

## **Message from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria**

The Chief Constable and I are wholly committed to delivering safer streets and stronger communities across the force area, but without the appropriate funding, we face significant financial pressures even with Government's much welcome cash boost for neighbourhood policing. Raising additional funding through a slight increase in the Council Tax Precept will allow Northumbria Police to remain resilient and invest in improvements that matter most to the people of Northumberland, Tyne, and Wear.

To address the challenges facing Northumbria Police I have approved an increase of 36p per week for a Band D property. For the majority of households in Northumbria, those in a Band A property, the increase is 24p per week.

The increase in the precept will provide over £7.9m in extra funds for Northumbria Police to help tackle ASB, invest in new technologies and proactively safeguard women and girls.

The Band D council tax precept for Northumbria will increase from £195.84 to £214.34 for the year. This remains, by far, the lowest precept of any Police and Crime Commissioner in England and Wales. You can find more information on the OPCC website –

[www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk)