



## **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 funds community safety activity to tackle crime and disorder.**
- Contributes to national and international policing requirement.**

**This leaflet gives details of the 2013-14 Precept and further information about the PCC.**

# Protecting Frontline Policing is Essential

As Police and Crime Commissioner, my priority is to see crime and anti-social behaviour continue to fall. That message has been conveyed loud and clear to the new Chief Constable and is the main objective of my Police and Crime Plan – the document that gives strategic direction to Cleveland Police.

As part of the “Your Force, Your Voice” campaign I am visiting all 82 Neighbourhood Policing Wards across the Force to hear first hand your views on local policing. This gives you direct influence on the Police and Crime Plan and if your priorities change, so will the plan.

Already it is crystal clear that local people support Neighbourhood Policing. They want the Police to remain a central part of their community, a recognised, trusted and approachable presence. I believe this dedicated “beat bobby” approach is the best way to tackle crime but maintaining a Neighbourhood Policing Team in every Ward will not be easy.

The Government’s Comprehensive Spending Review means by 2014 Cleveland Police face a £24m budget cut, equivalent to losing 324 police posts.

I know many local people are suffering financial hardship and that the cuts have hit Cleveland harder than many other areas. I have thought long and hard about whether any rise in the police precept is justified. I believe it is if we are to ensure that every community keeps its Neighbourhood Police Team so that together we continue to drive down crime.

Through prudent financial management and a restructure of the Force we will be able to maintain our neighbourhood teams whilst restricting the precept rise. In my own office I have already reduced the budget by 22% for 2013-14 compared to that spent by the Police Authority in 2012-13.

This document gives further detail on how the police budget is spent and how to contact my office if you require further information.

The Council Tax Precept for 2013-14 is 1.99%. This means that the ‘benchmark’ Band D Council Tax Precept will be £198.28, although most people will pay less than that— more than 92% of the households in Cleveland will see a 7p a week increase or less. The Council Tax rates are as follows:

Property Band	Council Tax 2012-13	Council Tax 2013-14	Annual Increase	Weekly Increase	% age of Households (% Total)
A	£129.61	£132.19	£2.58	5p	47.4 (47.4)
B	£151.21	£154.22	£3.01	6p	18.1 (65.5)
C	£172.81	£176.25	£3.44	7p	18.0 (83.5)
D	£194.41	£198.28	£3.87	7p	9.0 (92.5)
E	£237.62	£242.34	£4.73	9p	4.7 (97.2)
F	£280.82	£286.41	£5.59	11p	1.7 (98.9)
G	£324.02	£330.47	£6.45	12p	1.0 (99.9)
H	£388.82	£396.56	£7.74	15p	0.1 (100)

## Investing in Policing

**For 2013-14 the total funding available to the PCC will be £136.4m. This money comes from:**

<b>Income provided to the PCC</b>	<b>2013-14 £m</b>	<b>2012-13 £m</b>
Government's Police Grant	50.2	47.5
Revenue Support Grant/Business Rates	42.3	43.6
Council Tax Grant	0.8	0.8
Council Tax Support Grant	6.8	0
Council Tax – your contribution	27.6	33.5
<b>Total Net Budget Requirement</b>	<b>127.8</b>	<b>125.4</b>
Other Income - Specific grants	5.6	8.5
- Fees, charges and Partnerships	2.4	2.7
- Community Safety Grant	1.7	0.0
Contingency and Reserves	-1.0	2.1
<b>Total Funding Available</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>138.6</b>

<b>The Funding is spent on the following:</b>	<b>2013-14 £m</b>	<b>2012-13 £m</b>
Office of the PCC/ (Police Authority in 2012/13)	0.9	1.2
Community Safety Initiatives (Home Office Funded Projects)	1.7	0.0

<b>Expenditure by the Police Force:</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
Employees	91.2	95.6
Premises	10.7	10.5
Transport	1.8	2.1
Supplies and Services	25.5	25.5
Agency Services	2.3	1.4
Capital Finance	2.4	2.3
<b>Total Spending by Police Force</b>	<b>133.8</b>	<b>137.4</b>

<b>Total spending by the PCC/(Police Authority 2012/13)</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>138.6</b>
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## **PCC Objectives 2013-2016**

- **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**

Further details on each of these objectives can be found on the Police & Crime Commissioner's website: [www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk](http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk)

To find out more about the Police and Crime Commissioner contact the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 01642 301446 or write to Barry Coppinger, Police Headquarters, Ladgate Lane, Middlesbrough, TS8 9EH

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**Protecting Neighbourhood Policing Teams is a key objective of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

**Thanks to your help – in the 2012 calendar year  
We have the lowest levels of crime on record**