

**Do you have any particular views on the future of policing in North Yorkshire**

Because in my view the role of Police Commissioner is just not working and we are not getting value for money, this role should be scrapped immediately in order to save much needed monies for front line services. The 101 system is nothing more than a joke and residents certainly in my area are completely fed up with this system that is not fit for purpose.

The one thing I would point out is that with the appointment of Dave Jones I now feel that we have a winning team in him and our PCC it is the duty of us all to keep bills as low as possible, in the time of austerity

I am very concerned in the reduction in cover for my ward which has gone from 1 officer and 2 PCSOs to just 1 regular PCSO. This gives no presence in a rural ward of several villages which whilst not a high crime area suffers from cross border crime.

In ease road patrols and less use of Camera Vans Serious Accidents are on the increase proving the vans do not work  
Freeze the local police precept and avoid a costly referendum.

Keep Control Locally rather than regionalisation as The Small Towns Villages and Cities of North Yorkshire would lose out to the big conurbations of West and South Yorkshire

Too much time is spent pursuing motorists and not enough dealing with neighbourhood policing in the Scarborough area  
Continue proactive detection of travelling criminals until North Yorkshire is recognised as a no-go area for them. Resources should be applied to ensure it does not get out of control.

Yes - how many additional officers could we have if we didn't have to pay for the PCC & the PCC Staff?  
Need more police officers working in the night time economy. There is no presence in Harrogate town centre.

More effort please deterring and catching road speeders more spend in York please!

Police need to be trained to speak equally to all members of the public and not only those they like. Discrimination, bias and prejudice is something which should be non existent in all police forces. However, North Yorkshire police continue to be unsupportive or communicate with all members of the public just because the police don't like them.

Having worked for NYP in the past there is still so much time and money wasted in the organisation. The increase is not required as the force underspent by 500K this year, so quite clearly you do not need more money. This is a no-brainer! If you haven't spent what you were given this year, why are you even bothering with this survey. This is simply more wasted time and effort! The force underspent by 500K and people are being made redundant too! Better control of the finances is called for I think!

I am happy with the work the PC is doing.  
Retain as much local control as possible, especially of funding, in order to keep police independence as a priority.

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If referendum wasn't so expensive would say Increase should be in line with inflation (RPI) but not anxious to raise costs by undertaking referendum - isn't that the point of this exercise; you choose the questions!!! With respect, costs could be cut by doing away with needless red tape and expense of Police Commissioner and attendant 'hangers-on' - just another layer of costly bureaucracy without putting more police officers on the street in local communities. We need more 'Indians' and fewer 'chiefs'.

Hold a referendum at the same time as General Election, so why would there be any significant cost other than the printing of voting slips? We need money spent on Police Officers to be on beat not on bums on seats in offices.

There is still a requirement for officers to be seen around village areas. At the moment you might see an officer in a vehicle drive through once a week. Not good enough !!

Its a vast county so there is a danger that cuts will have an impact on response times and countryside crime issues.

No

Presence of officers in and around the location is always reassuring.

defer increasing the precept as the extra money clearly is not required at the moment

You spend money on revenue raising speed camera vans then ask if the local precept should be increased. take a reality check love and start living in the real world.

Need to maintain and increase Police Officer staffing levels to fight and deter. crime in NY.

Steady as she goes ! As far as I am concerned the police are doing a great job.

See more of the local officer. I like many others think they only come out when the weather is fine. I live in Cayton and I cannot remember when I last saw an officer and to try and contact one is another thing. To see an officer is a great boost for many of the elder people. Just to stop and speak is a help and reassuring.

Far too much money spent on cctv vans when there is ever increasing rural crime. An increase would not make any difference - would just give more funds to police officers sat in cars/vans

Get rid of the costly and useless PCC, revert to the original tried and tested system and add the savings to the budget for actual policing.

Police on the beat is a sure way of deterring anti-social behaviour - any fool can see that - but it still a rare sight especially in the small villages where we tend to see plenty of emergency call vehicles passing through at speed but very rarely a uniformed beat officer. If an increased precept helps promote beat officers, then ok.

It's as good as it has been for a long time - keep up the good work.

It is important to finance policing for technical and training to understand and deal with all aspects of crime and public order. The Public are largely unaware of the complexity of what police actually do.

More rural policing including prosecution of poachers and trespass. See about making trespass a criminal offence to stop caravan sites appearing overnight and the subsequent damage they cause to the area.

Increased and improved policing should be a priority for every community and no less in times of austerity, and especially local policing.

We are fortunate to live in a stunning rural community and to many an enviable way of life. This needs to be protected. The services of the police are paramount to upholding a safe community and being one of the safest counties in the country needs to be maintained. We accept costs increase and trust the commissioners office to reflect on spending money where appropriate.

Policing is of great importance to everyone and we should be prepared to pay more for it together with the NHS.

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<p>We need a more "visible police presence" in rural areas. It definitely makes residents feel safer, even if it doesn't actually lower the crime figures!</p>
<p>I think the charge the police make is already far too high and it should be reduced. It is almost the same as that charged by the council for all the services they provide.</p>
<p>I think the police should share their annual targets and specific areas of work more with the community so we can all help out more. Plus if the community are having problems then officers actually look into properly the legislation that covers the issue rather than making it up on the spot</p>
<p>Keep up the good work</p>
<p>The police are essential, we should pay for quality policing and rely less on Specials and PCSOs. If it costs more then we must pay it Respect</p>
<p>Money could be saved by sacking civilian employees who don't do their job properly. One competent well-trained member of staff works more effectively than three incompetent employees.</p>
<p>I don't see the value in increasing the precept when the police are being increasingly withdrawn from the rural area I live in.</p>
<p>I would prefer to see a greater Police presence on the ground. Particularly in relation to speeding in rural areas.</p>
<p>Replacing dozens of regional police forces with one national police force would save a huge amount of money, what are we waiting for ?</p>
<p>We cannot afford any more cuts in the front-line service to the public (in terms of efficacy, image, and above all facilitating the service).</p>
<p>Make better use of technology to bring efficiencies. Engage more with local and SME businesses for services and supplies.</p>
<p>A greater presence of Police on the streets</p>
<p>KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK</p>
<p>More finance should be available from local funds as services have been diminished. We are paying more in real terms for a lot less services, so the cash must be there. No mention of road policing by PCC !</p>
<p>North Yorkshire police have to learn to make savings like everyone else.</p>
<p>Stop cuts and closures of custody units. Increase Police presence. We have a low crime rate, it would be good to keep it!</p>
<p>We must invest in our Police Service, more Police on the street is needed to help deter crime and anti-social behaviour on the streets . A 1.99% increase will more than likely not be noticed by most.</p>
<p>would prefer to see police retire later . it would save pension fund money and rates money. it would keep expertise / experienced detectives longer.</p>
<p>Policing is to important to run down stay on top of the numbers required please.</p>
<p>I would like to keep the service at a good level, with no cut backs</p>
<p>I don't want to see policing numbers drop any more - we live in uncertain times with rising levels of extreme behaviour and religious militancy.</p>
<p>Need to keep the Safer Neighbourhood teams, and tackle the York City centre drinking problem.</p>
<p>I would prefer to give more providing issues such as drug and alcohol crime is dealt with. Put civilians on admin and desk functions and release more officers to front line policing where ever possible. Rural areas are becoming crime ghettos with an emerging drug culture going undetected and un-policed. Teenage school kids are freely buying Cannabis and smoking it in the streets. We need action NOW</p>
<p>The police force should merge wi the other three Yorkshire police forces and save on the on costs of command teams and police and crime commissioners. Hopefully a new government will scrap Police and crime. commissioners.</p>
<p>Need to restore public confidence in policing in general. Cops shouldn't be viewed as an enemy!</p>
<p>More foot patrols in York City centre to deal with road users to continue to ignore foot streets, double yellow lines, traffic signals, delivery restrictions, cycling without lights etc. etc.</p>

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<p>We are very grateful for the very good work the Police do.</p>
<p>My view is that policing in North Yorkshire is adequately resourced. Before receiving more funding, I would want to be sure that the service is operating more efficiently and planning incremental improvements in efficiency with a clear idea of how increased funding would pay back to our communities. At the moment I question efficiency and particularly prioritisation, communication and community engagement. More money does not solve these issues. Spend some of your £10m contingency fund. Why have such a large amount in reserve ?</p>
<p>Neighbourhood Teams need to work closer with NHW CO-ORDINATORS.</p>
<p>Having voted for a 1.99% increase I expect the Police to be more accountable and proactive.</p>
<p>It is important that our police services are properly funded.</p>
<p>It is important that the long term future of policing is considered especially with the significant reduction in funding over the next few years</p>
<p>The force needs to start taking child abuse seriously, come clean about the attempts to cover up the corruption/failure to act in the Jaconelli/Saville case and remove pension rights from all those involved.</p>
<p>Get more Volunteers to help</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>Yes. Scrap the Police Commissioner position throughout the country. It's a waste of money and of no value. Please re-write option 2 on Q1 so that it makes sense.</p>
<p>It's time the police faced the commercial realities that the rest of business has faced over the last few years. In my review they should be reducing the number of police forces in the UK. Remove major layers of senior police management who add cost without value, whilst maintaining the number of police officers on the beat. In addition I would remove police crime commissioners who are again adding additional cost without value. May be then the police could balance the books.</p>
<p>remove the role of Police and Crime Commissioner it is an unnecessary role and costs too much Reduce upper management and form filling</p>
<p>Ministry of Defense was Ministry of War now it should become Ministry of Peace and double up with the police</p>
<p>The PCSOs are excellent. They are a real public face of policing.</p>
<p>I have a low opinion of policing in general. I see that focus continues to shift from protecting and serving the police to raising income for the government - police should be upholding our common law rights and not enforcing statutes and acts. The price of the police service in North Yorkshire has already increased under Julia Mulligan's tenure and it should not rise again. When I have had cause to report harm loss or injury to the police they have not acted and therefore I do not wish to use their services and do not respect them.</p>
<p>I believe that the police do a reasonable job within the area they operate currently. I think there is evidence of waste at the moment as there is with many large organisations and that this should be tackled in order to justify further increases in charges. I regularly pass the Scarborough Police Station and I count the police cars/vans parked up and the current average is 10. That is too many and this represents quite a cost. I also believe that there should be more police mergers so that the percentage of senior officers reflects large businesses.</p>
<p>more area or village police officers, with the ability to gain information as to where, when and what happens in their areas.</p>
<p>Policing in North Yorkshire is adequate, we do not need more. Keep looking for ways to do things better at a lower cost. As the public for suggestions.</p>
<p>In the past too much money was wasted on presents for the chief of police I trust that has now ceased and too much money was spent on unnecessary up grading of Police cars and I hope that has also ceased.</p>

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North Yorkshire is the largest County in England and there fore more porous to outside criminals and terrorists. There should be allowance in the budget to resist a "take over" or incorporation of North Yorkshire Police into a larger adjoining force. Any such exercise would make North Yorkshire more vulnerable to criminals and terrorists from adjoining Counties.

The North Yorkshire Police Force is one of the worst performing in the country, despite the fiddled statistics to the contrary that no one actually believes. Crimes are not recorded or crime scenes attended, criminals are cautioned or given on the spot fines instead of arrest and prosecution. I look forwards to the force being amalgamated with the other Yorkshire forces, perhaps we might then get a proper police service.

It appears on the media that far to many police vehicles are at the scene of an incident than one would expect. Is there a case for some rationalisation in this area ?

Freeze the precept AND make additional savings by NOT having most of our police officers out until 3am every weekend night dealing with binge drinking idiots who clog-up our 'normal' crimefighting AND our Casualty Departments. Actually charge everyone who is drunk and disorderly with Being Drunk and Disorderly, prosecute them AND also prosecute the pubs, clubs and breweries who sell the customers alcohol when they are already drunk, to make vast profits from their irresponsible behaviour (and our fast-disappearing tolerance).

There should be more visible police presence in high streets, bobby on the beat. The 101 system is not very effective, look to improve the response times on the phone and make the responses more positive. We ring the number to report non-urgent issues for the police to deal with, the police seem to think 101 is just a logging system.

Keep the local police on bikes in our area

Cooperation with other forces on cross-border crime important.

Ensure that the police at all levels work more closely with Neighbourhood Watch.

Yes, reduce far too generous police pensions and get them in line with the private sector as this will vastly help budget provisions.

Invest in good policing

This survey should have had a budget summary attached to allow visibility of how it is spent. I support policing but want more information in future. It is also disingenuous to promote 1.99% only, why not options at 1% as well?

remove the pointless post of police & crime commissioner and save more money!

Try to keep the front line intact.

Dispense with police commissioners

No, I can't remember the last time I saw a policeman around where I live

Reduce overheads and live within your budgets, the current level of policing is adequate and further pay rises should be linked to productivity and not a burdon on the precept.

No

THE POPULATION OF NORTH YORKSHIRE HAS INCREASED ALONG WITH THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS PAYING COUNCIL TAX SO WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING ???? IF NOT ON PUBLIC SERVICES???? THINK ABOUT IT AND RESIGN

stop taking the easy route of raising money by speed camera vans which have increased in numbers by 300% and placing them in places where there have never have been accidents thus stopping your personal vendetta against the motorists!!!

No but this is NOT a good time of year to be asking this question. Will we be told how many respond? As many as voted for a PCC? Fears of expensive window-dressing.

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<p>The current level of front line police officers should not be reduced. Have we got too many high ranking officers ? This is a major problem within the health service and I see this happening in the police force.</p>
<p>Only that the policy should be determined at local (i.e. North Yorkshire) level as the people at that level are better placed than anyone else to deliver the service that we all deserve.</p>
<p>I am in favour of a high quality locally delivered police service by identifiable individuals who care about the long-term prospects for North Yorkshire please make sure that we in the very rural extremities have sufficient coverage of policing. We seem to be the target of a certain criminal element with regard to expensive machinery which presumably they are stealing to order.</p>
<p>Merge all 4 yorkshire police forces to achieve economies of scale and get rid of 3 Pcc's.</p>
<p>Doing an ok job</p>
<p>Why do police have to ride round in such expensive foreign cars, such a waste of money.</p>
<p>More visible police present in York city centre - to reduce risk of accidents caused e.g. by cyclists, who sometimes behave there as if there were no rules and no monitoring. The police presence at York Station is far greater, and the difference is hard to understand.</p>
<p>Command and Control of North Yorkshire Police Force should remain within the County and not be "merged" with other forces. We are a rural County and could potentially lose out to city centric priorities should the control room be moved to another force. We also need to see an increase of local policing with more "feet on the street"</p>
<p>If the increase is accepted would it be possible to have our own off road unit like west Yorkshire to tackle the rise in motorcycles being ridden on public/farmland</p>
<p>You have spent hundreds of thousands of pounds on an ill fated plan to move the HQ to South Kivington. This failed miserably. You should now sit tight and stay at the HQ you already have. You should also give officers and staff less to worry about re job security and credit them for the such hard word they already do, with stretched resources rather than spending yet more money on another idea of moving. I have voted for option 2 but want to see the extra. spent on officers and staff and NOT another £600000 wasted exercise on a building.</p>
<p>It is absolutely vital that the SNT Teams are maintained. Already the SNT team in our area has already been diluted, we are sharing the full time PC with another ward in the area. Police visibility has already dropped in the area and people are noticing that and crime albeit low is on the increase. Having seen over the last few years that the SNT teams have worked they are now being eroded.</p>
<p>need police to know local community better . ive lived in same village for 36years and they don't know me or have half a idea where I live</p>
<p>The Neighbourhood Watch is a great help and it is good to see members of the force walking round this area. I am concerned about the amount of damage/antisocial behaviour by youths.</p>
<p>Give more powers to PCSOs. Clampdown more on drivers using mobile phone. Make greater use of crime proceeds provisions to generate more funds for NYP.</p>
<p>I think that the Police need help from the general public - especially Neighbourhood Watches - which should also be funded to enable them to operate effectively</p>
<p>Yes please let's see visible police Let's spend less on posh police cars Let's see less spent on leaflets etc few read them Let's have less tolerance of anti social behaviour generally Less words and more actual action unlike our current polices parties who promise but never actually deliver</p>

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More Police time should be spent fighting Rural crime, The theft of Farm machinery and livestock is costing our industry Millions a year, We are always told to claim on our insurance, But there comes a point when it costs more to insure it than it is worth Paddock are only to keep honest people out, North Yorkshire Farmer.

More Police presence in Easingwold. We seem to be the bottom of the pile as far as the Market Towns go. We do not know who our local Officers are and rarely see them!

Could you save even more by keeping the vehicles a year longer??

I think it is particularly important that policing is maintained at its current level of efficiency in order that all citizens can feel safe and protected should they need to be.

Presumably option four is to freeze the precept for one year to benefit from the £640k government grant then increase by 1.99% next and subsequent years if deemed necessary at the time ? Your questionnaire implies this is not an option

Overall pretty good, see policemen patrolling streets and roads, which is he most important thing.

Less 'red tape' and Pc and more P, Cs with boots

Need to reflect the needs of local communities. Share specialist resources eg fire arms. Keep community police

I, like the majority of people, fail to understand why we can not have more police funded by the revenue from fines, etc. Traffic police should be self funding, realistically profit making, from the level of revenue that could be obtained from traffic offences. Our roads are virtually lawless, which is preventing a considerable amount of law abiding people from driving on our roads. We want many more police, not less.

One way to save money would be to do away with PCC and the over-inflated OPCC. The OPCC has many more staff than the police authority used to have and wastes far too much money on promoting the cult of Julia. Crime in Scarborough is rising - the PCC has done nothing to tackle the real issues.

More contact between local Officers and the populace As used to happen in the past. i.e. Release them from their cars a little more often.

I do think that Officer numbers should not be reduced further. I feel that the police service is well worth paying for and North Yorkshire would not be the great and safe place to live that it is if the Police service was cut further.

dont really see any police but when needed have been very reassuring

Should move to Regional then National police service. As Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Get more police out of cars and on the beat

Whatever happens, my village will be unaffected by any of the proposals, even though, prorata we must be one of the most highly rated in North Yorkshire. Why not increase the precept in areas which use most resources?

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no  
In these times. we need to spend whatever is necessary to keep our streets safe, a few pence on our Council Tax bill is a small price to pay for extra security.

I accept the logic of going for the 1.99% increase.

Keep as many police 'on the beat' as possible. Avoid unnecessary paper-work as much as possible.

with the decrease in the price of fuel and a £500,000 under spend this should add extra funds enabling the lock up at Skipton to be reopened and staffed. Instead of the time wasted transporting to Harrogate, allowing the very few police we now have to stay in the Craven area, especially at night

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Speed cameras to be used in hazardous locations rather than locations that will bring in highest revenue.

I would gladly pay more if it means less speed camera revenue fathering on roads that are clearly not accident black spots but roads that lean themselves to going a little quicker than the speed limit currently allows ie Eadingwold bypass & A19 Thirsk , which I don't believe have seen many traffic accidents & are not in built up areas.

If the police spent more time dealing with crime and less time lurking behind hedges with cameras catching motorists travelling a few mph over the speed limit perhaps we would have a little more confidence in an N Y police. I do realise that speed awareness courses are a significant source of income but I also know from the governments own figures that speeding is an minor cause of accidents. having been a victim of crime and having witnessed the total incompetence of NY police I have no confidence in the service at all.

Overall doing a good job.

we would like policemen and policewomen to be more visible on the street and more accessible to the public.

no

In times of austerity and supposed cuts how can you be £500k underspent? Under spends are equally a sign of mismanagement as overspend!! It must be kept at least as effective as currently, and not cut back in any way. NY no doubt has significant expense due to rural policing but those communities are vulnerable and need protection just as much as urban communities  
give police less red tape and more time for policing.

We should pay more, as long as we see commensurate improvements in efficiency and resourcing.

Why not reduce the number of cars owned by the NY Police. Every time I pass a Police station the car park is always full of Police Cars-even stations that are closed!

Less police sitting behind desks ticking boxes would be a good thing. The money saved could benefit those police who walk about their area talking to their residents. That way the police would find out information about criminals. It might also improve the relationship between the public and the police. When I was a young, everyone respected them, which sadly, is not the case now!!

Less police sitting behind desks, ticking boxes would be a good start. The money saved could go towards extra police on the beat. I don't mean in the little box of a police car, I mean walking about and talking to the public. That way, they would improve their image, and receive information about criminals. When I was young, we had respect for the police, which sadly, does not apply now, due to their isolation from the common man.  
would like to see more rural special constables

NYP need to keep their frontline Officers - they are disappearing. We have ONE PC and ONE PCSO in our area - NOT good enough! I expected more of the PCC role in that it would actually stand UP for our Officers, not tow the Party line as dictated by London. Start FIGHTING to keep our Officers, restore their diminished self-esteem and do the job I thought you would be doing!

investment in training of motorcycle riders through professional bodies  
More resources for neighbourhood policing

No

Don't be wasting good money on a referendum but increase money for Policing as essential

I am the Chairman of [redacted] Parish Council. Parishioners often comment that we are paying for a service that we do not receive with North Yorkshire Police. There is little or no Police presence in our village which leaves us with both crime and traffic problems. [redacted]  
wonder why they have such big cars?

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Ringmaster, a valuable resource, is inadequately used in South Hambleton. As a result NYPs Partners are less efficient than they could be and as a result potential arrests may be fewer.

I will only comment on the Selby police area. I believe the force to be undermanned for the area they cover. The force has a good % of crimes solved particularly for their proximity to the West Riding. They are enthusiastic and are stalwarts in the communities they serve. I may not get to know how any increase is spent but the psychology of the force is important. The police have a demanding job and I wish them well.

We live in Wigginton, York, and have only ever seen either a PC or PCSO once in 2 years. I do not even know who the local 'Bobby' is?

Difficult, we have not seen a PC/MPC or PSCO for near two years?

Stop giving cautions for offences that are far too serious and should be given cautions you gave too many and often broke the law yourselves i have no confidence whatsoever in you!

I believe we should have a stronger police presence within society, cutting funding for such an important service is very short sited and could lead to increases in all sorts of crime

More police officers on the beat making us feel safe. When did this PCC actually arrest anyone, put her back in her uniform and get her out there doing something useful, & sack all her pointless flunkies or get them back on the beat.

A strong and properly resourced police force is important for north yorkshire.

next year by 46% and spent three quarters of a million pounds on up market cars for "senior" officers only, followed by one who spent £28,000 on "her" personal shower. They don't need more money - they need "control" and some guidance over what is other peoples' hard earned, and taxed, money.

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More Police walking and chatting to all and sundry, and it should not take £700,000 for a survey, this is a figure plucked from I don't know where, I'm sure a private company could do it for half the price, where do you get these figures from .

I accept entirely that speeding cars an cause accidents. the present use of speed cameras, however, is (at any rate in Snainton) simply designed to catch people going to work, in a area where there have been only minor accidents. it will give lots of revenue, but the fatal accidents have both been in the 60 speed limit. All you will do is to alienate citizens who start of as being pro police, and end up seeing the police as the enemy. I am sick of hearing decent, hard-working, law-abiding citizens seeing the police as trouble makers. You will end up with no cooperation from the public, if you continue like this. I shall oppose any increase in budget until you start to see the police as part of the public. (I have never had a speeding or other conviction, by the way.)

It is very important to have a police force that is effective and recognised as being so. I am not in favour of cut backs. I live in a rural area and want to feel protected. There is too much rural crime.

Adopt zero tolerance policy across all areas of crime and push for tougher sentencing in the courts.

I think that police communication with the public to use them for observation and unusual behaviour helps with diffuse rural crime . This should be made as easy as possible.

To continue to tackle crime head on and protect innocent people to the best of their ability. To have a presence in public areas as people feel safer and more secure. To observe race relations at all times.

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Invest in more mobile technology (including personal video recorders) to maximise time on patrol and minimise form filling at the station.
Cut down on Management slim down the bureaucracy too many Chiefs not enough Indians. There is far too much hierarchy hindering decision making, stifling innovation.
Improve response times. Throw out targets. Monitor complaints, if necessary with local monitoring groups.
Get rid of the PCC. Waste of money. Why do we have to vote one in? the old system seem to work just fine. Save some money that way, and get more police out on the beat, like they used to be!
Keep the police numbers up in all areas not just at target areas, criminals travel everywhere and the Police need to be on the ground to fight the crime at the time not three days later.
I would be interested to know how the police force is being effectively managed. I strongly feel too much money is wasted on super fast cars being driven around the Harrogate area by incompetent police drivers that go too fast on country roads with no care for other drivers. These are the unmarked police cars that suddenly put on their flashing lights and sirens when there is hardly any traffic! I also believe that there should be more community police presence especially in the city centres and outskirts of cities.
There is a need for greater police present in rural areas to counter a perceived increase in drink driving, speeding in restricted areas, farming activities making road surfaces dangerous with deposited field mud, petty crime and inconsiderate parking.
I think it's disgraceful that we have a £500K underspend when it is taking over a year to examine a computer in child abuse cases.
No
More Policing does not necessarily mean more Police Officers and this concerns us. If the extra funding is going to frontline Police services and Community Policing then we are in full support, however if it is spent on bureaucracy and administration then we are not in support of that. Emphasis needs to be placed upon low level crime as it is that that undermines communities.
Reduce bureaucracy and spend more money on beat bobbies - too many chiefs and not enough Indians.
I would like to see more Police on patrol on our streets enforcing the more community based rules such as parking issues, vandalism, bad driving by young male drivers etc. Their presence makes people feel safer and others less likely to take advantage of the lack of police. I live in Leyburn and there seems to be no real enforcement of parking rules. Double yellow lines and pavements are all parked on with nothing to deter people. For the elderly and parents with pushchairs it is becoming very difficult and frustrating - especially when you report it but nothing can be done. I was told there was only one PCSO on duty in Leyburn, alone, on Christmas Eve. The town was very busy and nearly every pavement had cars parked on them. Also I get very cross when stoney faced officers (when you actually find one) don't smile at my children. I want my kids to feel they can approach an officer for help - not be scared of them. They won't get children's respect if no child want s to speak to them.
no - apart from using some of the reserves to balance the budget
we need more frontline officers, not office bound officers. the Public want to see officers out on the beat preventing crime rather than detecting crime which is much harder.
Don't waste the money on costly relocation of the headquarters
no
Poor choice of options - nothing about reducing the precept.
Don't waste money on a referendum !

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Police visibility is important to everyone and especially the more vulnerable people in our community. I hope the allocation of resources from whatever the budget(s) turn out to be will reflect this

I can't choose as I feel all the services need more and where would it end. I feel that policing has lost its way. They spend most of their time dealing with binge drinkers, drug addicts and anti social behaviour which decent law abiding people don't do. So what do we get for our money.

with inflation at just over 1% & for the past few years the promise of more local policing that has not happened

No suggestions

a) Increase the minimum age for retirement so as to get the benefit of experience and save recruit/training costs. b) Salaried staff should be on salaries and not get overtime payments or time off in lieu etc.

Want service we used to receive. 2 PCSOs can not cover 24 villages. We are getting second class service since you got your hands on the reins.

Rural crime needs to be taken seriously and more police visibility in rural areas.

Police are not interested in using their powers to catch criminals. My husband has had machinery stolen but all we were given was an incident number to claim on insurance. We even told them who the thieves were, but they were too afraid to go and interview the 'suspects' as they were notorious for using violence.

Now police headquarters in Harrogate moved out of town centre see fewer police foot patrols. New police headquarters are not used to full potential. North Yorkshire has highest incidence of wildlife crime and fewest police officers allocated to it, need to improve in this area. Maybe some of the £10 million contingency fund could be used to reduce rate payers bills.

I am concerned that the Police Officers I regularly see around Scarborough do not look smart enough and at times they look downright scruffy especially the Police Support Officers. It does not give a good impression to the general public.

Keep up the good work

The police had an enormous increase in their precept a few years ago. They must make economies the same as the rest of the population.

Lets see you in action not just ring around in cars visible.

There will need to be a much clearer explanation of the rationale for ANY precept increase whilst the service has general, unallocated reserves of £10M. Because of this I am unable and unwilling to support any of the 3 options put forwards. This kind of "instant" consultation has little merit

I would like to see more enforcement of what might be considered minor driving infringements. e.g parking on footpaths (which is rising to epidemic proportions in NY and causes great inconvenience to pedestrians), unloading vans on zig-zag lines adjacent to pedestrian crossings. And we still often see vehicles with the driver whilst on a mobile phone.

reserves of £10 million pounds make it unnecessary to justify any increase to ratepayers.

Only that an underspend to me means that unnecessary cuts have already been made. Service to the population of North Yorkshire is what the money was allocated for. Here in Sutton in Craven and out and about in the Skipton area the police are not in evidence and the majority of people i speak to feel that they are to finely stretched.

Where we live we never seem to even see a police officer except traffic officers. I have no idea who is our community police officer and I am against Knaresborough having no police station availability at night.

cut down further on tiers of management. You need a leader then everyone else. If they all have a role to play then just get on with it. If they fail they are accountable to the leader

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Keep up the good work, avoid political meddling
The position of Police & Crime Commissioner is an unnecessary political post and by removing it we could make extra savings.
I do not understand why freezing the precept this year may result in a reduction of police officer numbers in future years. I would not wish to see this therefore am happy to see a 1.99% increase but with a £500,000 underspend this year and £10,000,000 in reserves I expect to see a significant increase in officer numbers as a result.
Yes. The only local police person I have ever seen around the streets where I live served me with a parking fine. This sole contact does not inspire confidence for the future actions of local police persons increasing my feeling of security or meeting my most pressing policing needs. So I am in favour of a freeze in precept.
None at this time.
Have no particular concerns. Crime in our Parish has increased but still low.
If money is spent on policing, then it is justified only if there is an impact on crime and there is appropriate action by the judicial system in bringing the criminals to justice.
Why would you want to miss out on a grant of £640,000. Nor do I understand why if option 2 is chosen this would have to continue in "subsequent years" surely the precept can be decided year by year. When you get to looking at the budget for 2016/17 you will be in a better position to know if you want to raise it by 1.99%
My priority would be to save money by abolishing the role of the police commissioner, together with the associated office positions.
More. Front line officers for rural parts of North Yorkshire would be a good move and would reassure the public
I do support the old ways of policing where we see police "on the streets", but I do understand that in today's society the "old ways" aren't always appropriate or possible. Does anyone in the service have an answer that could meet this view half-way maybe.
Not many options. I think the options other than the former, which I feel is a 'non-starter' appear to be government lead so what is the extra money to be used for. Salaries? Bigger and Extravagant Offices? More feet on the ground would be better.
Why do you have unallocated funds of almost £10 million? I have spent 5 hours in York today walking around the streets and walls etc..Not One Policeman did I see. surely your budgets cuts etc can be spent on extra staff and I mean Police Officers not Community Support. Lawlessness is rife with cyclist willing to knock over pedestrians who are on the pavement...cars that exceed speed limits and abusive louts drinking alcohol in public places at 10am.....How can You justify your salary?
There is almost no policing of speeding around smaller town centres. e.g. Harrogate. An increase in precept % could be allocated to have proactive road policing to make the roads safer, more youngsters riding bikes to school and perhaps fewer obese individuals over time. For example - a high number of drivers exceed speed limits on Harrogate outer town feeder roads.
Have more constables on the beat and trim senior management positions and let sergeants have more involvement in local policy making to suit their area of responsibility.
Generally good but please contribute what you can to working with young people and encouraging the crimebeat competition and crimestoppers.
Save money by scrapping the Police & Crime Commissioner
North Yorkshire Police still have a long way to go to become more efficient. Evidence is needed to identify what steps they have taken to cut costs

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HOW YOU CAN EVEN SUGGEST ANY INCREASE IN NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE FUNDING WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN EARN WHAT YOU ALREADY TAKE FROM US IS A DISGRACE. WHEN I AND MANY OTHERS SEE WHAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC GET UP TO AND YOU AND YOUR ALMOST INVISIBLE BAND OF BROTHERS DO NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. JULIA I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED IN WHAT YOU AND YOUR TEAM OF LITTLE HELPERS HAVE NOT ACHIEVED WHAT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD DO AND AT GREAT EXPENSE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Would like to see more Police marked cars just randomly about the countryside on a night time

I am an ardent supporter of NY

Police. But I do think people are at present suffering from too much council spending in general and thus too much Council tax being charged. I am full of admiration for the figures quoted for the NY Police position which shows extremely good management. But obviously the precept will have to be raised in the future - but not just now.

More targeted allocation of resources, I know PCC collects tonnes of data, get statisticians analysing it and start trialling increasing prevention initiatives. Particularly with regards the night time economy in York and the associated problems.

I honestly believe that policing has become far too political. Like the timing of the release of this survey three days before Christmas. Apart from that I believe the police have lost the plot. We never see any police on their feet they are always driving round in twos and seem to ignore blatant breaches of the law.

Building relationships with the public is vital if there is any desire to be accountable in partnership with the taxpayer. The press received on a regular basis undermines the force evidencing the lack of quality manpower with few if any social skills.

The police need to have a harder approach to ASB & to domestic violence

With reserves of around £10 million maybe some of this should be used to maintain or improve the service

I would like to know what the increase would mean to policing and what would suffer if there were a freeze. I am however broadly in favour of an increase.

None

Keeping police on the beats and on the streets. Please try and do more to keep facilities local to communities, and to remove as much bureaucracy and filling in paperwork as possible. And a stronger tackling of rural crime, and dealing seriously with dangerous drivers and those using mobile phones while driving.

No

The old fashioned bobby on the beat could be updated to make the police more visible and respected in their local area - think of PCO here in Leyburn who has done so much for the community. There is so much rapid communication equipment available to reduce the risk of isolation of single officers if only the recording of everything did not take up so much time. A point I would like to raise is if there is such an underspend in the budget this year how has this been allowed to occur? To ask your constituents to pay more when there is still something in the kitty is not perhaps the best way to get them 'on side.' and there does not seem to be any assurance that the rate of the precept will remain the same in future.

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Police visibility on the beat is non existent. It is without doubt the very best of deterrent and should be better exploited. May I suggest we use some reserve monies to create an apprentice culture; upgrading our Community Officers to Apprentice Police Officers gradually endorsing them with proper Police powers culminating with powers of arrest upon becoming a fully fledged Police Person. In this way I tender; we have the best of both worlds. We should now be in a position to enforce Zero Tolerance to drink driving. Should we as a force take the initiative showing example by the introduction of: **NO DRINK AND DRIVE**. Please issue Tasers and personal cameras to all our officers for evidential and personal safety backup. Remember; even the Military Guards at the palaces now have armed police support.

Zero tolerance for alcohol related problems/vandalism would help reduce costs possibly? Improve neighbourhood watch?

I run a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and feel that Neighbourhood Policing should be protected at all costs. I also feel that the PCSO allocated to your area should work in that area and not be moved all the time to other areas which happens all the time where I live.

Recruit more PCSOs for local community policing.

I think the opportunities for people to have their say is brilliant. When I can I attend the local Safer Neighbourhood meetings on Knareborough. The police seem only to be limited by money and the number of policemen and policewomen.

No

Abolish PCC and make even more savings

I feel safe living in the York area and would want to maintain a police service that can continue to provide for this safe environment.

More police presence in rural areas

more visible presence on the streets rather than sat in cars, though cars may be near by to access rapidly.

I would like to know whether the question of pensions has been resolved satisfactorily (as far as a tax payer is concerned)

The community would benefit from a local bobby whose presence is more high profile to reduce opportunity for wrongdoing.

Strong and effective policing is a key to future welfare and safety of residents visitors and business. This is well worth a small increase in the precept.

I think that the costs of a Police Commissioner are unnecessary and a further burden on the cost of policing - the money could be better spent on the police as opposed to process and procedure.

I'd like to keep a good local presence in the smaller towns and villages.

once tried to talk to a community support officer about a problem neighbour to mediate guess what no response and you wonder why the public have no confidence in your officers etc.

I think for the most part they do a great job, but it would be good to see more officers, including traffic, on show rather than sat in the offices pushing paper. I'm sure that they would prefer that too.

Keep up the good work!

There is a popular perception that we pay more and get less, re-inforced by the information leading to this survey, which says almost nothing about what we get for our money, we have to go and search for that information.

Try to avoid creating special teams to investigate say burglary because within weeks they are inundated with work and can never cope properly so the Force will be back to 'square one'

I think North Yorkshire area is better policed than the area of south Yorkshire, it would be good if South Yorkshire could be better policed to be able to give more time to rural crime and anti social behaviour by way of fly grazing, Working with them could reduce the costs in North Yorkshire by removing the base of these activities.

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Tighten pub and club licencing hours to reduce alcohol related antisocial behaviour, returning to a generalised 11pm closing time for all public houses except a small number of city centre clubs.
Why do we need a referendum on the issue? Won't the present and future governments change the goal posts anyway.
It should operate within the same financial constraints as other public sector departments eg NYCC, which has seen very substantial cuts in funding....
Putting speed cameras in places where there have been no reported accident is a cash cow and should be stopped
Freezing the precept is a cheap trick meaning the Police Force would have to put up the precept by a greater amount in future years in order to keep pace with inflation. Why do people keep falling for this crap?
Merger with West and/ or South Yorkshire police forces to increase sharing of costly facilities and cut down admin costs, including duplication of chief constables and commissioners, would be cost effective
Develop larger regional police forces to deal with major crime and move the local police service to the County Council.
We need to strengthen our Police Force to protect the public from the dangers we face every day, while using new and more efficient ways of using police resources. The Police have a difficult job to do and we should support them in every way.
In my view your policy of recruiting superintendents from outside the police force is flawed. They may have impressive academic qualifications but no knowledge of local policing.
The police need to manage their budgets better and do more with less like everyone else in the public sector is having to do and stop wasting money I.e The Northern Base. Why are there still so many police officers behind desks? What happened to the policy that if you don't need a warrant card to do a job it doesn't need to be done by a police officer? Civilian staff are cheaper and they are more than capable of carrying out these duties. Getting officers back on the street with their teams would save money (some of those in desk jobs are inspectors and above). Also why do you employ so many ex police officers who have already retired from the police with more than generous pensions?
In twelve years of residence in a relatively remote hamlet on the moors, I once saw a policecar in the area. (Forgive the cynicism. I would just like to see an occasional presence.)
1. Policing needs to be more visible, especially in the rural communities that make up North Yorkshire. 2. What is happening re the fiasco about the proposed new HQ Building?
As a member of Police Staff I have not had an increase in salary for a number of years and I therefore dont beleive it is fair to keep asking for more money year on year from residents until wages also start to increase.
Police officers are being prioritised over members of police staff. Without appropriate civilian support, officers cannot do their job and the organisation cannot function properly. Despite this, cutbacks appear to be generally aimed at civilian staff. If support line jobs are cut, then the front line suffers. This appears to always be overlooked.

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There is no option for a reduction in the precept. The PCC and NYP have wasted a considerable amount of money on the following. 1. Wasted £750,000 on consultation and planning a new HQ when it will never be built. 2. Employing Chief Inspectors in "non roles" and having acting Insps carrying out the roles which they should be doing. 3. Having an inordinate number of people on "project work", the PCC should ask the CC how many people are carrying out project work or non operational roles. 4. Wasting money on overtime when better planning of Officers time and resources would negate the need for a lot of the overtime. 5. Wasting money on the hire of vehicles for courses at venues where the Officers could complete their training at their home station. 6. Wasting money on Police Officers who are on restricted duties carrying out no useful tasks and when historically they have had more sickness and time off work that in private sector would have seen them dismissed. As a member of NYP I consider it a disgrace that there would be an increase when the above are unresolved and wasting money and as an NYP resident paying the precept I would resent paying more when I know the above. We dont need more money we need to spend what we have in a better way.

Too many speed cameras not enough visible Police Officers on the streets.

More proactive policing

Reduce civilian staff at HQ avoiding impact on front line officers and public opinion.

Why 1.99%? What figures do you have to justify any increase in precept? What services will not be provided if there is insufficient funding? If NYP is so much in credit, why have staff had their pay cut and been served redundancy notices and told that NYP has no cash and overspent? Why are NYP wasting thousands of pounds on a well being survey that only had a 28% takeup?

Continued availability of local police stations is important to afford the public more opportunity to interact in person. Officers should have an excellent knowledge of the communities they serve in order to address and, where possible, prevent anti-social behaviour and other offences.

There is a lack of police officers on the beat due to reduction in police numbers caused by government cuts. therefore crime will eventually increase. Stop unnecessary increases to parish council percentages and put the money into the emergency services which have been attacked so much they now fail to function properly, all by MP's who are never held accountable to the people who elected them.

As the Police have underspent by such a large amount why do they need an increase, the reserves are also in a healthy state. The policing in rural areas, which is where we live is non-existent, if we see the Police here we think they are lost. If we ever need to ring the Police the response is usually that they are too busy in Malton or Pickering to bother with our concerns, so why should we feel that we want to pay more for a non-existent service.

1. If you take the grant in the 2015/16 financial year, does this mean you cannot apply again in future years? 2. Is the 1.99% precept increase to be "year on year", if so how is the £1.2 million figure arrived at for subsequent years? 3. Why, if NYP has a reserve of £10 million and a half million "underspend" is it reducing staff number together with reduced terms and conditions (whilst protecting underperforming Police Officers) 4. What services will be affected by budget cuts? 5. Why is NYP aligning itself more and more closely with a force such as Cleveland, when NYP has historically been one of the best performing services and Cleveland beset with scandal and underperformance?

A police commissioner being a waste of money. Another American idea that we do not need!

No

Police to get out of their cars and walk the streets especially Scarborough Town Centre and bring it back as a place for the public to walk in safety instead of it being a place where cyclists can do as they please and get away with it if someone is knocked down by a cyclist will they be charged with obstructions. And it's time the police were taking action against drivers with defective car lights, I know this will mean Officers getting out their cars and putting their feet into operation but tough on them that's what they should be doing

Better training for the liars, thugs, and corrupt officers that many of North Yorkshires police clearly are

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No
The difference in funding could be attained through closure of the PCC post and offices and reinstatement of a Police Committee which was both cheaper and more effective.
Frontline policing should never suffer, I've noticed fewer police officers out on the streets over recent years and hope this isn't an indication that they're being stretched too thin, no amount of investment is worth it without the officers to utilise the result
Protect front line services and consider joint working with other emergency services to save costs of running buildings etc
With all other public services being cut so drastically, the police must take their share of these economies too. This is a very low crime area so there is no justification for raising the precept when essential social and care services that people need every day are being cut back. There have been fewer cuts to the police budget in the past 5 years compared to the councils and social care so there is scope to achieve a standstill budget the same as the District and County councils have achieved. My pay hasn't gone up at all in 5 years so taxes need to be kept back too as I am getting less after tax every year but my bills keep going up not down.
The current and no doubt future Governments are trying to kill local government services which offers services to the local communities. The Government should be looking at themselves in the first instance where there are high levels of overpaid Civil Servants intent on looking after themselves and their current premises why do they have to be in LONDON . Local Government, police, fire etc are having to look at sharing/selling/resiting & building more efficient estates in order to save money. The future for smaller police forces is very bleak and there is no doubt that the aim is to merge them with the larger Metropolitan forces which will suck funds, employment prospects and staff resources from the local communities and North Yorkshire crime levels will rapidly increase and satisfaction by the local residents will plummet.
As a serving police officer manpower levels need to be addressed as a matter of urgency. We are down to bare bones today in our area and yet we have to send two officers to cover York. Why?
I would like to see more police in villages, showing young people that the job is a great one to be in, but alao that they, the youth, young person are accountable to a higher authority beyond a parent. In our village in our close we may see a police car once a tear & whilst I can see this is a positive i.e. The crime is exceedingly low, I do feel a presence should be maintained. The extra funds I am willing to pay could in part help raise funds for this.
Thank you
Spend less on traffic matters and more on foot patrols.
More action on so called blue badge parking , which is causing very dangerous driving situations in Scarborough even for public transport ie buses
More policing of poor / bad motoring is required, in particular of speeding offences
I am quite happy to pay more to allow the police the resources to fulfill their duties. I believe that a few more pounds a year in charges is a good investment if it makes our streets and roads safer for law abiding citizens.
Lets hope that we do not have any repeat of the waste of taxpayers money on such things as the £27,000 office shower an a fleet of hardly used Range Rovers as " Command Platforms". Use funds wisely and as carefully as you would use your own.
We still need to see the police on the street and not in cars and offices. One cannot assess their efficiency without this kind of personal contact and involvement. We need to see a better return for the investment.
More police presence in rural parts like settle/ingleton/Hawes.
It is almost inevitable that it will be decided that money can be saved by combining with at least one other Police Service. This should be strongly resisted to avoid NY becoming the junior partner subsidising the more crime prone areas.

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<p>The sooner we get rid of Police &amp; Crime commissioners the better</p>
<p>Get rid of the expense of the whole PCC system.</p>
<p>Generally pleased with the service but anxious that funding is in place to continue the work.</p>
<p>Carry out thorough review of policing not only in N Yorkshire but also nationwide. Move back to providing security and support for people, especially those actually paying Council Tax. Cut back drastically on form-filling, report drafting and other office activity which takes officers off the beat and out of patrol cars.</p>
<p>No.</p>
<p>The coverage of police officers across all geographical areas needs to be maintained, if not increased, from present levels especially in rural areas where response times will suffer through any further cuts. Individual police officers should not routinely be expected to cover all parts of North Yorks police area as happens now due to staff shortages - local knowledge should be the cornerstone of effective policing.</p>
<p>Keep up the good work, but don't become complacent. One size does not fit all. Use local knowledge to solve local problems with an appropriate approach to policing.</p>
<p>Policing services are already being hit by funding shortages. There's a limit to how much more you can squeeze out of less resources. It is clear that the only way to avoid a catastrophic collapse in policing is to find some more money from somewhere. Raising the precept is the obvious answer.</p>
<p>Safer Neighbourhood Policing Teams must be fully staffed and funded, dedicated officers to dedicated beats. They must not be used to supplement other areas of policing</p>
<p>Stop spending money on camera vans which have the effect of causing motorists, even those which are within the speed limit, to brake sharply when sighted. The increase of people caught will cause a backlash against police.</p>
<p>Policing in North Yorks as in any other area of the country needs to be increased. It seems far too much crime goes undetected and I feel the police have become very slow to respond to non emergencies.</p>
<p>Return to an smaller independent, non-political panel to act as Police authority</p>
<p>I live on the outskirts of Filey, I agree to an increase but at this time I know we get very little police cover. I dont want to pay extra so Scarborough can deal with all the drink and drug problems.</p>
<p>I would reconsider my position next year but feel that one more year of a freeze benefits many people.</p>
<p>Spend less money</p>
<p>1 NYPCC has one of the highest precepts in the country. It is a big rural area but despite the funding, agricultural crime is on the increase. Use resources better. 2. Recent statistics show that despite a drop in the number of police on the ground, nationwide crime is falling. So either better use is being made of resources, or figures are unreliable. This may be anecdotal, but my daughter once had her mobile stolen in York. She and a friend gave chase and her friend was thumped by the thief. The incident was attended by officers but when she next day she tried to get a crime number for insurance, was told there was no record of it. I gather NYPCC has also to re open sexual assault incidents not reported as rape. If this is true, I do have to wonder if its the statistics which are unreliable.</p>

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<p>Re the 'have your say' on precept I think that the best qualified people to comment on and agree what precept should be paid are those closely involved with maintaining law and order - the Police Chiefs and officers, and the services of a good accountant. The statements set out below are tendentious and any responses at this level would be superficial and uninformed by most people, including me. Freeze the local police precept and receive a grant of £640,000 from the Government to help offset the freeze for one year • Increase the precept by 1.99% in order to raise nearly £1.2 million for next year and subsequent years, but avoid a costly local referendum. • Put the precept up by more than 1.99% which could raise more money, but will mean at least £700,000 spent on a referendum on the proposals I wonder which one they hope we go for.....? NYP in my opinion are carrying out a good job in difficult times, 20 marks out of ten for effort.</p> <p>Overall I have little contact with the police but I feel they are doing a good job. The community officers help to make older people feel safe. I believe that the role of the PCC - having a useless political management layer - is completely unwanted, and that this way of giving yet more unemployable politicians a snout into the trough needs removing. We need to abolish the PCC structure and slaughter the Commissioners.</p> <p>Called in - Everything is going up so a freeze is unrealistic and option three is too expensive. caller from Rosedale East</p> <p>Less form filling for police would mean more visible police outside. Better response times.</p> <p>more policemen on the beat please</p> <p>Reduce red tape and beurocrasy</p> <p>Money could be saved by abolishing the police and crime commissioners.</p> <p>I do not wish the number of police officers providing cover to fall below the present low level.</p> <p>Introduce more technology to enable better reporting with less paperwork releasing more officers to the field and to be able to respond quicker to incidents</p> <p>Abolish the post of Crime Commissioner</p> <p>Can't afford to lose any more officers as the level of service will drop</p> <p>Special constables should pay reduced council tax - they contribute to policing in a very real and tangible way and are not rewarded with wages (as regular officers are). Active specials who meet the monthly hours requirements should receive a council tax reduction.</p> <p>Yes, future budget cuts will result in widespread closure of local police stations and a greatly diminished service. At a time when other services are being cut demands on policing will increase. As a member of the community I want to know that the police are actively preventing crime and disorder and will be there when I need them!</p> <p>Stop changing the way the area is policed. Changes cost money that is better spent on actual police work!</p> <p>Get rid of Police and Crime Commissioners. That would save £1000000 + a year.</p> <p>Few organisations have a reserve of £10m to hand which is unallocated. This not only gives us a substantial cushion enabling the precept to be frozen but thought should be given about how best to both invest and utilise this money to offset future reduction in demand for services as well as being used wisely in terms of supporting more preventative policing/community strategies</p> <p>We need more police officers as the current levels are running at minimum staffing which means there is a risk of harm to the officers, and a higher possibility of stress and sickness.</p> <p>just that their doinh a pretty good job on the streets in northallerton ;)</p> <p>I believe more needs to be spent (accepting therefore more needs to be raised) on policing across the county.</p> <p>Not that I can currently think of.</p>
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<p>I object to spending money on referendums if they can be avoided, so the best option is a modest increase without incurring extra costs.</p>
<p>Personally I would abolish Police Commissioners - waste of money. Political interference in Police was never a good idea. We need to spend all we can on front line policing.</p>
<p>Police presence in my village is a distant memory. Do they still exist outside of towns and major road networks? They are purely reactive and no longer pro-active in my opinion. If I saw more evidence of rural participation, I would encourage that.</p>
<p>The only police we see now are single officers usually female, probably a PCO, driving a large van. 1. Is the van supply put out to tender? 2. Surely, smaller vans could be used. 3. Extend the mileage/age before disposal of vans, they are not hard used.</p>
<p>Bring back the open day at the HQ in newby whiske. Was great to see the dogs in action, the riot police tactics and watching people trying to use the big red key to bust open the fake front door!</p>
<p>It is disingenuous to the British public to continuously increase charges whilst reducing services, it would be better to have a reduction in police spending on the extremely generous pensions and private medical insurance that some forces offer and should be a reduced spending on motor vehicles. For example a Skoda high performance car is considerably cheaper than Audis, BMW and Rangerover offerings at costs of £35,000 plus, with reliability being no better than the lower cost option. Further savings could be saved without reductions of savings by consolidating all forces onto a central purchasing organisation reducing administrative costs and reduce unnecessary overheads Costs can be lowered by using less expensive data infrastructures the standard available ADSL/VDSL could provide high speed connectivity and with secure VPN management could provide as high security at a huge cost saving.</p>
<p>Spend some of your reserves.</p>
<p>Cutting front line staff is to be avoided at all costs. Substituting specials for fully warranted officers is impractical and a short-sighted policy</p>
<p>To see police actually policing not turning a blind eye because it means paper work. Seeing cases get to court with correct evidence and paperwork so it isn't thrown out.</p>
<p>Why does the precept have to increase? What services will not be provided if the precept is not raised? Can I chose an option if I do not live in North Yorkshire and if not, why can I access this survey?</p>
<p>You waste so much money funding the wrong things, if you spent money on essentials, you wouldn't have raise more money</p>
<p>Increase numbers of Police Officers who work on the response and reassurance department across the force.</p>
<p>The Tax payers face yet another blackmail type demand. An increase in proper police presence and a reduction in time spent by officers hanging around in police stations may offset public concern over yet another increase in their financial obligations. Regards [REDACTED]</p>
<p>Cut head office administration. Freeze pay of anyone earning more than £60,000 for next three years. Sell senior staff cars and replace with base models of cheap cars. Senior staff do not NEED expensive models Freeze a claimable expenses Reduce pay of commissioner</p>
<p>Recruit more constables especially in the rural areas.</p>
<p>do we really need a Police Commissioner on such a huge salary we could fund more officers on the ground for that amount.</p>
<p>i think hat the trouble with policing these days is that there is too much paper work and not enough "Bobbies on the beat" i think the visual appearance of the police officer is enough to deter a lot of petty crime and vandalism. i also think that children aren't always brought up to respect the police but that is a social thing. but on the whole policing in my area seems to be good</p>
<p>The more the better as far as I am concerned I want as comprehensive policing as possible</p>

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<p>I would like to see the police receiving adequate resources. Improvements to the 101 system to enable ease of contact. A more visible presence in the community, schools etc</p>
<p>The closure of the custody suite in Skipton is a costly mistake. It only looks cheaper on paper because of poor cost allocation within the accounts. Any calculation that says that diverting two officers to drive a prisoner to Harrogate, together with the added time and paperwork to book out at Skipton, and book in at Harrogate, is somehow cheaper than locking someone in a cell already there in Skipton, is clearly nonsense. It is obvious that this is simply another step in the attempt to close Skipton Magistrates Court, and deprive Craven of local justice. Considering the sizable chunk of the precept that goes to the PCC, you need to be doing something to correct this.</p>
<p>in deterring illegal offroading. It is not therefore encouraging to read that police are investigating the theft of a milk bottle from a doorstep in Scarborough!</p>
<p>Yes. None of this should go into funding already very generous pensions.</p>
<p>No.</p>
<p>I would like to see greater emphasis on stopping speeding through the villages rather than on the major trunk roads where (eg) on a straight stretch a camera clocks a motorist driving at 68mph on an empty road on a clear dry early morning but allows any number of drivers through the village at c 45mph because it is easier to position the camera van in a layby!</p>
<p>Spend the additional money on policing not buildings and administration</p>
<p>Need to attack the drug culture in the pubs and remove the drug barons in N Yorkshire. It is well known that the Police have failed in the past to prosecute the richer criminals in the County. Although this may be scoffed at it is a known admission by retired policemen in the area that the Police are reluctant to go for the real perpetrators of crime in the County</p>
<p>More focus should be given on tackling anti social behaviour and having police visibility at the times when this is happening. Proposed mergers of forces must not lead to a reduction in policing in rural areas. There should be absolute transparency about salaries for both police and PCC staff and no bonuses - these payments do not have a place in public sector.</p>
<p>I would like the police to do more to prevent speeding. I do not like motorbikes treating our area for joy rides and spoiling it for other visitors.</p>
<p>Public safety should receive the highest priority</p>
<p>i) You should also consider drawing down some of the £10M in reserves for the delivery of strategic objectives. ii) politically you must ensure that there is an appropriate and equitable distribution of resources across the county in terms of rural areas/market towns and larger centres of population</p>
<p>I would be very happy to pay what amounts to the price of two cups of coffee per year to maintain police numbers.</p>
<p>if the precept is frozen for one year, presumably the precept could be increased in future years.</p>
<p>Telephone response Just had a call from [redacted] a Parish Councillor in [redacted] He wants to see the Precept frozen because otherwise the public will be paying more money with no increase in actual policing, especially in the rural Ingleton/Settle area. He wants to see no more reduction in the number of officers and feels that policing efforts by NYP concentrate on Harrogate, Scarborough and York to the detriment of his area. If the Precept needs to be increased for 2016 in order to maintain service levels then he may revise his opinion then</p>

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About 6 years ago for a period of over 6 months we contacted the local Police to say that we suspected a cannabis farm was active next door to us. No action was taken until the same house showed signs of a break in, and consequently several £1000's of cannabis was recovered. There was no follow up with us subsequently. In addition about 2 years ago we reported a suspected break in at a neighbour's house - no action was evident. Views on the future of Policing are that it would be good to think that suspicions from active members of a neighbourhood watch scheme were taken seriously and acted upon.

line. However, we need to ensure the general public are kept on on board as such, by not increasing the precept every year. I understand that from 2016 onwards, there will be even greater funding cuts to bridge and it could be beneficial to hold off an increase this year but perhaps have an increase of circa 3% next year. Many families are still suffering the years of pay freezes and pay cuts, increased pension contributions but observing increases in outgoings such as increased rail and bus travel. Showing an understanding of this might help keep the police in favour, particularly in the places where there is a belief that visible officer numbers are decreasing. Please put money into protecting children from paedophiles on line. Thank you.

Crime is relatively low in this region, its not clear why any increase would be required? What is the information suggesting this will change? Would this not increase demand for an increase from other areas of the council? Never heard of an local referendum on policing costs or any other similar costs. It is alarming that this is being considered as turn-out is usually very low in referendums or voting for police commissioners.

Use the built up funds from previous years instead of increasing precept and reduce the amount of increase for future years to 1.5%  
Having been a victim of crime in 2014 I was really pleased with the response I received from the police and support this insignificant raise in public donations to keep the high standard of policing we currently have. However, I do question why there is an annual underspend of funds of £500,000 and reserves of £10m. Surely this money could be used on public services in a useful way?

We have to invest in the future of policing across our county. Whilst a referendum would cost money, we need to accept that a raise is necessary. Cut out the politics and be realistic for goodness sake. I can't believe that you're asking us!

Really pleased to see police walking through the streets more.. You have an uphill battle with organised crime and need as much extra money as you can get to ensure the public are not been victimised and intimidated by gang stalking. Using Internet and mobile phones.

Too many 'chiefs' not enough 'indians'. Bring more local policing back. Tough choices for Q1, I think there has to be a freeze...I'm not getting a pay rise, and things have not improved sufficiently yet. Certainly NOT increase the precept over 2%. Maybe increase precept next year by under 2% if things continue to improve

In view of recent events in France and elsewhere our Police forces need all the financial help possible to recruit and equip they can get  
There should be more officers on the ground.

I would like to see more news on how NYP is dealing with organised crime, drug dealers and recovering the proceeds of crime as this will also bring in extra funding for policing in North Yorkshire.

None other than a seeing a regular rural police presence acts as a both reassurance to the public and a deterrent to crime

I would like to know specifically what NYP intend to do with the additional funding. I am generally supportive - but feel you have not presented enough information on what benefit the community will see for this additional tax. I also feel that that you should be explaining your plans to use the £10million of public money reserves to the benefit of the community

We should not as a society be expected to continue to cut services to the point of concern before all govt holdings of Banks, (and associated debt) are sold off on the market place, to repay a significant proportion of the billions owed and reduce the deficit induced by their mismanagement.

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Sorry, may be a duplicate but sent in error. We should not be cutting police to reduce national debt.

We are in favour of increasing the precept provided the money goes to more police presence on the streets. We have lived in Gargrave for 5 years. When we first moved in we had a PCSO assigned to the village and knew his name. He reported monthly to the parish council on crimes in the area. In the last 12 months we have heard nothing about crime stats. The parish council doesn't even get an email update.

e-mail response I cannot understand how the police and crime commissioner is asking for a freeze in the police precept. I will happily pay more to help protect my family and community. I add with dismay that the police commissioner seems hell bent on making Skipton a treasure haven for criminals. Taking police officers off the streets and putting them in vehicles transporting people from Skipton to Harrogate. I trust she is not using her position to fulfill any personal political ideals. The quicker these commissioners are removed the better.

e-mail response If you are going to put up the police precept it would be nice to see some police walking about also some plain cars stopping speeding, mobile phones up valley rd and knottobottom way all we see is a van come round and that's it they don't walk round they don't talk to see if there is any problems in the area.

At this point it does not seem necessary to increase the precept, but that will obviously not apply automatically in future.

Why can't it go up by 1%. Don't be greedy. In Dunnington our service has been reduced anyway.

I object to your spin and do not believe there is a strong enough argument for the raise.

I am very concerned that you have closed the cells at Selby Police Station & now require officers to take offenders to Fulford and sometimes further thus reducing the Police cover on the streets. This particularly affects weekend policing especially now that we do not have Night Marshalls

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