

Protecting the front line, improving victim services

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Over the past 18 months, the public has been very clear in saying your number one priority is visible policing in your local community. This feedback lies at the heart of the budget decisions I have made for the coming year, as the funds will help restore officer numbers to their former levels.



We also have a goal to be the 'most responsive service' in England, which means investing in victim services. All this needs to be done at the same time as finding over £10m in savings.

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Julia Mulligan
Police and Crime Commissioner
for North Yorkshire

**North Yorkshire Police
Precept Information
2014/2015**

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Major developments over the past year

Julia Mulligan, as Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, has committed to protecting your neighbourhood police, and to ensuring the police service in North Yorkshire is focused on victims and their needs.

This is the second budget she has produced, and whilst times are tough, Julia is working with the Chief Constable to transform the way the police work in North Yorkshire. Their aim is to create the 'most responsive' police service in the country.



More police officers: overturning the former Police Authority's decision to cut officer numbers and recruiting more police.

Tackling cross border crime: close to £0.5m invested in Automated Number Plate Recognition Technology (ANPR) to better protect communities from travelling criminals.

Better victim care: two new 'Places of Safety' in hospitals, so that vulnerable people detained under the Mental Health Act no longer have to be locked up in police cells.

Saving money: cuts to the Police and Crime Commissioner's own budget of over £100,000 a year, so that she costs less than the old Police Authority and reviewing senior staff and salaries to save more than £2m over the next 3 years.

Supporting local people: a new £250,000 Community Fund to support projects in local areas designed to help improve community safety.

Looking after victims: the opening of Bridge House, a new Sexual Assault Referral Centre in York.

Solving serious crime: the opening of the new Major Crime Unit in Harrogate to create a specialist team dedicated to solving major crimes and reviewing cold cases.



Over the coming year, Julia's priorities will be:

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Protecting frontline services to the public and maintaining Police Officer numbers of 1,392 and Police Community Support Officer numbers of 183

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Introducing new commissioned services, including services for victims and community safety

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Investing in technology and facilities so that police spend more time policing and less on administrative processes

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Ensuring the police service remains sustainable and achieves necessary medium-term savings of approximately £10m

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Updating The Police and Crime Plan upon a solid evidence base to ensure that victims and the wider North Yorkshire community are at the heart of the police service

Savings and Budget

Protecting frontline services

North Yorkshire Police has a good history of prudent budgeting, reducing costs and ensuring resources are used as effectively as possible as evidenced by the £13.8m saved since 2010. In 2013, North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan and Chief Constable Dave Jones overturned a decision by the former Police Authority to reduce police officer numbers from 1,392 to 1,270. As a result, they have had to find money to fund 122 more officer posts.



Raising the precept by 1.99% will fund 24 of these officer posts

The remainder of the shortfall will still need to be met through efficiencies elsewhere in the organisation.

The precept increase, alongside work to secure £10m of efficiency savings, will help enable North Yorkshire Police maintain officer numbers at a time when other forces are shrinking theirs.

In January, the Police and Crime Commissioner conducted a public survey about her precept proposal

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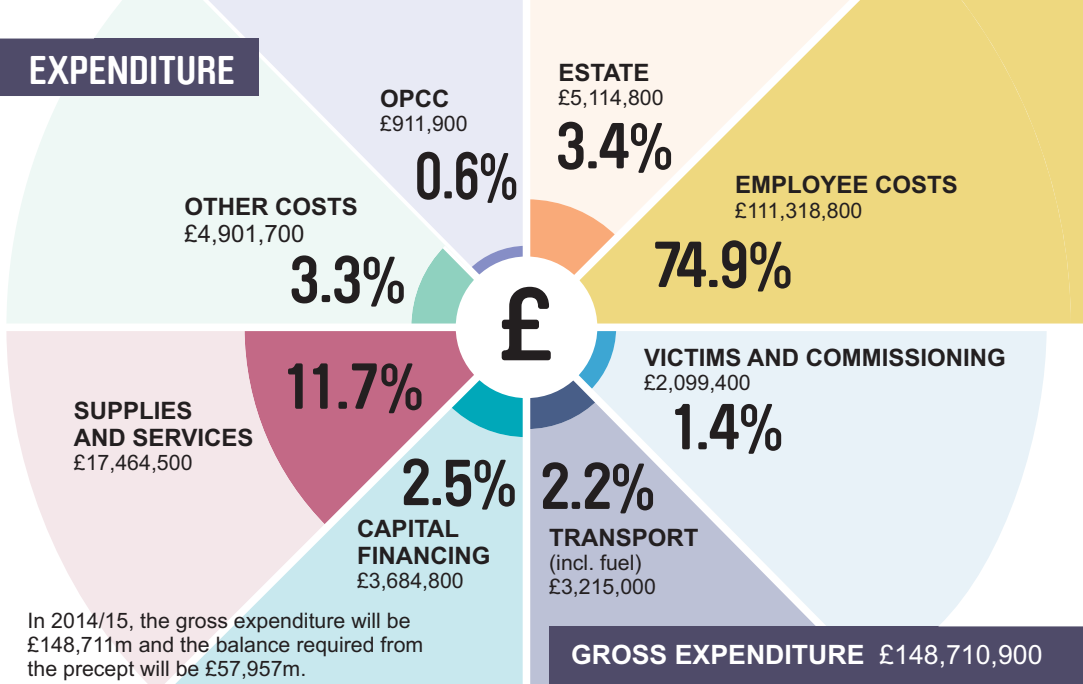
Of the people who responded, 68% said they agreed that it was important to maintain the number of police officers serving in North Yorkshire. Only 13% disagreed, while 19% neither agreed nor disagreed.

49% agreed that they would be willing to pay an average of an extra £4.07 a year in their council tax bill to maintain officer numbers. 45% disagreed, while 7% neither agreed nor disagreed.”

An average extra £4 a year will fund 24 more police officers



EXPENDITURE



In 2014/15, the gross expenditure will be £148,711m and the balance required from the precept will be £57,957m.

What this means for you

A **1.99%** increase in the police precept means households in North Yorkshire will pay this much extra per week, per year, and in total.

	2013/14 (£)	2014/15 (£)	Annual Increase (£)	Weekly Increase (p)
● Band A	136.37	139.08	2.71	5p
○ Band B	159.09	162.26	3.17	6p
● Band C	181.82	185.44	3.62	7p
○ Band D	204.55	208.62	4.07	8p
● Band E	250.01	254.98	4.97	10p
○ Band F	295.46	301.34	5.88	11p
● Band G	340.92	347.70	6.78	13p
○ Band H	409.10	417.24	8.14	16p

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