

Lowest crime levels in our history..... by 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 2011-12:

- Reducing crime.
- Reducing antisocial behaviour.
- Keeping you safe.
- Delivering value for money.

Measures being taken by the Authority to meet the impact of the cuts and protect frontline services include:

- A freeze on police officer recruitment.
- Civilianisation of back office roles, releasing police officers for front-line duties.
- Moving to a single shift pattern for PCSOs across the whole Cleveland area.
- A reduction in police officer overtime.
- Proposals to relocate Police Headquarters from the current Ladgate Lane site to a new building in Hemlington Grange. The sale of the current site would cover the costs of the new building, and considerable cost savings would be achieved through reduced maintenance costs and improved energy efficiency.

We aim to give members of the public the chance to give their views on how their local police service should be developed in the future. We will ask people what they think of the services currently provided. Neighbourhood policing and responding to emergencies were previously identified as the two areas of the police service that the public valued most.

We want to ensure that your voice is heard and that we listen and take your views into consideration. Look out for details of our summer 2011 road shows on our website: www.clevelandpa.org.uk/become-involved. We will be coming to an event near you.

For more information on any of our consultation activities please contact our Consultation Officer on telephone: 01642 301446, or email:

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Thanks to your help – we have the lowest crime level in our history.



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**We're working
to keep
crime falling ...
and protect your Police
service...**

Police Authority

Council Tax Precept Information 2011 - 2012

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10 things you need to know about your POLICE AUTHORITY

- We are an independent body of 17 local people including 9 local Councillors and 8 members of the public, 1 of who shall be a Magistrate.
- We set annual objectives and targets based on consultation with local people.
- We manage the police budget and consult with local Councils before setting the Police part of the Council Tax (otherwise known as the Precept).
- We appoint the Chief Constable and other senior police officers.
- We monitor police performance including value for money and hold the Chief Constable to account on behalf of our local communities.
- We check that the Chief Constable delivers a police service which balances both national strategic priorities with the concerns of the local communities.
- We ensure that citizens have a say in how they are policed.
- We monitor complaints against the police.
- We promote equality and good relations between different groups of people. As part of this, we ensure people know their rights if they are stopped or searched by the police.
- We make sure the police service does everything it can to keep improving policing for the many communities that make up Cleveland.

We're winning thanks to you – lowest crime level in our history

- Crime down again, 10.4%, well ahead of the target of 5.1%. 4,120 fewer crimes than last year.
- Detection rate of 40%, ahead of the annual target of 37%.
- Anti-social behaviour incidents down 12.2%. 6,679 fewer incidents than last year.
- Almost 90% of people say they are 'very' or 'fairly' confident in Cleveland Police, according to the latest local confidence survey results.

Cleveland Police Authority is 'performing well' according to an independent report by the Audit Commission and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC). It said we "provide strong and visible leadership and works well with the Force. It listens to local communities... this has helped Cleveland Police become one of the top performing Forces in the country".

Together with our many partners—and local people—we have made great strides in recent years, but now we face one of the most challenging periods for the police service. The coming year will see the start of major cutbacks in the funding we receive from Central Government—in real terms our funding will fall by £17million over the next two years and will be cut by 20 per cent or more within four years. Reductions on that scale will inevitably involve very difficult decisions—to meet the impact of cuts over the next two years will mean reducing the total number of police officers, but we are determined to do everything possible to maintain the front-line services which protect your homes and your streets.

THE CALLS THAT COUNT...

The partnership between the Police Authority and Steria is aimed at benefiting ...our finances, with £50m of savings over ten years, the workforce and, above all...you the public.

As part of the call handling service, Steria has introduced a 'call back' system where local people are contacted to check if they are happy with the service they have received and to discuss if there are ways things could be improved. The 'call back' facility started on 1st October 2010 with around 100 'call backs' being made every day with the aim to increase that figure significantly in the months ahead. So far, over 94% of the people called back, have said that the service they had received, was between 'satisfactory' and 'exceptionally good'.

Lowering crime...by spending your money carefully and wisely

For 2011-12 Cleveland Police Authority's Net Budget Requirement will be £129.8m. This money comes from:

	£m	%
Government's Police Grant	51,355	39.6
Revenue Support Grant/Business Rates	46,264	35.6
Council Tax – your contribution	32,223	24.8
Total	129,842	100

The budget is spent on the following:	2011/12 £m	2010/11 £m
Employees	100.9	120.7
Premises	7.4	7.4
Transport	2.7	3.1
Supplies and Services	25.4	13.4
Agency Services	1.4	1.4
Capital Finance	1.9	1.6
Gross expenditure before income - Sub-Total	139.7	147.6
Less income - Specific grants	-7.3	-10.6
- Fees and charges	-2.1	-2.6
- Partnerships	-0.5	-1.2
Contingency and Reserves	0.0	-1.0
Total spending	129.8	132.2

The Police Authority is not seeking any increase in the Council Tax precept for 2011-12, reflecting the difficult economic times we are facing. This means that the 'benchmark' Band D Council Tax precept will remain at £187.84, although most people will pay less than that—the vast majority of homes in Cleveland fall into the A and B tax bands. The Council Tax rates are as follows:

Band	£ 2010/11	£ 2011/12	Additional cost per Year No Increase	% of Households (Total)
A	125.23	125.23	£0.00	53.77 (53.77)
B	146.10	146.10	£0.00	16.49 (70.26)
C	166.97	166.97	£0.00	16.77 (87.03)
D	187.84	187.84	£0.00	7.47 (94.50)
E	229.58	229.58	£0.00	3.40 (97.90)
F	271.32	271.32	£0.00	1.25 (99.15)
G	313.06	313.06	£0.00	0.79 (99.94)
H	375.68	375.68	£0.00	0.06 (100)