Band D properties with other homes charged accordingly. I am pleased the Police and Crime Panel has supported this.

I remain in awe of the magnificent job our police officers, staff and volunteers do - and I am grateful for the support they receive from you, and a whole range of partner organisations, groups and agencies.

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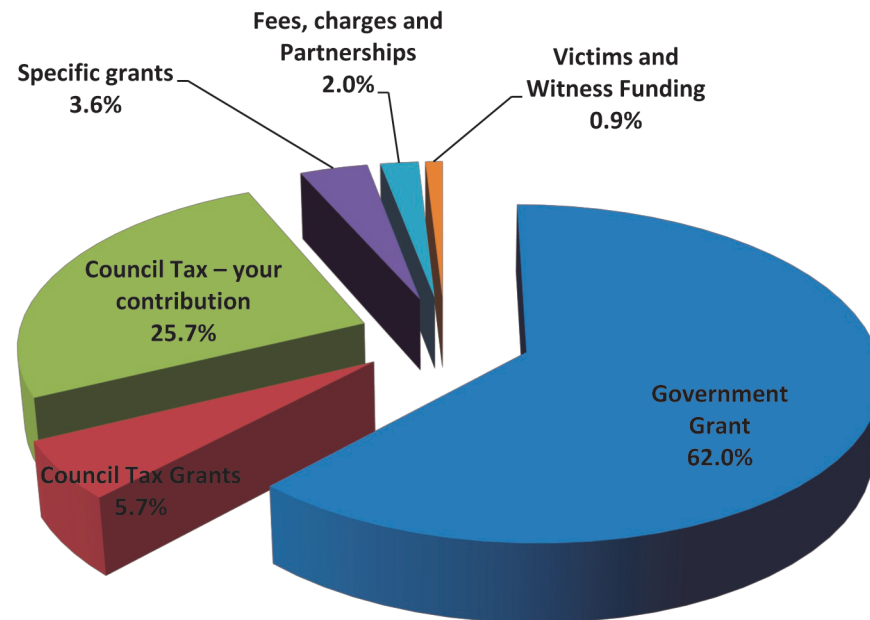
Actions taken as PCC in the last year include:

- Securing an additional £1.2m of funding to develop and transform domestic and sexual violence services across Cleveland.
- Appointing, from outside policing, the head of a new Directorate of Standards and Ethics - to drive forward change and improvements.
- Investing in more body-worn cameras and a new wellbeing strategy, to better support police officers and help reduce sickness.
- Constructing a new Community Safety Hub – a state-of-the art base for police and partners, funded by sale of former HQ at Ladgate Lane.
- Developing strategies with partners to tackle all types of hate crime.
- Supporting re-introduction of Police School Liaison Officers.
- Developing a multi-agency, Cleveland Restorative Justice service - giving victims the opportunity to engage with offenders.
- Supporting local community safety initiatives - and youth diversionary activities - to deter people from crime and antisocial behaviour.
- Funding Middlesbrough and Stockton Mind to deliver an Appropriate Adult service, supporting vulnerable people in police custody.
- Working jointly to develop a new Local Criminal Justice Plan, for improving victim services and reducing reoffending.
- Working with Durham & Northumbria PCCs and forces to establish a new region-wide base for tackling serious & organised crime.
- Funding the development of a Cleveland Anti-Trafficking Network with partners to tackle Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking.

Police Precept Bands for 2018/19

Property Band	Police Council Tax 2017/18	Police Council Tax 2018/19	Annual Increase	Weekly Increase
A	£143.03	£151.03	£8.00	15p
B	£166.86	£176.20	£9.33	18p
C	£190.70	£201.37	£10.67	20p
D	£214.54	£226.54	£12.00	23p
E	£262.22	£276.88	£14.67	28p
F	£309.89	£327.22	£17.33	33p
G	£357.57	£377.57	£20.00	38p
H	£429.08	£453.08	£24.00	46p

Where does the PCC's funding come from?



How does the PCC invest this money?

