



## Precept Survey 2021/2022

**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 your views on possible options.

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

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Yes

**Continue**

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No

**Sorry, this survey is for those who pay council tax and live in North Yorkshire**

## POLICE

Last year, your precept was spent on improving support to frontline officers helping those in mental health crisis, on improving services for victims of domestic abuse and stalking, on improving customer service to calls into the Control Room, and on the introduction of specialist programmes to reduce reoffending.

This year, if the precept exceeds inflation we will invest in services to better support victims of child exploitation, fraud and stalking, in improving customer service to those experiencing lower level crimes and anti-social behaviour, and in safeguarding training, cyber crime expertise and intelligence gathering capabilities.

The Government has said that Police and Crime Commissioners can increase the policing precept by up to £15 which is 5.6% for an average Band D property.

The following options are based on an average Band D property currently paying £265.77 each year for policing. 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 be a cut to the police budget due to inflation and current service delivery could not maintained*
- ☐ Up to £5.29, an increase of 1.99%  
*This would raise £1.6 million, keeping up with inflation to maintain current service delivery but no investment in policing services*
- ☐ Up to £7.97, an increase of 3%,  
*This would raise £2.4 million, exceeds inflation and would mean an investment in the policing services mentioned*
- ☐ Up to £15, and increase of 5.6%  
*This would raise £4.5 million, exceeds inflation and would mean a significant investment in the policing services mentioned*

## **FIRE & RESCUE**

Last year, the precept rise was in line with inflation to maintain current service delivery but did not allow for investment.

If funding from this year's precept exceeds inflation, we can reduce the annual budget shortfall of £500k and start to make much needed investment in the estate and fleet to improve service delivery and ensure facilities are appropriate for a diverse workforce.

The Government has capped the fire and rescue precept at 1.99% which is a maximum increase of £1.45 for an average Band D property.

The following options are based on an average Band D property currently paying £72.69 each year for fire and rescue services. How much more would you be prepared to pay per year, through your council tax for fire and rescue services?

- ☐ No more than I pay now – a precept freeze  
*This would mean a cut to the fire and rescue budget due to inflation and current service delivery could not be maintained*
- ☐ Up to £1.45, an increase of 1.99%  
*This would raise £432k, keeping up with inflation to maintain current service delivery but no investment in its services*
- ☐ Up to £5, an increase of 6.9%  
*This would raise £1.5 million, exceeds inflation, would help reduce the financial shortfall and allow investment in the areas mentioned*
- ☐ Up to £10, an increase of 13.8%  
*This would raise £3 million, exceeds inflation, would help reduce the financial shortfall and allow significant investment in the areas mentioned*

**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...? \***

- ☐ I work for North Yorkshire Police
- ☐ I work for North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- ☐ None of the above

**Finally, Julia publishes a regular e-newsletter with information about North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, North Yorkshire Police, services for victims and a range of other issues. Would you like to receive such an email? \***

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**Please provide your contact details for the e-newsletter \***

Name:

Email Address:

**Thank you. Please return your completed survey to:  
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