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Continuing Our Policing Improvements

Council Tax Precept Information 2008-2009

it's all about.....

Cleveland Police Authority supports Helen Britton House. Cleveland's new Sexual Assault Referral Centre.

"If you are male or female and have been raped or sexually assaulted you are not alone. Helen Britton House is there to listen and give you and your family all the support you need, regardless of whether you go to the police or not. Why not contact Helen Britton House, call them on 01642 516888. This is a free and confidential service."

"They are there to help."

..... it's all about you

Cleveland Police Authority is an independent organisation, made up of local people. Our main role is to ensure that there is an effective and efficient police service for you, the public of Cleveland.

We make sure that the Chief Constable and the police service carry out their duties and responsibilities, in serving the many communities in Cleveland and that they are accountable to you, the public.

..... it's all about performance

After successfully winning the campaign to protect the future of local policing - and removing the threat of the creation of single North East Force - the Authority and the Force introduced major initiatives and improvements during 2007.

We increased the number of police officers to the highest in the Force's history and significantly increased the recruitment of Community Support Officers who do a vital job in providing a visible presence on our streets. These increases were a key element in the rolling out of Neighbourhood Policing across the Force area, bringing policing closer to local communities and making good the Chief Constable's "Putting People First" commitment.

The end of 2007 saw encouraging reductions in crime levels - **overall crime** for the last quarter of the year **was down by 7 per cent**, with **violent crime down by 14.6 per cent** and **vehicle crime down by 13.8 per cent**. Both the Authority and the Force are committed to maintaining progress in 2008, working with our partners and the public to tackle crime and disorder and improve the quality of life of everyone living, working or visiting Cleveland.

..... it's all about being honest, open and transparent with you

A proportion of our finance is raised locally. The way we are funded means that for the Police Authority to even stand still, we have to raise (via the council tax precept) the difference between what the Government gives us and the amount required to balance the budget. The less the Government gives us means the greater the burden falls to you, the local taxpayer. This generates what is known as the gearing effect.

Just like a gear on a machine or wheel, the turning of a small wheel or cog is translated into a much larger effect at the other end of the process. A small increase in budget requirement - which has to be met totally from increased council tax - can result in a very significant increase in percentage terms, in the level of council tax, as the following example shows.

Year 1 Budget needed, £100 - Money provided by Government £90- Council Tax needed £10

Year 2 Budget needed £105 (+5%) - Money provided by Government remains the same at £90 (sometimes even this is reduced) - the Council Tax needed rises to £15 (+50%)

In Year 2, if a 5% increase in the budget is needed, it results in a 50% increase in Council Tax, which doesn't come from the Government and falls totally to you the Council Tax payer.

Cleveland Police Authority is determined to keep to a minimum any increase in costs to the public, **and it has succeeded on raising the number of police officers to the highest ever for the policing of Cleveland**, therefore increasing Neighbourhood Policing and Putting People First.

..... it's about how we spend your money

For 2008/09 Cleveland Police Authority's total budget will be £124.6m. This money comes from:

	2007/8 £m	2008/9 £m	%
Government's Police Grant	46,314	47,762	38.3
Revenue Support Grant/Business Rates	46,684	47,516	38.1
Council Tax - your contribution	26,739	29,345	23.6
Total	119,737	124,623	100.0

The budget is spent on the following:	2007/8 £m	2008/9 £m
Employees	109.5	113.0
Premises	8.1	9.2
Transport	2.4	2.5
Supplies and Services	15.7	17.3
Agency Services	1.9	2.0
Capital Finance	1.2	1.2
Gross expenditure before income - Sub-Total	138.8	145.2
Less income - Specific grants	-12.6	-12.3
- Fees and charges	-3.1	-3.4
- Partnerships	-1.7	-1.3
Contingency and Reserves	-1.7	-3.6
Total spending	119.7	124.6

Cleveland Police Authority has agreed a Band D Council Tax rate of £173.867 for 2008-09, this is an increase of 9.97%. We, like you, want to carry on seeing the improved policing and the reductions in crime detailed above. To allow us to do this, we have asked for an extra 30p per week per household, for a Band D property, and even less for the vast majority of households. In Cleveland, 87% of all households fall into property bands A - C. The new Council Tax rates will be as follows:

Band	£ 2007/8	£ 2008/9	Weekly increase in pence	% of Households (Total)
A	105.40	115.91	20.21	53.77 (53.77)
B	122.97	135.23	23.58	16.49 (70.26)
C	140.54	154.55	26.95	16.77 (87.03)
D	158.10	173.87	30.31	7.47 (94.50)
E	193.24	212.50	37.05	3.40 (97.90)
F	228.37	251.14	43.79	1.25 (99.15)
G	263.51	289.78	50.52	0.79 (99.94)
H	316.21	347.73	60.63	0.06 (100)

..... it's about listening to you

You have told us over the past twelve months what you want the police to concentrate on. We have listened to you and we have set the following priorities for 2008-9:

- ➡ To provide citizen focused neighbourhood policing by applying the principles of "Putting People First"
- ➡ To reduce the harm caused to our communities by drugs
- ➡ To reduce crime and anti social behaviour
- ➡ To protect the public from the threat of serious crime and terrorism

... it's about your views, that's what really matters

You now have the opportunity to help us identify what you think the policing priorities should be for the future. Below is a list of priorities. If you had to choose the **THREE** most important to you, which would they be? (please tick three boxes)

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| House burglary | <input type="checkbox"/> | Protecting against terrorist attacks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other burglary (e.g. shed/garage) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Anti-social behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Car Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> | Traffic legislation/road safety | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vandalism and Criminal Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hate crime (e.g. racist/homophobic) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Robbery/mugging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Violent crime/assaults | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please state) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Anti-social behaviour is a term used to describe a number of selfish and unacceptable activities that can cause fear, alarm or distress. Could you tell us what you think are the main **THREE** Anti-Social Behaviour concerns? (please tick three boxes)

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| Inappropriate vehicle use (e.g. off road motor bikes) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Nuisance behaviour (e.g. rowdy/inconsiderate) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Litter / dog fouling | <input type="checkbox"/> | Noisy neighbours or loud parties | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Begging | <input type="checkbox"/> | People being drunk or rowdy in public | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homophobic/racial harassment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vandalism and criminal damage | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drug use/dealing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please state) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Abandoned or burnt out cars | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Gender Male Female

Age 16-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65-74 75+

Please tell us your ward, or if you do not know your ward, your postcode:

Would you like to be more involved in future consultation activities on policing? If so, please enter your name and address below:

Please detach and return this free of charge (no stamp required) together with any further comments to:

Cleveland Police Authority, Freepost NEA 3893, Middlesbrough

Or by e-mail:-

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