

Tackling crime in our communities

Recent times have been challenging for Cleveland. The Police have had to make savings of £32m and have lost over 300 policing posts. To have further reduced crime is a tribute to the commitment of all our Officers, PCSOs and Staff and a real achievement for the partnership between police, public and other organisations across Cleveland.

If we are to maintain this, I believe it is essential that we retain a regular police presence in our communities. That will require continued financial prudence by the force, coupled with a rise in the police precept of just under 2%. I understand the financial pressures local people are under, but I believe this small rise, equivalent to a penny per day or less for most, is a price worth paying for retention of Neighbourhood Policing and the benefits it brings in terms of reductions in crime and the fear of crime.

That is also dependent on Government not cutting our budget further. I shall continue to make the point to the Home Secretary, and others, that further cuts will result in a less visible force and risk reversing the downward fall in crime of recent years.

I have attended over 140 local meetings across Hartlepool, Redcar & Cleveland, Stockton and Middlesbrough as part of my "Your Force, Your Voice" campaign and have listened to your thoughts about local policing. It has proved very informative and helps shape the Police and Crime Plan that gives strategic direction to the force. I intend to continue with these meetings on an ongoing basis.

I am also working with a range of organisations across Cleveland. To develop further the services to victims of crime and to prevent re-offending. Given the increasing scarcity of funds in our public services it is also important we collaborate as much as possible, particularly between the emergency services, which I will pursue further over the coming year.

Barry Coppinger – Police & Crime Commissioner

Police Precept Bands for 2014-15

Property Band	Council Tax 2013-14	Council Tax 2014-15	Annual Increase	Weekly Increase	%age of Households (% Total)
A	£132.19	£134.83	£2.64	5p	47.4 (47.4)
B	£154.22	£157.30	£3.08	6p	18.1 (65.5)
C	£176.25	£179.77	£3.52	7p	18.0 (83.5)
D	£198.28	£202.24	£3.96	8p	9.0 (92.5)
E	£242.34	£247.18	£4.84	9p	4.7 (97.2)
F	£286.41	£292.12	£5.72	11p	1.7 (98.9)
G	£330.47	£337.07	£6.60	13p	1.0 (99.9)
H	£396.56	£404.48	£7.92	15p	0.1 (100)

Investing in Policing

For 2014-15 the total funding available to the PCC will be £133.2m. This money comes from:

Income provided to the PCC	2014-15 £m	2013-14 £m
Government Grant	89.8	94.2
Council Tax Grants	7.7	7.6
Council Tax – your contribution	28.8	27.6
Total	126.2	129.5
Other Income - Specific Grants	5.6	5.6
- Fees, Charges and Partnerships	2.2	2.4
- Victims and Witness Funding	0.2	0.0
Contingency and Reserves	-1.0	-1.0
Total Funding Available	133.2	136.4

The Budget is spent on the following:	2014-15 £m	2013-14 £m
Office of the PCC	0.9	0.9
PCC Initiatives and Victims and Witnesses Services	1.8	1.7
Corporate Services (PFI and Capital Financing)	9.2	9.4
Expenditure by the Police Force:		
Employees	85.4	88.3
Major Contracts (Steria and TASCOR Custody Services)	22.4	22.2
Premises	3.8	3.9
Transport	1.8	1.8
Supplies and Services	5.6	5.9
Agency Services	2.4	2.3
Budget allocated to the Police Force	121.4	124.4

Total spending by the PCC	133.2	136.4
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PCC Achievements during 2013-14, include:

- Criminal Justice Volunteers Fair organised, which recruited over 900 people
- 46 community projects supported by my Property Act Fund
- Victims' Strategic Group set up to monitor and develop services to victims
- Started the recruitment process for 200 Special Constables
- Independent Audit Committee established, to monitor Force and PCC
- Restorative Justice by Cleveland Police and Community Payback promoted
- Regional strategy to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls developed
- Tees-wide 'Safe Places' scheme set up to help tackle disability hate crime
- Living Wage accreditation gained as employer and for future contracts

PCC Objectives for 2014-2016:

- Retain and develop Neighbourhood Policing
- Ensure a better deal for victims and witnesses
- Divert people from offending with a focus on rehabilitation and the prevention of re-offending
- Develop better coordination, communication and partnership between agencies to make best use of resources
- Working for better industrial and community relations

The full Police and Crime Plan can be found on
www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk

You can make your views known at this site or by calling the PCC Office on 01642 301446, attending a local "Your Force, Your Voice" meeting or by writing direct to the **Commissioner, Barry Coppinger, Police HQ, Ladgate Lane, Middlesbrough. TS8 9EH**

You can follow the Police and Crime Commissioner on **Twitter @Cleveland_PCC** or on **Facebook**, search **Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioner**.



The Force is recruiting Special Constables, for more information visit
www.cleveland.police.uk/careers/index.aspx



The Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger....

- Is a directly elected person who is responsible for the totality of policing across Cleveland.
- Ensures that the Police Force is efficient and effective.
- Appoints, and if necessary dismisses the Chief Constable.
- Holds the Chief Constable to account for the operational delivery of policing.
- Sets the strategic direction and objectives for policing by producing a Police and Crime Plan.
- Sets the annual police budget, including the policing element of the Council Tax.
- Produces an annual report setting out progress against the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan.
- Co-operates with other criminal justice agencies across the area.
- Works with partners and supports community safety activity to tackle crime and disorder.
- Contributes to national and international policing requirements.

This leaflet gives details of the 2014/15 Precept and further information about the PCC.