

Precept Survey 2020/2021

1. NORTH YORKSHIRE PRECEPT SURVEY - 2020/2021



Thank you for taking part in this 5 minute survey.

Julia Mulligan, your elected Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, is responsible for setting the local 'precepts' for police and fire and rescue in North Yorkshire, the amount people pay to fund these services through their council tax.

The two services have distinct finances and funding and the precept for one cannot fund the other.

Before setting the levels of precept, Julia would like to know what you think.

First of all, can I confirm you are a council tax payer in North Yorkshire? *

Yes

No

POLICE

Last year's precept was spent on more police officers and PCSOs so police can deal with serious and local crime concerns, and on investment in improving the 101 service.

If funding is available beyond what North Yorkshire Police require to maintain current services this year, Julia wishes to improve the technology supporting frontline officers, to invest in services for victims of domestic abuse, stalking and modern slavery, and to introduce specialist programmes to keep offenders from reoffending.

An average Band D property pays £255.77 per year for policing. The Government has not yet declared its funding proposals for the police. However, Julia really values your views and therefore would like to know your opinion on a range of possible options for deciding funding via local council tax.

How much more would you be prepared to pay per year, through your council tax for policing? *

- No more than I pay now – a precept freeze.
This would mean a cut to the police budget due to inflation
- An increase of up to 2.5% (equivalent to a £6.39 increase for a Band D property).
This would raise £1.9 million and would enable North Yorkshire Police to keep up with inflation and at least maintain the current service
- An increase of up to £10 (equivalent to a 3.9% increase for a Band D property).
This would raise £3 million and would mean an investment in policing services

FIRE & RESCUE

Last year's precept raise of 2.99% was sufficient to cover the rise in inflation and to meet some of the financial shortfall in North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service's budget the Commissioner inherited.

The Service is in real need of investment in its estate and fleet which are outdated and in great need of repair, and to improve prevention work across the county to make us safer.

An average Band D property pays £71.27 per year for the fire and rescue service. The Government is considering two options for Julia to raise this either by 1.99% which is £1.42 for a Band D property, or by £5, whichever is the greater.

How much more would you be prepared to pay per year, through your council tax for your fire and rescue service? *

- No more than I pay now – a precept freeze.
This would mean a cut to the fire and rescue budget due to inflation
- A 1.99% increase (equivalent to a £1.42 increase for a Band D property).
This would raise £430k but is below inflation and would make it difficult for North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue to maintain the current service
- A £5 increase (equivalent to a 7% increase for a Band D property).
This would raise £1.5 million and would mean an investment in fire and rescue services
- More than £5.
This would raise over £1.5 million and would mean a significant investment in fire and rescue services

Which area of North Yorkshire do you live in? *

- Craven
- Hambleton
- Harrogate
- Richmondshire
- Ryedale
- Scarborough
- Selby
- York
- None of these

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other

What is your age?

- Under 18 years
- 18-35 years
- 36-45 years
- 46-55 years
- 56-65 years
- Over 65
- Prefer not to say

Which of these best reflects your total household income?

- Less than £10,000
- £10,001 - £15,000
- £15,001 - £20,000
- £20,001 - £30,000
- £30,001 - £40,000
- £40,001 - £50,000
- £50,001 - £75,000
- £75,001 - £100,000
- £100,001 - £125,000
- £125,001 - £150,000
- More than £150,000
- Prefer not to say

Do you work for...? *

- North Yorkshire Police
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- None of the above

11. Thank you for completing the survey

Please send this questionnaire to:

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