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

This precept sets the funding increase for Northumbria Police in order to let the force continue to fight crime and prevent crime. It is informed by a public survey which showed people agree there needs to be more investment in Northumbria Police. I believe this should be funded by Government, but while I continue to lobby for this, it is clear that local investment is needed now.

To address the challenges facing Northumbria Police I have approved an increase of 83p per month for a Band D property and 56p per month for those living in a Band A.

It's important to me that you can see where your money is going to address the pressures facing policing. The precept will be used to fund additional call handlers to improve performance for 999 and 101 services, provide extra resources to tackle cyber-crime and serious and organised crime, hire more investigators to support investigations and free up officers, and to increase workforce investment in order to support our officers and keep them on the beat.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £143.84 to £153.84 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

2021/22				2022/23		
Gross Expenditure £000	**Gross Income £000**	**Net Expenditure £000**		**Gross Expenditure £000**	**Gross Income £000**	**Net Expenditure £000**
			Service			
337,236	16,993	320,243	Northumbria Police	363,594	24,262	339,332
		320,243	**Budget Requirement**			**339,332**
			LESS:			
		250,183	Formula Grant			265,227
		3,423	Special Pension Grant			3,423
		6,867	Council Tax Support Grant			6,867
		1,301	Legacy Council Tax Freeze Grants			1,301
		1,686	Local Council Tax Support (Covid-19)			-
		(170)	Constituent Authorities' Net Surplus/(Deficit)			694
		56,953	**Council Tax Requirement**			**61,820**
		£15.382m	Charge on Northumberland			£16,708m
		£143.84	Band "D" Equivalent Charge			£153.84
			Change in Council Tax Requirement between years is attributable to:			**£000s**
			Inflation, recruitment, budget pressures and other budget adjustments			20,449
			Increase in capital financing costs			1,500
			Investment in policing provided through precept increase			4,018
			Budget savings			(5,800)
			Increase in formula grant funding			(15,044)
			Increase in ring-fenced Uplift grant			(1,078)
			Change in Council Tax Net Surplus/(Deficit)			(864)
			Local Council Tax Support (Covid-19) grant removed			1,686
						4,867