

Message from Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk



A major part of my role as your PCC is to distribute the policing grants from government and set the policing part of your council tax.

Suffolk Constabulary does a great job; it's a low-cost force which offers good value for money but we face financial challenges and savings still need to be made.

To meet these challenges, a comprehensive review of local policing has been carried out but I want to reassure you that Suffolk Constabulary will continue to respond to you in an emergency and your safer neighbourhood teams will continue to serve you locally, supported by the

neighbourhood response teams and enhanced investigation teams.

Full detail of this review is available on my website www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk.

In view of the enormous demand that the Constabulary is facing, I have decided to increase the policing part of the precept by 1.958%.

Before making the decision I held a public consultation and was reassured that the majority of the people that responded to the survey were prepared to pay a little extra for their police service.

Raising the precept will add £830K to our budget in the next financial year, which will help fund 20 police officers to focus on protecting vulnerable people and support the county's cyber-crime investigations and three PCSOs to carry out a liaison role in schools right across the county.

By increasing the precept the average payment will increase from £170.10 to £173.43 per year in 2016/17, an

average of just under 7p a week (based on Band D property).

I'd like to reassure you that Suffolk remains one of the safest counties in the country. We have continued to invest in the areas that you have told me are important to you. In 2015/16 we increased roads policing to include a new roads policing unit and four motorcycles. We have also expanded the rural crime unit to cover the west of the county and increased the investigation resource in the cyber-crime unit in Halesworth.

My role as PCC is to provide a more public voice to policing; if you have an issue that you would like to raise, please e-mail:

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