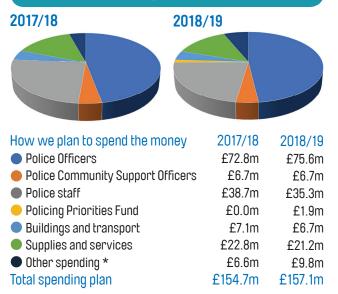
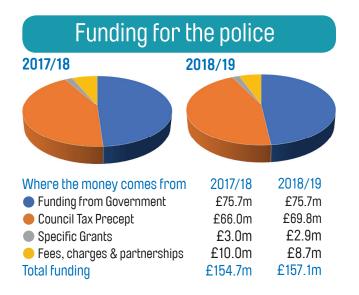
Police budget breakdown



* This includes Community Safety Funding and Commissioned Services, Police Officer Medical and Injury Pensions, Cost of Capital and Use of Reserves



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Police and Crime Commissioner North Yorkshire



A safer Harrogate

This year, after hearing the views of over 2,000 members of the public, your elected Police and Crime



Commissioner, Julia Mulligan, decided to Ulia Mulliganincrease the amount of precept for the police by an average of £11.50, or about £1 a month.

This will raise an additional £1.9m next year, which will be put into a 'Policing Priorities Fund' to enhance the services important to you. These include:

- Improving the response to 101 and 999 calls
- Investing in services for victims of crime
- Keeping police officer and PCSO recruitment plans on track

However, even with this extra money, the police need to make savings of about $\pm 10m$ over the next few years, so investment in new technology and ways of working will need to continue.



Your local policing plan

Julia Mulligan sets priorities for the Chief Constable via her 'Police and Crime Plan'.

Each area has its own set of priorities based on your feedback, along with intelligence and information from local police teams and partners, including Harrogate Borough Council.

This has highlighted a number of concerns you want addressed locally:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Burglary
- Police visibility
- Protecting vulnerable people, especially those with mental ill-health

Here's a snapshot of what is happening

Policing teams in the Harrogate area work very closely with your local council, which is highly effective in dealing with people's concerns.

Police officers are now equipped with mobile devices, which means fewer trips back to the station and more time out and about, visible in the local area.

The police have improved the way they work with partners to support vulnerable people, especially children who may be at risk of exploitation in the area. New support services for parents of exploited children have also been introduced.

Local police are working with 'Rural Watches' in Masham and Pateley Bridge to prevent and detect rural crime. They have also launched Operation Woollen to provide free security checks and crime prevention advice for farms and businesses.

In Harrogate, your local policing team is running Operation Conjure, a partnership response to tackle anti-social behaviour and criminal damage.

How the money will be spent

This year the Government gave Police and Crime Commissioners the option to increase funding by a maximum of £12 per year, per average household (a 'band D' home), or just over 5% here in North Yorkshire. After consulting with more that 2,000 people, Julia decided on an £11.50 increase.

The results also showed that the public is very supportive of North Yorkshire Police and are prepared to pay more for the vital services they provide.

However, Julia must balance this against what is affordable as she also believes that it's important for everyone to know what this extra money will deliver.



Maintaining visible policing

North Yorkshire Police plans to recruit more Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), to a maximum of 1,400 officers and 200 PCSOs, the highest numbers since 2012. This money will help keep these plans on track.





Improving 101 and 999

Over the past 12 months North Yorkshire Police has received many more calls into the Force Control Room.

As a consequence, people have had to wait too long although the time taken for officers to respond to incidents has continued to be good.

Now, more staff will be recruited to take calls, reducing waiting times and improving the service.



Investment in victim services

Over the past five years, Julia has dramatically improved victim services, especially for those suffering domestic and sexual abuse. New counselling and telephone support has also been introduced, along with mental health crisis services. The additional funding will mean new, specialist support for victims of child sexual abuse and people who go



missing from home.

A more efficient police service

North Yorkshire Police still have to make about £10m of savings over the coming years as wage bills are increasing, inflation is higher and bureaucracy is still too burdensome.

As a result, the progress made transforming the service will need to continue, including new technology, greater collaboration and more.

Julia believes that the public should not pay more, when it is still possible to improve efficiency, and expects to see real progress on making savings before this time next year.

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