Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

## How Your PCC Serves the People of Cleveland

The Police & Crime Commissioner, 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 bill.
- 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.
- Contributes to the national and international policing requirement.
- Works with partners and funds community safety activity to tackle crime and disorder.

Photo with George Friend at launch of youth diversionary app ‘GiveItAGo’ - www.giveitago.net - 97 activities and 8,700 users.

## Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland Council Tax Information 2016/17

I have attended more than 330 local meetings across Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland. The clear message is the vast majority of you support and respect work carried out by Cleveland Police, placing a huge value on local policing.

Since 2010 we have seen real term cuts of £36m (33%) in Government grants to Cleveland’s policing, resulting in the loss of over 400 posts. We’re also expecting Government will continue to ‘top-slice’ police budgets, to meet national policing priorities. For some Forces, response to financial pressures has been proposing vast reductions in neighbourhood policing, to remain within budget.

Following considerable work by my office, and the Chief Constable, neighbourhood policing is being retained here. Neighbourhood policing prevents and detects crime and anti-social behaviour and is a reassuring presence, improving quality of life for residents. These community officers also gather vital intelligence to help counter most serious crimes.

When calculating overall policing budgets, Government has anticipated a local 1.99% precept rise. I will not be seeking any increase on this. Prudent financial planning and increased efficiency, combined with this small increase - about a penny a day for most homes - allows us to protect neighbourhood policing, as well as increasing protection offered to vulnerable people and boosting resources to counter the growing menace of internet crime.

In addition, we have been able to embark on recruitment of Police Officers, PCSOs and Special Constables. In line with my Police & Crime Plan, neighbourhood policing will be further developed, with future investments made through financial stability and further efficiencies. I work closely with a whole range of organisations and agencies to improve quality of life for residents. I also thank you the public, and residents and community groups, for all your work including with our police, to help keep the local area safer.

Barry Coppinger,
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
In 2015/16, My Police & Crime Plan Delivery included:

- Co-ordination of Operation Encompass, assisting nearly 1000 children caught up in domestic violence in its first year.
- Continuing to encourage police and partners to tackle anti-social behaviour, by introducing a live-time computer-based information sharing system for all.
- Developing and commissioning a new range of services for Victims.
- Implementing a 20-point Violence against Women & Girls Strategy, in conjunction with local support organisations.
- More than 800 Restorative Justice interventions to assist Victims to cope and recover.
- Introducing a multi-agency Integrated Offender Management hub, starting at Holme House Prison to better tackle reoffending.
- Working with and supporting a wide range of local safety projects through my Community Safety Initiatives Fund.
- Linking over 12,700 residents and businesses to the web and text community safety messaging network 'Cleveland Connected'.
- Successfully developing collaboration with neighbouring Police Forces, PCCs and the Fire service.
- Supporting ground-breaking work in local schools to challenge racism, extremism and radicalisation.
- My Office receiving national transparency award recognition.
- Continuing to scrutinise Cleveland Police performance and other services I've commissioned.
- An overhaul of police complaints and standards procedures, to ensure the public interest is served.

For more information visit: www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk

### Police Precept Bands for 2016/17

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### Funding Available For Policing & Community Safety

- **Total** £133.3m

#### How Funding is Invested

- **Budget allocated to the Police Force** 89.6%
- **Capital and Reserve Transfers** 10.0%
- **PCC Initiatives and Victim Services** 2.1%
- **Office of the PCC** 0.6%
- **Corporate Policing Services** 6.7%
- **Specific Grants** 6%
- **Fees, Charges and Partnerships** 2%
- **Council Tax – Your Contribution** 24%
- **Council Tax Grant** 63%

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