

PCC PRECEPT 'NO' RESPONSES

January 2023

NOAt a time financial pressure on many households a rise of 6% can be seen as less than the rate of inflation, however can the Chief Constable reassure the public that the constabulary's request for a 6% rise to maintain efficiency that she and her deputies will ensure the monitoring of this efficiency? I would like to have greater assurance on how efficiency savings are examined and monitored and the PCC can further support the Constabulary in this. Will budgets be managed with the same scrutiny as household budgets for example requesting 3 comparative quotes for external jobs to be undertaken? How will requests for overspend on projects that are nothing to do with policing action be dealt with? Are all possible areas for seeking additional funding fully explored and applied for without placing a greater demand on the residents of Suffolk. How will police time spent on supporting functions that are not directly their responsibility be managed - for example providing security to manage problems (eg riotous outbreaks) in acute mental health units when the mental health trust does not employ security staff? While some areas of public concern and care overlap how will the police ensure that their time, and therefore costs, are not diverted away from actual policing. While it is accepted the nature of crime is changing and there may be less need for police walking the streets, recent events in several areas of Suffolk indicate that a deterrent in terms of visible policing is required to ensure the safety of the public to enable them to undertake their activities/business freely and therefore support local enterprises. A joined up approach is required. You say the Policing Minister has said you can raise it by £15 for a Band D property is this because policing is not

been adequately funded centrally? Are there any underspend in areas of the budget that can be carried forward or are these clawed back by Central Government? What happens if you decide to only raise the Policing Precept by 3% so £7.50 or 14.4p for a Band D property? I would like to see a way, perhaps its eutopian, in which policing numbers and functions increase but costs stagnate due to improved efficiency and effectiveness of working within the constabulary.

25/01/2023 23:15

NOJust not worth what you get now will only add to bigger pensions etc

25/01/2023 21:55

NOWhat are you doing with all The Extra Money that you are Gathering In from All the Extra Housing that HAS and IS STILL BEING BUILT Around our What was Beautiful Suffolk countryside and all The Extra Revenue being accumulated by All The Very Large Industrial Units on every Available Scrap of Land in Suffolk ??? Surely with all This Extra Revenue being Stock Piled In The Reserves of Suffolk County Councils Coffers You can use this Money to FUND What ever your Intending Instead of Screwing Yet Again The Working Class Public, The Single Parent Families and Old Age Pensioners who are already STRUGGLING In This CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISES.

25/01/2023 20:59

NOI feel unable to support yet another increase in the police precept. I live in StMargaret's Ward in Ipswich - I don't see police on foot in the area - only driving through in cars - and I rarely see police in the town centre, except in the past few days standing around on the Cornhill after the

recent murder. ASB is prevalent; notably people blatantly cycling on pavements and e-scooters being ridden through the town centre. How can this line up with Community Policing? Much of the Western part of St Margaret's Ward is covered by a 20mph speed limit yet when I raised the issue of enforcement shortly after it was introduced I was told by the PCC's office it should be self-enforcing. Interesting that it is rigorously enforced in other parts of the country - presumably as breaching it is taken as one of the "killer" driving offences much referred to by Suffolk Police and the PCC.

25/01/2023 18:09

NOreasons for saying no This has become an annual referendum Increased cost of living There are volunteer groups in the County such as Neighbourhood Watch More use should and could be used from them I speak as a former area Co ordinato

25/01/2023 15:33

NOAs pensioners a 6% increase is a lot and for what do we get for a six percent increase? Nothing still no police on the beat walking! Just flying around in police cars with blues & twos going from one crisis to another. I live on a busy road where the 30 mph is exceeded by over half the vehicles that pass my house. So no to your increase.

25/01/2023 15:30

NOWith massive increases in gas electric tv contacts and council tax why cant you give us a break for one year and not increase the police budget and perhaps yourself or other tory mps can try to get extra funding for suffolk police forces. also we pay this increase every year and still see limited police if any in our increasingly dangerous town centre

25/01/2023 13:59

NOI do not agree with your proposal to increase the policing element of the council tax for 2023/24 at all. Every year we see an increase in all the council taxes and

precepts, and the end result is further cutting and trimming of those services. I am afraid as far as I am concerned, enough is enough.

25/01/2023 10:42

NOOur woke, cultural Marxist, politically correct, toxic feminist, heterophobic, activist, police, have abandoned the vast majority to pander to tiny minorities. Their obsession with "diversity" over merit, puts the public at unnecessary risk. I don't want our police to reflect the community, only the best of our community. Recruitment and promotion must only ever be based on merit/experience, ideally by "blind" processes. The current recruitment and promotion process has given us an obese, unfit, incompetent, rude, anti-white/anti-indigenous, toxic feminist, misandrist, heterophobic, toxic, lazy, political activist, two tier, police. It is interesting that the rapid decline in police competency and increase in Wokeness, aligns with the dramatic increase in female officers, especially in senior ranks. Is this causation or correlation? I don't want to pay the police a single penny until the Wokeness is eradicated.

25/01/2023 10:35

NOit seems to be too much energy is put into traffic, the smallest accident and within minutes thee or four police cars arrive, if you have a break in and report it you are told nobody is able to come.

25/01/2023 09:18

NOAs a resident of sprites ward I feel your proposal is unacceptable. The reason being we do not receive any attention from your officers. All through the summer months I never saw one vehicle patrolling our area. The area is full of kids on electric scooters, children doing wheelies on a public highway and your police are never around. They are also hanging around in groups. When you call 101 no one answers the phone. As for your officers enforcing traffic regulations this does not exist as it is my belief that they have no idea how to enforce traffic regulations around

communities. I have already brought this up with Tom Hunt and he brought this up in the House of Parliament. Still waiting to hear back from Tom Hunt. The headline in the Ipswich Star you made on the 12th January 2023 states "Dismay as 150 arrests made for drink and drug driving in Suffolk". I suggest you stop grabbing headlines to get your face in the paper and concentrate on this on an annual basis rather than 1 month basis. May I suggest you also make people more aware of this survey as a lot of people do not know it exists! Or is that what you want? What is happening the remaining 11 months of the year? With regards to council tax over the last 2 years, all the money collected from the council tax went West Suffolk? Last year council tax money went to 101 Service. No improvement! This year you want council tax to rise again just for the police to stand still. At the moment the community of Ipswich are getting no benefits from you or the police. It also appears that Mr Passmore only wants to spend OUR money on hare coursing. This is agricultural! Nothing to do with Ipswich. Seems your concentration is only on the rural areas. Moving on to the Town Centre, which a lot of people believe was a much better and safer area before you got involved. The reason for this you made the decision to close Ipswich Police Station in civic Drive. Whilst the station was in Civic Drive Police Officers were seen more often and the people in town knew that they were present. There was also always a Police Officer on the Cornhill in Ipswich. Now there is nothing. People want to see Police Officers walking around to give them reassurance. Having none is just opening up the town for Crime as is clearly happening now which affects businesses and also stops people coming into the Town Centre as they do not feel safe. They do not see police officers anymore except in cars which again is not very often. You moved all officers to Landmark House which is out of sight to the general public of Ipswich. You place a very small police station in Museum Street. You have now closed this down and opened a

further station in Princes Street which you spent thousands of tax payers money on and for the size of Ipswich this is an absolute disgrace. This seems the same as what Suffolk County Council Highways do by taking thousands of pounds from Ipswich Road maintenance and spending it elsewhere. You treat Ipswich as a money pit! I would also draw your attention to a further article in the East Anglian Daily Times where you say that Ipswich is a safe place to live. Two weeks later there was a stabbing. Do you call this safe? The stabbings have not stopped since! There are groups of youths hanging in the town centre smoking weed etc etc and your police do nothing as they are not there and never are despite what you and Mr Hunt say! You have also wasted money on cameras. You can spend as much money on these as you like, however, if the suspect covers their face you are none the wiser! I don't blame the policers, its their senior offices not making them get out of their cosy cars and walking around their community I blame and you for allowing it to happen. I believe Police officers are told to stay in their cars and they wait for a call from control and then they attend. This is all about keeping your response times in order and is not about the policing of Ipswich or Suffolk. I believe you have to ask the people of Ipswich whether they have faith in the police service itself and I can guarantee that a majority of people in Ipswich will say NO. You say that 1600 say that they agreed with your previous surveys, however, this is nothing to brag about. You do realise how many people live in Ipswich don't you?

24/01/2023 18:58

NOI do not agree with raising odd bands way not all bands by a little less I would oppose this change.

24/01/2023 16:04

NOSounds like a brainstorm easy option .I'm in 'D' , unjustified in my opinion , and receive no more service than my neighbours . Since '83' have been personally threatened,

subjected to criminal/petty theft/drug dealing from neighbouring properties ! Why multiple police vehicle makes , no foot patrols ,two officer patrols , not taken seriously . You could get my £15 several times a day by speed check operations in Spring Rd , Woodbridge Rd and in 20mph zone at St Helens primary school . Policing is about Law & Order , not social work / attending to celebs & football games / reading statements appropriate to other professions / not joining in festivities or acting as bouncers . When a sheriff was asked about his appointment in a western he replied there is law and there is order and I intend to keep both .Ipswich is in danger of overlooking same .

24/01/2023 14:33

NOThe threat of delivering a lesser service if you do not receive the proposed precept is laughable, could you currently deliver any less than you already are?

23/01/2023 16:53

NOI've lived in Rattlesden for over twenty years.. never ever seen a policeman on patrol. Very Very poor value. I would also add the Police Crime Commissioner is a complete and utter waste of my already poorly spent council tax!!!

23/01/2023 16:27

NOIn my experience the policing in our area has been nothing short of preposterous. West Suffolk Police still operate on the 'old boy network' and are not impartial. Until all the 'old boys' retire and there is a modicum of impartiality in their treatment of innocent people, the West Suffolk Police service does not deserve a penny extra.

23/01/2023 16:22

NOAs a pensioner I simply don't have the financial resources meet a further increase

23/01/2023 15:26

NOSuffolk police are constantly failing in Ipswich.

23/01/2023 12:33

NOWhat difference will this make? We need a properly funded police force - funded by central government.

23/01/2023 09:38

NOCost of living crisis. Pensioners on fixed incomes cannot afford any more increases. Your extra money should come from the government.

23/01/2023 07:49

NO The response to previous surveys from the public has always been very limited and those who do respond invariably support an increase in the precept. While accepting that 'balancing the budget' is never easy, and that ensuring the Constabulary can effectively meet ever evolving crime trends, as well as victims needs, is of course relevant, it is simply unfair to put this extra financial burden on households at this difficult time. If the funding from the Home Office is insufficient then that is where the case, and demand, for extra funding must be properly directed, particularly as HM Inspectorate has identified the need for the specific improvement. Don't just accept being a low funded Constabulary. Digital technology is not the complete answer. Effective contact with and by the public has been lost. The 101 system of reporting non-999 incidents is too laborious. I have personally used this system on two occasions to report incidents in recent months and on one occasion just gave up waiting to be answered when the incident could have resulted in an offence being detected. Having to listen to the entire preamble that suggests reporting via the website, particularly when coming across an incident on a country road late at light, is useless. I'm sure that there is unfortunately a trend that many people no longer bother reporting non-urgent incidents. Finally it is extremely annoying to expect the public to accept the PR blurb published from time to time that such and such a Police team or initiative has been funded by the council

tax precept as a way of justifying the annual increase, when it is simply all part of basic day to day policing coming from within the budget.

22/01/2023 18:20

NOI feel for policing and the constant cuts being made. I also believe that as an organisation the police have a lot of internal work to do to come back on track. The money needed should come from a government pot.

22/01/2023 05:49

NOThere is too much wasted money already in the police force. Cut your costs

22/01/2023 01:48

NOI believe that the Police Force needs to be deconstructed and built anew. It is not fit for purpose and confidence has been lost and can not now be regained. Therefore, unless a new manner of policing is introduced I am very much against personally supporting a failed system.

21/01/2023 17:43

NOConsidering we never see a police officer in the village and the reluctance in following up burglaries, I have to say no. The most conspicuous police officer we see is the speed trap vehicle working on the A12, even on Bank Holidays.

21/01/2023 11:35

NOHouseholds are already under pressure due to the cost of living crisis...a crisis in many ways caused by the current government. A lot of people don't get pay rises in line with inflation, or get hardly any pay rise at all. We all had to adjust our ways of living...a bit less heat, trying to keep electricity usage to the minimum, etc... In this difficult time ahead, I think it is up to councils to find ways to save on budget, just like most of us have to find ways to economise to get through this. Charging households the maximum is an easy solution, but isn't it more challenging and

rewarding to try and find that extra budget elsewhere?!

21/01/2023 10:40

NOfunding should be from national government not from the local council tax we all know we are underfunded nationally so why aren't our Mps dealing with this issue ? even when we have had mps in the cabinet ? makes no sense

21/01/2023 09:34

NOI would support a £10 uplift but not £15 which is more in line with other increases across the public sector i.e 4%.

21/01/2023 09:33

NOThe cost of living has raised dramatically over the last few months. Mortgages have gone sky high and although the government have offered help, it is only little. The government aren't prepared to raise my wages in line with the cost of living. Why should me and my son miss out on life experiences just so people in high paid jobs and big houses can live comfortably? I agree more money is needed for your service, but please don't ask for more money from the low paid people of England. Ask people in big houses and high earners to pay more on their taxes. Thanks

21/01/2023 04:42

NOCan't afford heating or food, but we work so not entitled to much help. Also have a disabled child and this is an extra burden. No.

20/01/2023 21:16

NOI do not agree with a £15 increase, yet another one, with the current strains on our money particularly from energy costs. We do not see a substantial increase in Police services year on year and nothing has improved with 101 which is a woeful way to contact the police.

20/01/2023 20:02

NO Money should come from central government
20/01/2023 19:23

NOI don't see that there is enough work done in the town. Putting out some victim-reported crimes and asking for public help isn't putting people at ease, and enabling them to feel that the police force is working for them. How about opening the police station again for some limited hours to give people some engagement?

20/01/2023 19:11

NONot convinced the increase will be spent on the right issues
20/01/2023 17:36

NOI do not believe that you are asking for this, always pleading poverty in Suffolk. For eight years this has been the same old theme. You have done nothing about it. You seem to have forgotten the thousands of extra residences that have been built in Suffolk over the last year or so from which you have taken extra precept money. What has happened to that? At the last meeting we were informed that there was going to be an increase in the number of officers, I believe up to 144. I live on Cedars Park (2000 plus residences) and asked would there be a police presence on the streets, answer NO. Cannot remember when we last saw an officer. The officer present stated there was no correlation between crime and officers on the street. Just a week or so before the Commissioner of the Met said exactly the opposite. He's wrong she's right , make your own judgement on this. What about reinstatement of the priority meetings in Stowmarket. Answer NO. These were part of your eyes and ears. New police and fire station, but no desk for the public to access, having used the best part of Community money to fund it. These services are national not community, If you did not have funds available you should not have built it. I intend taking this up with our MP For you to pay it back plus interest, the press will have

a heyday with this.. The whole meeting resolved nothing, and did not fill me with confidence at the basic policing level, the proposed Chief Constable sat there and said nothing. The 101 service is a disaster, people just put the phone down after a ridiculously long wait. You have promised improvement, who monitor and report this back to the general public? You will put this increased charge regardless, it's time to take a commercial investigation to this Charge and the role of PCC who really does very little in interest of the people who pay the money. Until we see sustained improvement in policing generally you should not have the temerity to ask for increases.

20/01/2023 17:30

NOThe police priorities are not sufficiently focussed on fighting crime, which as far as I can see in and around Suffolk is getting worse. Stop wasting our money on on fanciful community projects and make Suffolk a safer place to live. Increasing the Policing budget every year without getting positive results is just a waste of tax payers money. Please do better with what you have now. Robin Davies
20/01/2023 17:02

NOI rarely see any Police in my area as there is no Police presence. The local police station was closed.

20/01/2023 16:27

Parliamentary Representatives for funding and personal, in parity with neighbouring counties. Let this be heard it Whitehall but the Suffolk M.P.'s seem to be alarmingly silent! ?! ?! ?

20/01/2023 15:04

NOAs I have now received this a third time, thought I would reiterate what I said before! We have no policing in Newmarket so if this increase is to maintain the level we will be very disappointed. A reduction in a non-existent level of Policing is not a problem for people in Newmarket. We have nothing

now, you take it away and we still have nothing! We have no street lighting which increases crime and then we have no police but we have much crime. Criminals must make a beeline for Newmarket because by the time the Police get here from the HUB whether Mildenhall or Bury St Edmunds the crime is complete and the criminal far far away and they know it! It doesn't get reported because there is no one around locally to report it to. Can't wait for weeks on the phone with 101 because it never gets answered. Not everyone is computer literate and even I who has basic IT skills have no idea how to report crime online so of course I don't.

20/01/2023 14:58

NOWe are not receiving policing in our community . Very occasionally a police vehicle will be seen but they are few and far between . We need on the beat officers, not little cars passing in the night .

20/01/2023 14:57

NOI am a firm believer that the old policing worked, where a regular policeman walked their beat and knew the neighbourhood. They also had the respect of children and adults, which ensured their safety also. Getting the police out of their cars would be more beneficial for everyone and save money.

20/01/2023 14:56

NOThe cost of living is too high already. The public is forced to manage this cost in many ways already, not least increases in the main part of the council tax, increased fuel costs (much of which are tax), cost of basic living costs such as food, and the cost of energy and fuel. In isolation, the proposed precept increase does not sound unreasonable, but in the context of the multitude of rising costs which occur in the absence of pay increases of the same magnitude, the rise is unacceptable. I would propose instead that Suffolk faces up to situation in which it can no longer afford the current policing status quo. We should accept that not all current services can be

provided, at least not in the current way. I would propose a series of alternatives to eliminate services and reduce demand such as; - different triage thresholds. The clearance rate for crimes is already low - the fact that most investigations do not end in a positive outcome suggests that investigations are ineffective or clearance unachievable. While reassurance is important, it need not be delivered through investigation. Behavioural science has generated much evidence that suggests things such as simple reassurance callbacks can achieve this outcome. - challenges to 'mandatory' policies. Yes, the government wants every domestic abuse suspect to be arrested but there is no evidence this is an effective deterrent. It is expensive and intrusive. The policy is not statutory and can be challenged (and besides, the rate is not 100% anyway). - chasing targets, just should not be a priority. They incentivise bad practices based on bad data and are generally created to serve political purposes. - innovations using existing technologies - e.g. video response, GPS tracking of patrol (no, you don't already do it), and narrow artificial intelligence tech such as chatbots. - eliminating services with marginal value - e.g. the rural crime infrastructure. Yes, the rural parts of Suffolk need policing too but can we afford it? There are other ways to make farmers and people in big houses feel safe.

20/01/2023 14:18

NOa) Where are we, as individuals, expected to conjure up more money? b) If police reverted to being police, rather than fiddling around with social media and the rest, then it might be worth it. They won't, and it isn't. c) Where has all the money from the closed police stations and other assets gone?

20/01/2023 14:09

NOResiding in a small village (Brockley), I have only ever seen a police presence twice in 13 years. Speeding through the village is the

norm with, I estimate, 90% of drivers going through well in excess of 30 mph.

19/01/2023 18:21

NOWould rather see more police officers dealing with increasing crime

19/01/2023 13:02

NOAs a rural parish, we have absolutely no visibility of policing, each year we are expected to charge our residents for services they don't benefit from. This is not sustainable in the current and foreseeable financial crisis in Suffolk and the rest of the UK

19/01/2023 12:15

NOWE DO NOT GET VALUE FOR MONEY HERE IN HADLEIGH

19/01/2023 11:36

NOSuffolk Constabulary is a farce.

19/01/2023 11:25

NOThere is a lot of waste within in the organisation, if this was addressed I would have no issue with raising the council tax precept.

19/01/2023 09:08

NOMy wages did not get a positive review for two years ((2021 and 2022), and this year (2023) I was awarded a 5% review, small amount to cover 3 years. I am a single parent, and have two children living at home. I budget every day, and think of ways of achieving things in different ways, and have reduced going out, socialising etc, and reduced my heating temperature, and the way I shop. I know the police are important but every single penny counts to me! I cant afford any more council tax, I would like to see a reduction in some of my costs too. My electric will come out of contract at the end of March 2023, I have no idea if I will be able to afford electric.

18/01/2023 20:16

NOIt's an outrageous suggestion in the current economic climate when some families cannot afford food on their table.

18/01/2023 19:43

NOWhat do we get by paying more to a police force that have become invisible? One does not see an officer from one day to another. Our high streets are no longer patrolled on foot where public engagement could be carried out reassuring residents and shops alike. Closure of police stations round the county. Trying to contact police via 101 has become so difficult I have experienced holding a ringing phone for 25 minutes with no answer. Sorry but that's disgraceful. Not satisfied. The force are losing confidence from the public.

18/01/2023 19:18

NOI live in Needham Market which is the second largest town in Suffolk and we do not have a dedicated police officer to serve the town.

18/01/2023 18:34

NOWith inflation at 10%, fuel up, gas and electricity up, food increasing by 30%, I do not have bottomless pockets. Make do with what you've got I HAVE TO!

18/01/2023 16:01

NOThe police are generally not fit for purpose with their two tier selective policing. Dont see why I should fund an outfit that I now regard as my enemy.

18/01/2023 15:10

NOSuffolk Constabulary has already had extra funding and you are still asking for more to address your managerial failures and inadequate strategies to keep the people of Suffolk safe. Gang cultures, stabbings, robbery and serious assaults are now common and daily occurrences in Suffolk especially Ipswich and yet the police presence is minimal. Children are being beaten and killed many of whom are going about their daily working life

but as they are not the ones causing the problems, their needs are going unnoticed and it doesn't seem to matter that they do not feel safe. Parents have no choice but to transport children to and from school, to social events with their friends, to shopping trips and to their jobs to protect them from the threat of robbery from those who are desperate, unemployed or intent to cause harm to others, gang culture and unwarranted attention and harassment from large male gangs. There is no police presence and when you hear first hand from victims suffering such crimes and their dealing with the police, even the police officers attending to them are telling them there is no point in reporting crimes as the powers that be have no interest and are focusing on the wrong things. Something has seriously got to change for Suffolk.

18/01/2023 14:58

NOEvery year recently we are asked to pay more . Yet services decline . Local policing is almost non- existent compared with years ago . You never see a PC in our village . Traffic control , speeding through villages, again does not happen .

18/01/2023 13:47

There is insufficient evidence in your statements just vague references to increased 'demand'. 1 I want to know precisely what demands, and whether these might actually be arising from underfunding in mental health and social services - which in my experience as a school governor are both inadequate in Suffolk. 2. To what extent is the Suffolk force also affected by the racism and misogyny which we know affects the Met? Is the Suffolk force capable of meeting demands stemming from social and mental health problems? 3. Are there any schools in Suffolk with a routine police presence in them? 4 How can all these services be better joined up?

18/01/2023 10:48

The reason that was stated for the increase was to maintain existing services. In reading part of your document as to where the money is going to be spent is employing 14 additional staff to enhance the service using new technology that is not maintaining existing services. During the course of the year i see that there are several meetings with the public every where apart from Newmarket discrimination i still pay the same amount of monies to the police force. In my daily travels walking and cycling i still see a lot of people using mobile phones with total disregard for the law, also i still see flagrant use of motor vehicles parked in dangerous positions next to junctions what would it takes to get a policeman to get out of his car and just put a warning notice on that vehicle..the other thing i notice is the lack of speed checks taken in the town for motorists who do not observe the the speed limit. I have read that extra police officers have been taken on by Suffolk police do we ever see policemen on the beat even though this has been promised no. Instead of fire fighting the concept of the police force should be to deter people from breaking the law this would be achieved by the presence of officers getting to know the public and interact with them. I see police officers riding around in cars around the town what does this achieve. i have noted that during the year you do campaigns for different reasons and as this may be commendable but the number of people who are flagrantly flouting the law is disgraceful. I know that these people are prosecuted all well and good but obviously they had no regard for the law. i would like to make a suggestion to you get an Police Officer to walk Newmarket and observe the points i have raised then you will see what really goes on in this town.

17/01/2023 16:36

NOFar too much money wasted by the emergency services. You can't keep increasing it every year just because "it's needed". It's the same reason everytime yet we have to sit

and watch police commissioners constantly apologizing for the mess ups within the force. Sort it out at the top and middle management and you'll find plenty of money there that you can use. It's a joke to keep asking and becoming frustrating to keep giving when the crime figures keep rising.

17/01/2023 16:16

Policing in rural areas should reflect rural needs, not national, big-city-centric needs. Too much police time is spent being 'woke' and policing 'virtual' crimes and so-called hate crimes. Bullying is not nice but has always happened and will always do so. Most of so-called hate crimes are just bullying aimed at a particular group or person, based upon anything from religion to hair colour to shape or size. Violent crimes, drug gangs and burglaries/robberies should take priority. I have attended more than one PCC public meeting and as soon as a difficult question is raised, it is batted away as 'an operational matter' and not the problem of the PCC. Maybe a good way to save money would be to remove the position and support staff of the PCC and divert this money to the front line.

17/01/2023 15:12

NO Suggest the police commissioner takes a pay cut as he is vastly over paid.

17/01/2023 15:06

NO Yet another rise in expenses for households which are already struggling to make ends meet. It may only be a few pence a week to some but to others it's just another rise in the cost of living which has to come from dwindling wages & benefits.

17/01/2023 14:49

NO The police are a waste of money these days, never walk the streets just drive around in cars

17/01/2023 11:47

Once again the PCC intends to increase the PCC element of the council tax by the maximum allowed. This means that since the 2018/19 financial year the PCC has had an increase of some 31%, 39% if you include your proposal for 2023/24. In the same period SCC including social care has seen a 16% increase and Babergh 12%. It seems no account has been taken regarding the thousands of houses that have been built in Suffolk this past year resulting in thousands more taxpayers. £1.4 million of last years increase was for improvements in the 101 line. As reported in the Suffolk Free Press (25/8/22) the Inspectorate found no such improvements. We then heard that all will be well sometime in March 2023. I hope the "regular updates" from the Deputy Chief Constable will be positive. It feels like the PCC element only increases by the maximum again because it can. If you feel that you are hard done by from a Conservative government and you yourself are Conservative maybe lobby Suffolk Conservative MP's for better funding.

17/01/2023 10:20

NO The force should learn how to budget in a more efficient manner and not waste money.

17/01/2023 09:30

NO As an employee I have asked for a wage increase and this has been denied because the business is also facing higher bills. Therefore myself and other tax payers are getting hit in all directions and now struggling to make ends meet let alone living any kind of worth-full life.... Is getting to a point where anyone needs to create an uprising to stop this.

17/01/2023 09:02

NO In my experience the police in Suffolk put far too much of their resources into protecting their officers and staff that have clearly broken the law and should be punished and possibly kicked out. But in Suffolk their colleagues and superiors (and often the PSD and the IOPC) put a great deal

of effort to scheme, lie and pervert the law just to defend an officer. If the police force was not so institutionally corrupt and was run more efficiently, there would be no need for an increase in the council tax!

17/01/2023 00:24

We are all being hit by escalating price increases and this one I feel is totally unacceptable... This money such be given to you by Central Government and not out of our pockets, people are already being hit left right and centre by all the ever increasing prices. We ourselves are finding it hard as pensioners to have our heating and lights on, our Gas & Electric bill alone has gone up by over £300 per month, our ground rent has just gone up by another £27.21 per month. We can not continue to have to find money that we just do not have. Many thanks,

16/01/2023 20:48

NOYou do this every year; you fail to get enough money from the government so you put up the council tax!!! People are on their knees trying to pay the Bill's, we all pay income tax to cover all country's expenses. The government are ripping us off, and so are you !!! Do not put up the council tax RESIGN.

16/01/2023 20:35

NOI live in a small village next to the A143. There is little evidence of a police presence in this area and having witnessed many vehicles speeding through our village, especially on the A143, there is no effort to stop this. Why should our money pay for better policed areas?

16/01/2023 20:05

NOSince moving to the village I have seen no police presence or not one police officer apart from the village show on a stand. I do not think it's fair to ask this increase when we don't even see a police officer especially at a time when we are already struggling to pay our heating and feed put food on the table.

16/01/2023 19:53

Why are we paying more for a service we are not receiving, the police don't want to know most of the time. There is no longer a police presence in the town or surrounding villages.

16/01/2023 19:32

NORural areas get NO policing at all

16/01/2023 18:55

NOThis may seem a trifling amount at the moment but with rising costs everywhere especially in energy and food it might be wise to review it another time.

16/01/2023 18:48

NOI will be honest I feel that if we give the police more money it will only line the pockets of the higher ranked police. If this would guarantee more police on the street or we actually get to see a police officer when we report crime then I would fully support the pay rise. There's no convenience in the police anymore unless you want police catching speeding motorists.

16/01/2023 18:32

NOWhere is the money actually going? Little evident or visual policing and really difficult to see what we get for the money.

16/01/2023 17:40

NOwe pay enough for services already..

16/01/2023 17:35

NOWe are in a cost of living crisis. You should be working to find ways to support people who are unable to heat their homes not add to their problems.

16/01/2023 16:57

NOI think a rise is ok, but I think the rise should be in line with the average wage rise across all industries, both private and public sectors, I don't believe this to be 6%.

16/01/2023 16:36

NOThere will be efficiency savings that can be made. These should be taken into account
16/01/2023 16:14

In the 22 years that I've lived in Suffolk, it has been necessary for me to contact Suffolk police to report a crime on 5 occasions. Only once was there an adequate response. 4 other occasions had either no response or a response with no follow-up. The last occasion that I contacted police was 2018. It is my opinion that all the money in the world will not render Suffolk police anything more than completely incompetent and unresponsive. Under no circumstances would I be willing to pay more now because I'm sure money has not been the issue for the last 22 years.
16/01/2023 14:37

NORid us of PCC altogether extra tax imposed by toys out of the cot cameron as jobs for the boys. Chief constables need to manage their own budgets and be trained to do so. Stop paying overtime for speed cameras to operate on Sundays etc.
16/01/2023 08:56

NOIf we could guarantee that we would see some benefit / improvement to the policing in Suffolk then maybe it would be worth it. But this would require better management and i cant se that happening. So it is likely we would pay more and see no change.
16/01/2023 08:26

I would happily pay an extra £1.00 every week if I believed there was a chance of people being prosecuted for petty crimes. Criminal damage to cars and bikes is at an all-time high yet you have a 5% chance of anything being done. The amount of litter on the floor is simply ridiculous, how about if you want to make more money you simply fine offenders £50.00? I feel confident you would easily cover the extra resources and begin to tackle areas of crime that typically lead to a closed case and leave people frustrated.
15/01/2023 21:30

NOWe are paying enough. Most are not getting any pay rises and costs for everything are high. I don't want to pay constantly increasing council tax for you or so called services from the council.
15/01/2023 20:55

Don't see a Police presence in Clare so won't make any difference,
15/01/2023 20:16

NONever see police in public places. Let alone villages. No lights in our village (Beyton) which doesn't bode well for security especially when we often have a van or two trolling around looking for something to nick. We're in our 80s and feel we pay enough in already for what little protection we get.
15/01/2023 19:45

NOYou have NEVER chosen to charge anything other than maximum.....do you not know there is an income crisis for most wage earners, it is time you made an acknowledging gesture to people that taxpayers.
15/01/2023 18:53

NOEach year more money for the Police. Much of Suffolk is rural yet it seems only towns get a Police response or presence. I have no confidence in Suffolk Police for many reasons. To contact them and get no response when their job is to protect & serve us, appalling. More money - will it mean more Police in villages? Or purely more hi tech IT? Why should we pay more when we never see the Police? Seems we are left to self -police the area. Too many Chiefs not enough Indians, bulking out numbers with Special Constables who have no powers is not an answer. Suffolk Police are not even adequate and throwing money at the seat of the problem won't change that.
15/01/2023 18:43

NOI am not happy with the police conduct in our county as they seem to spend a lot of

their time harassing young people and using unnecessary force in non crime situations. They are failing to properly assess the situations before arresting people and afterwards failing to properly investigate things before forwarding to the CPS. This causes a lack of trust from our communities through all age groups. It seems like they want to criminalise young men in particular, giving them unnecessary criminal records resulting in hardship for our economy No more money

15/01/2023 18:01

NOPolicing in my area is virtually invisible. Crimes perpetrated are half heartedly investigated, if at all. Of course the money generating war on motorists continues apace. How about this, rid us of an ineffectual Police and Crime Commissioner and help to alleviate the burden on people in our area. Of course this will not happen.

15/01/2023 17:43

NOCommunity Policing has deteriorated to the extent that there is seldom any visible evidence of Police presence 'on the ground' and consequently low levels of anti-social behaviour persist. Residents feel that they are very much 'on their own' and response times appear to have increased.

15/01/2023 17:3

NOThe police should stop nicking the car and van drivers to make money Then I would support the police more

15/01/2023 17:09

NOWe are in a financial crisis. Everyone is struggling as it is to make ends meet. Why our are asking is a joke. We barely see a policeman on the streets and the only time you see a police car is looking for speeding offenders. Back off and understand that no one can afford it!!!

15/01/2023 16:44

NOSame message as last year. Sounding like the bottomless pit that is the NHS. No improvement at base level as far as I can see. No more feet on the beat, no more investigations carried out into what most rightminded believe to be serious crimes eg burglary. When are the good hard working people of Suffolk going to stop having to fund the absolute failure of the Police Commissioner to secure more equitable funding for Suffolk instead of remaining the poor relation of Norfolk. Get tough and secure more funding or get out and let someone tougher have the job.

15/01/2023 16:39

NONever see any police in our local area! Report something (not 999) and all you get is sorry can't do anything!

15/01/2023 16:24

NOThere is no basis for charging higher bands significantly more than a band D property. The banding is out of date and there is no evidence police services are skewed to higher band properties or that there are more occupants in higher band properties. It would be useful If the commissioner published the data of all incidents the police attend and which band of properties they relate. The proposal applies outdated thinking to raise additional funding, support of an increase would be stronger with a fairer distribution.

15/01/2023 16:10

It's about we saw some police officers walking around the town rather than in sitting in an office. When we see results then I'd support a rise.

15/01/2023 16:05

NOEven 29p per week is too much, we are being stretched financially to such a degree that people are losing their homes. My pensions have not risen for 2 years and government pensions increases are wiped out by fuel costs and rent increases.

15/01/2023 15:51

NOSuffolk Constabulary is already well funded- that is to say it is not under-funded. As your Report says, it is a low cost Force. Therefore I see no justification for the increase.

15/01/2023 15:47

NOAt this point in time when everyone is financially challenged another tax rise is not welcome there have to be other ways of making savings

15/01/2023 15:21

NOCould make savings in house house owners are not cash cows..... police need to get out of cars and back on the beat..... police are there to serve the public... not the other way round

15/01/2023 15:10

We are already being overtaxed, while at the same time the government is spending our taxes inefficiently. We also have train drivers going on strike when they are paid twice as much as police officers... cut their pay and use that to fund the police instead.

15/01/2023 14:33

NOWith people already having to rely on food banks and unable to feed there children and relying on schools to give them a breakfast you should be considering maintaining the previous year's preset.

15/01/2023 14:17

NOPolicing should've funded as an emergency service from central government with minor top up from local a 6% increase in these times is not acceptable

15/01/2023 13:51

NOIn our vicinity if we call the police, in my experience, they are not interested. They seem to have their own agenda.

15/01/2023 13:04

We are a band D property. Just because you have a D property, does not make you rich enough to pay the increase. We are a struggling farming business. When we lost our dad to a heart attack at the beginning of Covid, the police were brilliant and so supportive. We found ourselves losing money last year because of the war in Ukraine and high fertiliser costs. We are almost £80,000 in a bank overdraft and interest rates rising further. Last year we assisted the police to find a cow that had wandered off the A12. It wasn't our cow, but we helped them as we were highly qualified and experienced to do so. If you put up the cost, we may not be around to help. Please find a fairer way to make those who have money, pay.

15/01/2023 12:23

NOPeople are struggling enough as it is this may seem a small amount to those with money but for the normal working class people this is like another nail in their coffin and would have a devastating effect on their finances.

15/01/2023 11:58

NOYour overheads are too high. You employ too many non uniform executives and managers. You are a public service not a commercial undertaking. With your background you lack the skills to run an efficient cost effective organisation.

15/01/2023 11:48

Suffolk Constabulary has been unable to demonstrate an effective service within the budget they already have. Raising the taxpayer burden without concurrently identifying efficiencies and bona fide performance improvements is not justifiable. "Root and branch" reform is needed before the precept is raised. Purchasing and procurement efficiencies need to be identified, and communicated to the Suffolk taxpayer. In addition, all Suffolk Constabulary spend can and should be retained in Suffolk. There is no reason whatsoever why Suffolk

Constabulary cannot spend its budget with Suffolk based SME businesses. It is wholly appropriate that they do so, since they will be asked to shoulder the tax increases, yet again. In addition, the public confidence in Suffolk Constabulary is very low, especially amongst local businesses, be they rural or otherwise. It is therefore inappropriate to increase the precept, (or frankly any other local taxes by Suffolk County Council, or the District Councils), without some genuine, empirical accountability to the county "public interest". Currently, there is nil correlation between efficiency and performance improvement metrics, and yet another increase in the precept / council tax increases generally. The cost of living crisis, including energy, is insufficient justification alone for a further tax increase on an already overtaxed Suffolk general public. Until quantifiable cost efficiencies are proven to Suffolk taxpayers, together with procurement and prosecution performance improvements, we believe Suffolk taxpayers should resist any and all council tax increases. The irony is, that with a more enlightened, aggressive, reformist approach, Suffolk Constabulary could set a national performance example for other counties / constabularies to follow.

15/01/2023 11:01

NOForgotten what a policeperson looks like

15/01/2023 10:49

NOThe police are not using their budget properly at present. The emphasis is on traffic offences only to raise more money. There has been a gang of violent burglars operating in suffolk for the past 4 years and the police have not attempted to capture them. They do not even visit the victims and scenes of crime when the gang ransack several properties at once on a given night. Make them become more efficient, not more comfortable.

15/01/2023 10:26

NOThe police have been no help to me when my son was being terrorised and followed by

car loads of lads. This happened and was reported more than once. My son has extreme anxiety made worse by this. The police did absolutely nothing. I'm disgusted. I have no faith in the police and will not fund them anymore

15/01/2023 10:16

NOWe can not afford yet another bill increase for a service we do not benefit from. As rural residents we have no contact with the police other than seeing them holding speed guns in ridiculous locations that have no effect in the long term. They haven't made any significant positive impact on our community or personal lives, why should we take more money away from our children to cover a service that we already pay for in national insurance and council tax?? This should be fully funded by our pathetic government as usual the working class are being stung.

15/01/2023 10:14

NONo policing presence in Woolpit which is overrun with speeding and overweight vehicles.

15/01/2023 09:56

NOWe are a Band D property and whilst your peddle a good sale with the reasons behind the increase the fact is an additional £15 a year is an extra £15 a year. This is half a terms netball club for my 11 year old or a weeks school lunches for one of our children. We are a two parent working family who fall into that bracket (with many others) who work hard but don't earn little enough to claim any kind of benefit (and never have) but don't earn enough to survive. Yet here's another bill that's going up.

15/01/2023 09:45

NOIt should be much more, but in a local and national environment in which crime rates are off the scale and conviction rates are inversely proportional, we should be demanding much more from our police forces - not services!

15/01/2023 09:44

NOIn todays economic conditions any increase in tax bands is out of order. I had to leave my job due to health issues but can not get any help from the government, my husband is semi retired, so funds are low. Already we are sitting in 3/4 layers of clothing and have to sit with a blanket on in the evenings. We have always paid our bills and have never been in debt. Now in our mid sixties we are getting to the stage when we should be relaxing, we are having to worry about bills. And here we go again, you want to take even more money from us, to pay for policing, can't say I've ever seen any around here. I think it is a disgrace that you can even think about putting up the band cost of the average person. Dont count on my vote next time around.

15/01/2023 09:39

NOI don't feel that we currently receive sufficient support from the police and do not see that the max increase would significantly improve things. I regularly see many police cars at the police station in stowmarket but never a policeman around town where drugs are a problem, this can't be policed from a car.

15/01/2023 09:05

NOI have lived in Stowupland for 10 years. I have never seen a policeman on foot in our village. Increasing the budget will do nothing for me; there will be no more police presence on the ground which is what I would like to see. The bidget is being wasted on trendy fads that satisfy the politically correct

15/01/2023 08:48

Cost of living is extremely high now, and the proposals continue to be to ask citizens to pay more and more. Not acceptable.

15/01/2023 08:45

NOI honestly don't think 'Teams' or digital enhancements to a 101 service are where the

priorities of policing need to be. Automated responses and the dehumanising of the authority already lead people to view the Service as overly corporate. It already feels like the forces 'customers' or members of the public are on the whole a bit of bother to the police. If you report a crime or have need of the police the last thing you want is an automated email, text or other generic response. This will not serve the people and will only look good against response time data and figures. It is likely to impact negatively on public opinion if this is the route it is being lead down. Increased taxation should be implemented in making the police more visible not less.

15/01/2023 08:38

NONever see any police officers ipswich is a disgrace and font know why we pay for a police commissioner. Every year the police want the highest percentage they can and I see nothing for it. You want to purchase speed cameras that can issue speeding tickets and where are we to get the extra money from. A big fat no.

15/01/2023 08:18

We pay enough as it is and rarely see the Police out and about in Stowmarket since living here for nearly 20 years

15/01/2023 07:38

NOThe council tax is high enough as it is and should not be raised in this area and second home owners should be made to pay more for there holiday homes as 90 % of the trouble is due to them in this town

15/01/2023 00:30

NOWe are all strapped for cash. I work in education and haven't had a pay rise more the 2% a year for 10 years. I've never caught up with years cost increases. With the cost of living the way it is and the fact we are asked to pay more when we have no local police station anymore is a disgrace. I live in a band D property that is rented and all these

increases are not acceptable. It's not affordable and wrong in the current climate.
14/01/2023 22:11

NOAt a time when the cost of living is increasing and inflation high, I think it's too much.

14/01/2023 21:37

I do not think the police provide value for money as it is and further money will be prioritised towards politically correct crimes rather than those affecting most people, like burglary, car crime, social disorder etc. I understand that police efficiency has been drastically reduced by bureaucracy but much of this falls upon the shoulders of police leaders crime and others like crime commissioners who are too weak to stand up to those who demand extra police resources to be devoted to politically correct type crimes. Policing our streets needs to get back to basics and good old fashioned tried and tested methods of detection. I don't believe extra funding will provide that, if it did I'd be happy to pay far more than what you are asking. Don't get me wrong I believe our police do a great job under the circumstances dictated, but leaders at all levels let the ordinary police officer on the street down. For them to be effective the courts need to support them through tougher sentencing for every day bulk crime. Those who commit burglary should expect a prison term albeit their first offence. Assaults on police should mean a prison sentence. I could go on but I dare say you get the gist of my feelings. When the vast majority of crime is committed by those that have previous convictions what good will money do when our courts are a massive hole in the justice system.

14/01/2023 21:19

NOAs a pensioner, I struggle as it is to pay my council tax
14/01/2023 21:13

NONo everything is going up already maybe you should stop wasting money on stupid things and get back to real policing. Also it went up last year and I still can't see any extra police officers

14/01/2023 20:59

I see no presence in the rural part of Suffolk where I live and little and no effort in regards to rural crime. Looking at the budget there appears to be significant waste in the Police system and I see no evidence that internal savings could not be made before we ask for another increase to the rates we pay.

14/01/2023 20:35

NONever ever see a police presence in Carlton Colville. Too long a queue to phone you. Poor value for money service why pay more????

14/01/2023 20:14

NOI don't feel that the police do enough in southwold to warrant asking for an increase in payments, whilst this is a relatively quiet town, there is a drug problem here that doesn't ever appear to be looked into, I personally feel that the police don't do a very thorough job when it comes to dealing with situations within this town. Suffolk police in general in the past I have found to be somewhat dishonest and at times flippant in responses to complaints and are not there when they are needed. I don't feel they represent value for money. If you want extra money then why don't you sell the almost always vacant southwold police station instead of leaving it empty?, just don't sell it for holiday homes we have enough of those on this town, which brings me to the point that of EVERYONE including second home owners and people who claim that their second homes are holiday homes, that are let out in order to avoid paying council tax then you wouldn't need to raise the precept, to be frank we pay enough. Isn't that a form of tax evasion? And isn't that a criminal offence????

I rest my case! 😞

14/01/2023 19:41

Council tax does not give value for money in the first place, get the police out of top end vehicles like land rovers, BMW's etc and into reasonably priced vans and also on the beat can't remember the last time we saw a police constable walking around.

14/01/2023 19:04

NOThe government should be funding this - perhaps they could claim back some of the money they gave to their friends for non-existent/faulty PPE. Perhaps this money could then be used to investigate the fraud and money laundering that goes on within our government.

14/01/2023 17:46

NOThere needs to be cuts to public spending

14/01/2023 17:45

NOI cannot see this helping police rural villages, we need more presence of police in villages on the edges of towns. Only last year or the year before you got rid of police as you couldn't afford to keep them on.

14/01/2023 17:35

NOAny private organisation would drive out waste. The public sector just thinks it can keep asking the tax payer to subside poor management and approve inefficiency

Whilst I agree the police force should be receiving extra funding and wages as new constables earn less than a new nurse, I feel we pay enough and that a percentage of what we pay to council tax should be given to the police instead. I really do not benefit much at all from the council, the state of the roads is shocking for one. We pay extra for a bin to be emptied etc. I would much rather see the council, in particular the grossly overpaid councillors, take a pay cut / reduction in what they receive and thus go to policing unit of Suffolk who greatly require it.

14/01/2023 17:16

NOAs I understand it, this will not increase police numbers. This is the reason given for not attending property crime or anti social use of vehicles eg high speeding.

14/01/2023 16:56

NOThe police don't do half the job they are supposed to do now! The Police should make savings themselves not ask the public for more money.

14/01/2023 16:52

I live in Southwold and we never see a policeman. I suggest that those areas which are lucky enough to have them pay for them!

14/01/2023 16:16

NOThere have been continuous increases by the OPCC each year, but no improvement has been noticed in the response of the constabulary in meeting call targets or delivering a better service for the public. There have been continuous increases in new 'teams' or roles, but as far as I can tell, you cannot even fulfill the frontline response function due to lack of staffing. I believe you are wasting money elsewhere and not investing correctly.

14/01/2023 16:16

NOWhy should it depend on your property banding, are we the ones who use the police more? (I don't think so) we were the ones also who didn't get the £130 cashback from the council. We have no buses in the area, very few footpaths yet we seem to pay more all the time.

14/01/2023 14:24

NOThere's a cost of living crisis

14/01/2023 14:16

NOPrevious increases in the policing element have not resulted in any of the promised benefits they were supposed to support. Here in Clare we no longer see any police presence and delays trying to get through on 101 are

farcical. Complaints of speeding (even when backed up by evidence of 75mph in built up areas) are not followed up due to lack of resources so why exactly would anyone support a rise in the policing element? We know the increase will happen and this is just a PR box-ticking exercise to show consultation has taken place.

14/01/2023 14:01

because i dont feel like i get value for my money

14/01/2023 13:44

NOIn the present time everyone is finding it difficult and a further increase in Council Tax is just another expense for many. It may not seem very much per week but to many on low income or on pensions they will find it unacceptable.

14/01/2023 13:27

NOCost of living is high and we cannot afford to keep paying more

14/01/2023 13:08

NOThe present economic climate does not make increasing the budget a good idea. A smaller increase may be acceptable.

14/01/2023 12:31

NONo. Before you raise the precept....what have you done with the money from estate you have sold? How much is Athena costing in officer hours and pounds shillings and pence? Get back to local response officers policing local areas dealing with people they know

14/01/2023 12:29

I feel UK Police in general have lost their way. Firstly, there is too much emphasis on qualifications and too little on experience. This has resulted in people with the required qualifications holding senior ranks at an early age when they lack the experience (life in general and policing in particular) necessary to carry out the role to the best effect.

Secondly, there is too much emphasis on policing the politically correct. It is quite wrong for people to be abused for any reason (sexual orientation, race, etc., etc.) because it is upsetting, but being upset is not as bad as being burgled or assaulted. Being offended is a fact of life that we all have to live with. Being assaulted may also be a risk we all run, but it is, ultimately, far more harmful than being offended and should be a priority.

Thirdly (and this has more to do with the justice system as a whole than policing in particular), prosecuting and sentencing are related to: 1. The effect rather than the cause, and 2. Based on retribution rather than appropriate sanction for the perpetrator and reduced risk for the general public. Take hypothetical example for number 1. A man is driving a car whilst texting on his telephone. His lack of concentration causes him to plough into a queue of people at a bus stop killing ten of them. Another man has an automatic weapon and sets off with the intention of killing people. He comes across the same queue of people and tries to shoot at them, but the gun is badly maintained and jams, so no one is killed. The only reason he does not kill anyone is his incompetence. As things stand, the man in the car would get a significantly longer gaol sentence than the man with the gun. This is nonsense because the man in the car had no intention to kill, he was simply unthinking and inconsiderate. He is only a danger to the public whilst driving and so a far more appropriate sentence would be a short term in gaol with a lifetime driving ban. On the other hand, the man with the gun is potentially a continuing danger to the public. A short term in prison is unlikely to deter him and he is likely to try again. Practice making perfect, he will eventually acquire the skills necessary to wreak havoc and will do so. It is he who should be detained for a long time. As an example of point 2, a man drives a car dangerously and badly injures a cyclist. He is sentenced to a prison term (which would be applauded by the victim's relatives) and then a short driving ban. Once again, prison is not

appropriate as this man is only dangerous when driving. Much better to ban him for life. This would not only safeguard other road users, I contend it would be a greater deterrent for most people than a short sentence and a short ban.

14/01/2023 12:02

NOMoney is not the issue, effective policing is. More money will not help.

14/01/2023 11:26

NOI believe that the service we pay for doesn't really cut it. So what would increasing it actually do and provide and benefit me.

14/01/2023 11:15

NORatepayers and taxpayers are overwhelmed with increasing costs for utilities,taxes,food and everything else. The responsibility should be with the Government to re-prioritise costs.

I would ask the police authority to look at its expenditure carefully and see where the monies are actually going and instead of adding extra barriers to police... go to its core values.... using 101 , click and report and 999. Every crime is an emergency (I understand that there is a small minority that misuse the system) putting stupid stories everytime on Facebook does not always work (there is a time and place when trying to use this humour to engage).

14/01/2023 11:07

NOWhilst under normal circumstances the rise would be digestible for those having to pay Council tax, we cannot ignore the Country is heading into a recession given the current fuel crises. The increase will hit those families and individuals who work and are already struggling . Food banks are being used for those middle working groups who had not had to previously. Councils are helping people get through the current crisis through referrals to budgeting advice services. Police

need to find better ways to direct services without rising Council tax over this period.

14/01/2023 10:44

NOThis is nothing more than a disgraceful stealth tax which should be abolished, Policing should be funded from central government only and in these difficult times when even middle earning tax payers are finding it hard to heat their homes and feed their families there should be no increase at all!! Year after year we are being asked to pay more for less police services and presence, it's time you got your house in order and started operating within your means and not placing more hardship on everyday people who are finding difficult to fund their own basic family needs. Get a grip!

14/01/2023 10:26

NOCentral governments job to fund the police. Too much us spent on wokery, rainbow police cars etc, ridiculous waste of money.

14/01/2023 10:19

Every time I'm asked about this I say I don't feel we are getting an acceptable level of service for the amount we already spend. I accept there are resourcing issues for the police but we are paying significant amounts for council tax and don't see the tax spent in our area. We are fortunate that the village is a low crime area but we have had a speeding problem for many years. There has been no investment in this. The parish council has purchased an automated system and sends reports to the police - not of every speeded, only those in the upper reaches - and has been told, in no uncertain terms, that the reports are not going to be acted on as there aren't the resources. Approaches have been made to Bobby Bennet but we are being told there is no funding available. So no, I do not agree with the raise in council tax. We're getting very little for the very significant amounts we already pay.

14/01/2023 10:17

NONewmarket lacks the identity of a Police presence. Mildenhall Police only
14/01/2023 10:10

NOI don't feel enough is being done at present to combat costs. Sending multiple units to insignificant or minor "jobs". Eg 4 police cars a few years ago because a car window was open.

14/01/2023 09:30

NOBecause the police need a huge shake up . How all the forces work in silos is a disgrace. You are a waste of money. Use specials but do not really respect them. No police presence at all

14/01/2023 09:19

NOI fail to see how this makes it any easier to contact/ or have any meaningful dialogue with a police officer. I feel that the police have made it their mission to hide away and distance themselves as far away from the people they are supposed to serve. Just remember that not everyone has access to technology.

14/01/2023 08:46

NOI would prefer to see a 4% or absolute maximum 5% increase I am sure this is not the only area that Council tax will increase this year and given we are on a fixed income every increase will create an impact

14/01/2023 08:32

NOThe Police precept is already to high for what little receive, every year its increased but still crime keeps rising and police become less visible and when you do need them forget it!!

14/01/2023 08:20

NOI have not the confidence that an increase will have that most basic of all results the catching of wrongdoers and the reduction of crime.

14/01/2023 08:07

Time to start cutting the cloth and deliver a negative precept,
14/01/2023 06:37

We are already paying enough. The amount was increased last year.

14/01/2023 03:58

Any increase would not benefit us at all .
13/01/2023 23:30

I see police wandering around Bury market, Cyclists all over the place on pavements, pedestrian areas , cars in pedestrian areas, ars in no entry areas behind Wetherspoons, all theydois ignore and walk away ?

13/01/2023 22:15

I think yes to an increase but by a lower amount of around 20p per week . But would like a more positive response to petty crime as it seems to be brushed under the carpet.

13/01/2023 22:02

We all have to cope with inflation. You are asking for too much. Maybe some judicious pruning would be a better option combined with a reduced claim. Breaking down to a weekly 39p is disguising the costs. We face council tax rises from councils all imposing maximum costs on us despite having other money raising entities at their disposal. As a pensioner I did not see a 15 % rise even though the triple lock was this time at least used. We now have to accept that when we report crime it will not be investigated unless of course there is violence involved or the victim is someone of note. Local police presence is virtually non existent.

13/01/2023 21:37

Inflation is a problem for everyone. 29p doesn't seem a lot, but it's another 29p on top of all the other 29ps that are accumulating. Government services should aim to become leaner and more efficient, rather than

consuming yet more public money year after year.

13/01/2023 20:57

Council tax is already high enough.

13/01/2023 20:48

I do not agree with the increase in light of the cost of living crisis which is back to back following covid years, many people are in dire times and are struggling to even pay basic living costs, I am personally struggling to cover even one invoice being electricity costs ad some people are on very limited income or no jobs. My job is not within the public sector with government potential increases and my pay has not increased in light of 11% rising costs of living and like many having to stretch even further every day which means I am having to choose whether to go cold or not eat. If the rises are essential we should be seeking these monies direct from the energy companies and Fuel companies or Government who have made significant unplanned profits. How do you expect people to pay this with all of the above, you are pushing more people into poverty by greed, have you considered for the top wage earners, MD etc to take pay cuts in order to factor these rises.

13/01/2023 20:29

In this trying times with families struggling to make ends meat I do think that the policing prevent should be no more than 4 % for the year 2023 to 2024.

13/01/2023 20:16

Too much policing done in cars. Put bobbies back on the beat. Better policing, more interaction with the public = more respect. I would support more money if the police presence was increased. My dad was a policeman in the 50 and 60's when policing was front line and not hiding behind a steering wheel. Too many chiefs and not enough Indians.

13/01/2023 19:51

You can not get hold of a police officer, always got their phone or radio off. Tim Passmore can to or parish council meeting and promised he wold sort out a problem but never did. No do not agree with the increase. Since all the problems with the MET I can not trust the police. They do not get back to if you have a problem you have reported.

13/01/2023 19:48

I don't feel this investment is worth the money in these times when people are struggling with the cost of living. Too many issues have been found with the police integrity I recent time so I strongly oppose this increase

13/01/2023 19:40

I think a 6% increase is far too much given that many of us are already struggling to pay for the basics. I understand that you may be underfunded too but perhaps this extra money should come from those who can afford it. It makes me angry that there are so many properties in Suffolk who don't pay council tax - second homes and so called holiday lets, due to loopholes in the system. Perhaps Suffolk County Council's first call should be those people who are unfairly gaming the system and have excess money to waste.

13/01/2023 19:30

Services have already been cut back and no longer provide our expectations on police support. Just where do you consider pensioners to find the extra finance you and all al the many other demands we face. You should remember that whilst this years pension review may return to the promised level of several years ago, last years was cut back and so we are already facing a reduced income overall. Enough is enough. We have to face untold demands on our income and the police must do likewise.

13/01/2023 19:27

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13/01/2023 19:27

A waste of tax payers money in a cost of living crisis. Many areas of the county have lower than average crime rates. Police service has extremely high pensions. The key Suffolk priorities are linked to health inequalities, cost of living, childhood obesity, mental health, balancing 2 in 3 people being over 65 with cuts in adult social services, and our struggling Suffolk NHS and hospitals. Why should we pay extra £1 a month for Tim Passmore to cut ribbons, have organisations write quotes for press releases for him and hear and see him on Radio Suffolk or in EADT? Which very few people REALLY listen to and read? A lot of money for a police celebrity.

13/01/2023 19:24

If improvement were realistic I would reluctantly agree to an increase however I can see that admin will swallow the money and not feet on the beat.

13/01/2023 18:53

Government should be increasing your funding further, not the public.

13/01/2023 18:52

When the police are focussed on catching criminals instead of policing pronouns, dancing the Macarena and taking the knee - only then can we talk about whether you need more money.

13/01/2023 18:44

Families who are working so hard are struggling as it is they are already on the breadline fighting to pay council tax even low income families that get topped up with benefits have to pay in full the fee is high enough

13/01/2023 18:28

NOA)the police station here has closed B)I had two coppers entry flat at 5am,no warrant,looking for some bloke I've never heard of_no apology even though they'd got the wrong address

13/01/2023 18:17

NOThis is the time to reduce costs for people, not increase them. You should look for efficiency gains instead.

13/01/2023 18:12

NO As a pensioner on a limited income, I will. find it increasingly difficult to sustain my somewhat limited lifestyle, as I am not able to claim any supplementary benefits.

13/01/2023 17:05

NOThe Police Service in the County is serve all residents and to raise the precept by property Council Tax rating is unfair. Probably the most calls to the Police for assistance is not by the higher Band Properties but the lower band properties and those not even paying Council Tax. This precept needs to be across the board payment to all citizens of Suffolk. For far too long decent law abiding citizens are lumbered with cost of policing areas of high crime rates. These criminals and nuisance callers including pubs and night clubs which cause the trouble should be paying a lot larger Council Business Tax. When petty criminals are convicted they should pay for their crimes and the money go into the Policing Precept.

13/01/2023 16:50

NOYou need to solve more crimes before considering an increase. You are not value for money. You are not visible.

13/01/2023 16:28

NOIt should be across the board for all properties room Band A upwards to be fair as all households have the same need for policing during the financial year

13/01/2023 16:27

NORegardless of how little the increase is, it is unfair on principle to increase people's expenses when many are struggling financially as it is. Realistically the extra money will not do any more to actually deal with crime. If an increase is agreed, a statement on what the money is going towards would be appreciated.

13/01/2023 16:25

NOContinued need to contain costs because of high taxation on the public. Look at senior ranks and reduce.

13/01/2023 16:22

NOBecause this increase would then push the cost of council tax up , affecting those that are on the financial breadline already

13/01/2023 16:09

NOThe policing in Haverhill is not visible enough, we require 'more boots on the ground'

13/01/2023 16:03

NOThe policing element of the council tax increase should not be higher than wage increases for staff. Year on year you are asking staff to accept lower percentage salary increases than the percentage increase in the policing council tax element. This is just not acceptable.

13/01/2023 16:02

NOThere will still be an issue of poor support from the police as always. In Eye they hide away in their office and do not want inhabitants to contact them. You need to sort this issue out before putting the charges up as in many peoples opinion they are worse than useless.

13/01/2023 15:57

NONot warranted in this economic climate every penny is important and believing people who live in higher band properties have extra money is folly,

13/01/2023 15:45

NOAt this time, with other rising household costs, the extraction of even £1 a month is something I can do without.

13/01/2023 15:37

NOTaxes we pay should pay for police, this should be enough and if it is not then it should be sorted out centrally. Rather than having to pay 'again' for policing through separate channel.

NOThe PCC precept from council tax invariably increases every year. We are told this is to maintain services whereas it seems to me that the level of services falls every year. You say that you need to keep up with modern technology. As far as I see it, that means not attending break-ins but expecting people to have front door cameras to be able to send recorded evidence of burglary to the police, instead of a police presence at the scene; having dash-board cams to help police with road traffic accidents and, generally, relying on a tech-savvy public to do the Police's work for them. If the police weren't there to dole out crime numbers for insurance purposes, their use for small crime would be nil. I have great respect for the Police and believe the officers on duty will do what they can to control crime where instructed. However, since living in Suffolk (17 years) I have seen the Police interaction with the public decrease to the point where I don't even know where my "local" police station is. What used to be the station in Woodbridge is now a block of flats. We used to have a local team that periodically visited the village to ask if we had any problems and hand out useful information. It kept the police force nearby and attainable, even if this was merely public

relations. This was only a few years ago but now seems like a whimsical dream from the 1950's. No, I don't think a rise in the precept will improve the police force to the level we would like.

13/01/2023 15:19

NOTo start with, I – together with many former police officers – am totally opposed to the office of PCC. The office exists to pay you and your contemporaries vastly inflated salaries for achieving little, if anything. I have no doubt that should this increase in Council Tax be approved, the bulk of the money will go straight into your pocket and those of your staff. Instead, it should go to promoting leadership and professionalism among the rank and file police officers. The standard of policing in the area is abysmal. Having lived in the area for over 20 years, I have seen one PCSO (who quite possibly might have lost his way) and one warranted police constable when there was a series of burglaries and attempted burglaries. A handprint was found on next door's window – 'Cant get nuffin' off that' said an officer, who wiped it off. Do you seriously expect to justify an increase in council tax with community policing such as that?

13/01/2023 15:03

NOThis is double taxation. The correct amount that Suffolk needs should come from the Government general taxation. These relatively new taxes creep up every year and are smoke screens used by Government. Along with the new Social Care payment that has now been added to the Council tax burden it is all getting to much. What you should all be doing is look to be more efficient, why do some officers retire then come back doing some part time job and get paid travelling expenses, this is a major scandal, the number of rest days police have is also wrong, not days off but rest days. Also there are far to many none productive people employed.

13/01/2023 15:03

NOWe pay enough council tax as it is.

13/01/2023 14:56

You have raised tax every year but with no visible benefit.

13/01/2023 14:54

agree if there would be a tangible and noticeable increase in police presence in the our villages

13/01/2023 14:45

NOWe have paid more for policing yea after year and policing in and around Ipswich has been less and less

13/01/2023 14:31

NOThe police are thoroughly corrupt and rotten from within the service, and I say this from experience, 2 family members separately were involved in car accidents which were not their fault, yet they were treated like criminals all the way through, they turned off their body cameras so that they could be as evil as possible, were dragged through court cases etc, accused with endless lists of made up lies, the whole thing is a farce, it was guilty until proven innocent, opposite to what it's meant to be....the entire police force is made up of lying bullying criminals, why do you think they go for that job? So that they can feel powerful and be violent and get away with it...their word against ours, and they are always believed over us. No way do I think more money should go to you guys, no way!!

13/01/2023 14:29

NOThe cost of policing should be a flat rate to all households, irrespective of council tax band. The same applies to council tax but that's a different issue. We all get the same level of service, whether living in a band A or a band G property. It's not equitable to have some paying more than others and vice versa.

13/01/2023 14:28

NOeach year hear the same story no

difference to the service we get

13/01/2023 14:25

NOWe are seeing a very poor level of policing right now in Central Stowmarket. Anti social behaviour is rife all over town but we hardly see any patrols - these are most needed on Friday and Saturday nights and particularly in the town centre - the Oak pub has recently been re-opened and there have been fights and broken glass etc nearly every week but police response has been poor to say the least.

13/01/2023 14:24

NOI do not agree with non essential precepts.

13/01/2023 14:19

1: To stabilise the local economy I would strongly disagree with any increase in the precept for this forthcoming year. 2: I would suggest an independent external audit with the view to investigate savings and waste in the force. 3: during this current climate this unnecessary increase in the police precept residents will find it difficult to manage their day to day finances Therefore in these circumstances there could be greater risk of more crime's occurring. 4: No evidence what happened to the last precept increase. It was suggested that the increase would be used for improvement in the control room. Kind regards, Robert Wardley

13/01/2023 14:12

NOYou don't bother to respond to calls relating to blatant drug dealing you don't do anything about cyclists with no lights at night, electric scooters are charging about everywhere, can't remember the last time a policeman was seen down past Adair Road

13/01/2023 14:02

NONot if it's going to be spent on painting Police cars in Rainbow colours and buying rainbow shoelaces etc etc.

13/01/2023 13:40

NOWe are all facing terrible problems with our finances right now. Suggest you streamline your services to avoid more pain especially for us pensioners

13/01/2023 13:40

NOAs a council taxpayer living in a village, I object to this increase. We never see a police presence. Where once we had a mobile police van which visited on a semi regular basis, now as I say we are lucky to see the police. Once again I would be paying for the good of the town dwellers.

13/01/2023 13:39

NOPolicing is for everybody. Why should a resident in a band F property pay more for the same service as a band D resident, particularly if you live in a rural area where police are as rare as hens teeth anyway.

13/01/2023 13:38

NOWe never see any police presence in rural areas

13/01/2023 13:31

NOCannot recall the last time I saw a Police Officer on foot in our village. Yes we see Police Officers passing through with sirens sounding' With the proposal to increase the Police funding, I cannot see any changes to Policing in our area, hence my lack of support for any increase in precept.

13/01/2023 13:26

NOEfficiencies should be made to keep to existing budget. Households are experiencing far too many, what look, small increases in every area of our very limited budgets. Noone can afford this increase except for those in the very highest bands.

13/01/2023 13:25

NOI feel that video calls are good but I also feel that this is another reason not to attend and a lot easier to issue a crime number which

by all accounts is the first and often the only action by the police
13/01/2023 13:23

NOTime should be spend ascertaining which roles currently held by police officers, last used their warrant card powers i.e. does that role require a police officer to carry it out.
13/01/2023 13:23

NOtoo much money wasted on non frontline tasks
13/01/2023 13:16

NOInstead of taking more money from the general public for the sub par level of service you are providing why not look at the pay packets of your upper echelons and take some money off them to cover your increasing costs. The general public do not have unlimited reserves therefore I would advise you to form an orderly queue beginning behind my energy company whom have already given themselves "first dibs" on all money in my bank account.
13/01/2023 13:15

NOIt was a £5 increase last year to supposedly pay for a better call handling service, so what is the £10 increase going to improve this year?
13/01/2023 13:14

NOpeople can't afford to keep paying more taxes for everything! We are all struggling financially and lucky if we can pay our bills as they stand!
13/01/2023 13:12

NOWould love to give more support but just can't add further to rising bills
NOI don't think we get value for money as it is so I am unwilling to pay more for a poor service
13/01/2023 13:05

NOIf more money is required then this should be raised from increased penalties & fines
13/01/2023 13:05

NONever see any police.
13/01/2023 13:05

NOWith energy prices rising and the cost of living high, the proposal is too high for people like me.
13/01/2023 13:03

NOWhy not resign and let the PCC salary be part of the main policing budget, that would be a much more efficient use of the funding...
13/01/2023 13:01

NOThe government should take responsibility for full funding and resourcing of ALL public services including policing. The govt should stop short-changing the people of the UK
13/01/2023 13:00

NOI do not agree with these. Too much money is wasted in the police with salaries too high, time spent on "woke" diversity campaigns but no police on the street. When channel 4 came to Mildenhall for the last leg there were lots of police for show but the next day crime was rife in Mildenhall again. Not value for money.
13/01/2023 12:35

NOWill the increase cover the cost of stab vest covers that are needed to protect public from coming into potential contact with blood or saliva on them.
13/01/2023 11:15

NOThe shortfall should be covered by saving money in the force. I'm already paying too much tax and the increase in funding for the police comes on top of other rate rises. I can't afford to pay this. I also disagree that the police do a good job. I'm an army veteran, with 20 years decorated service as a commissioned officer in the infantry. I'm married to a former met police detective and I no longer give my consent to the police force. I feel they've lost sight of peelian values and are a political organisation. This year, I will

challenge the payment of all of my taxes as I don't want to support a corrupt and wasteful political system.

13/01/2023 10:07

1. You have underspent your budget in 2022/3 by a forecast £1.5m 2. A significant saving could be made by making the (completely unnecessary) PCC a voluntary rather than paid role. 3. You should be funding more officers in the community, not sponsoring TikTok videos.

13/01/2023 09:40

I think the police forces need to cut costs whilst looking for further improvements to service. It seems service is continuously becoming less whilst we are being asked to pay more.

13/01/2023 09:35

Efficiencies should be found first and estate reduced and consolidated - Martlesham and Bury are good examples.

13/01/2023 09:24

My wife & I do not agree with the increase.

13/01/2023 08:08

They have enough money to start with and waste it on unnecessary layers of people doing non jobs ie Mr Passmore and Co

12/01/2023 19:50

You as the PCC being part of Tory money squandering and miss use, why do you want to rip us off further? You've done fuck all as it is with no reassurance policing in town centre and communities and lack of rape case and burglary investigations.

I already pay at band D and the services Suffolk offer very poor considering what I already pay. The council tax should be going down not up in this cost of living crisis. The LA don't spend money wisely and seem to waste council tax payers money. I'm sure the council

could make savings and use the savings towards the police.

12/01/2023 19:14

Because the money is not for more front line officers, the money is wasted on unsuccessful projects that don't benefit the public or raise staffing for day to day policing. Op sentinel and op kestrel don't do anything for day to day policing. The extra 24 cops and 6 sgt could be used locally for day to day policing to meet demand.

12/01/2023 17:35

My reasoning for saying no is not that I disagree with your figures and the need for an increase in finances for the police but that I believe that this increase should be financed by central government. Over the last 12 years, central government has cut funding to local government, the police and many other essential services to the bone and have lied over the reasons for doing so. Austerity was not a forced option on the government but a political choice to carry through a political ideology and that is still the case. So whilst I do believe that the police need this additional funding I have to say No, in the hope that enough people both here and around the country do the same so that PCC's have to go back to central government and tell them that people believe that Government should be funding the police not passing it off to council tax payers by the back door and the higher level of central government taxation ever in history.

12/01/2023 16:48

Newmarket doesn't even have a police station any more, so what exactly would we be paying for (other than the role & office of Commissioner itself)? Maybe scrap that if you need to save money?

12/01/2023 16:07

I neither trust the PCC nor civil service service staff to spend any member diligently let alone extra monies.

12/01/2023 14:16

Whilst the reasons are understandable, this is just one proposed increase out of many which will be drawing on householders' own budgets. The increased funding received from government does not cover increases such as inflation and the same is true for household income and expenditure. Therefore the timing for this proposal could not be worse.

12/01/2023 12:28

The pressures on individuals' personal finances is so great at present that this proposal is just not affordable for many people, some of whom are having to make a choice between heat or eat! Cut out all unnecessary expenditure particularly if it entails dealing with what are commonly referred to as "thought crimes" and woke ideologies. The Police need to concentrate on real crimes and not get involved just because somebody's feelings got hurt!

12/01/2023 12:16

I am on a fixed pension and cannot afford to keep paying these increases and I question exactly how and where the money will be used

12/01/2023 11:53

As always take from the hard workers to give away to the ones that do not want to work and get everything handed to them on a plate. What am I paying for a few years back our shed was broken into. Called the police but nothing was done about it. What are we paying extra for?? policing to the other areas??

12/01/2023 11:18

We already pay enough money to the government in council tax. The government should be providing the police force with the extra money and not putting the onus on the people to pay up.

12/01/2023 10:33

With inflation soaring and wages stagnant I do not agree that raising the tax burden further is a wise decision. People are already suffering with a declining standard of living so this seems likely to be a decision which would be greatly resented.

12/01/2023 10:28

I have no confidence that an increase in precept will make much difference to the quality of local policing. We have endured above inflation increases for several years now and the resulting service has decreased. The answering of the 101 service is disgraceful, I cannot understand how the few access opportunities for policing have been allowed to slide to the point that the only access which has some guarantee is 999. Community policing has contracted to the extent that the only police contact my village gets is a picture of our local Constable smiling on the Facebook page. Crimes are no longer being investigated to any extent and I fear police officers are becoming unskilled in dealing with anything other than 'emergencies'. I receive emails from the constabulary about crimes and requests for information, I get about two messages a month most of which are too far away to be relevant and of a very minor nature. I know there are local crimes taking place which never get circulated therefore almost certainly not investigated at all. The criminal population are aware of this and know they can burgle and thieve their way about the place with minimal interference. I spent a working life policing (elsewhere), latterly, implementing the Crime and Disorder Act. I see little movement in implementing the spirit of the legislation in Suffolk, particularly co-operative working between the agencies. For example: Dealing with mental health crises within the community Identifying at risk families with regard to domestic violence and pre- criminal behaviour by young people. I know Co-operative working isn't easy but the agencies must be brought to the table (screaming if necessary) to share information

and agree tactics and responsibilities. I hope the new Chief Constable can see a fundamental review of policing in the county needs undertaking to recalibrate the organisation to meet the needs of the residents, businesses and visitors. I do not support an increase in precept until things change. Just adding more money doesn't make that happen.

12/01/2023 09:06

No. The cost of living at present does not warrant this increase- money needs to be spent elsewhere; ie health (social care provided by local councils to assist in discharging fit patients from hospitals), education, maintenance of roads in the area.

12/01/2023 09:06

I believe the police force should go back and concentrate on the basics, stop pandering to media pressures on what they can and can't (shouldn't) do I have family in the force and the time it seems is wasted on ancillary and unrelated to policing matters is daft, supporting Pride and other issues, its nothing to do with Policing Be MORE efficient with your current budget and un-shackle the force to work properly

12/01/2023 09:02

No I do not support the proposal to increase taxation in order to provide more funding to our local Police Force. The Police Force already receives significant funding; and that the Police Force should release resources by eliminating wasteful spend on activities such as fake hate crime. A good start would be to update your crime report website and remove all the questions related to asking if you think the crime is related to any protected characteristic. This would help a) people trying to report a real crime from being distracted towards 'feelings' when the focus should be on real crimes of theft or physical harm or fraud or property damage or noise or drugs. The Police will then be able to focus on

catching criminals and bringing them to justice.

11/01/2023 22:18

With current cost of living a little restraint is called for. Money would probably be wasted on fancy flags and rainbow leaflets

11/01/2023 22:11

I disagree with this increase due to the current cost of living crisis. Also, as far as I can recall the Police portion of our Council Tax was increased last year. The Police service provides very few officers in our rural area and therefore I feel we pay enough.

11/01/2023 21:36

The police don't seem to support the public, lack of visual presence or even protect the public.

11/01/2023 21:16

No, I believe we will not see the benefit for the extra money we would have to pay. We have barely been able to heat our home this winter, so any more money coming out of our account will be catastrophic.

11/01/2023 20:28

Do more to stamp out waste.

11/01/2023 20:19

Because you do less & less every year in terms of policing & keeping the public safe!! You waste money hand over fist dressing up cars in gay pride colours! when I thought the police were an unbiased organisation! You really have become a police farce in terms of investigation of crime, you cannot park a ford transit in our village without it being stolen & the police IMO Just do not want to know, based on the above WHY should the public pay more every year & get less????? The current police commissioner is absolutely delusional!!

11/01/2023 19:54

I am sick to death of this government charging more and more , and giving less and less.

11/01/2023 19:53

People are struggling to pay their bills without adding more to people. The government should pay thos as Suffolk is under funded

11/01/2023 18:56

I do not see what difference the band people live in as to the cost they are being asked to pay. By raising the amount by the amount you state will not assist in the prevention or detection of crime. The whole system like the rail system/nursing etc needs to be totally reorganised and cutting out middle

management you will achieve your goal. You cannot ever throw money into a system and hope it will solve the problems. Your cost should also be looked at.

11/01/2023 18:22

The PCC has consistently gone for the max allowed over the years, as a pensioner I am sick of paying more for police pensions, and there early retirement, localy there is very little police presence, that is apart from the three policemen I saw on Friday last walking to Tesco to get there lunch. must get our priority's right.

11/01/2023 17:51

You fail to deliver a service to members of rural communities. Despite numerous requests for officers to attend our parish council meetings they never attend. You provide a disproportionate response to hate coursing where you pull out all of the stops. I have read your justification for it and I totally disagree with it. Year on year you ask for more and more money. This money should be provided by central government. They have a duty to provide an efficient police service.

11/01/2023 17:36

The policing element of the council tax was raised by the maximum last year and, I believe, the year before. Mr Passmore was

interviewed on radio Suffolk last year and stated that he would not be asking for the maximum this year. Each year Mr Passmore trots out a load of waffle as to why we're being asked time and again to stump up more. Everyone is feeling the pinch now and holding off yet another police increase would have created some goodwill with the public. I note also that the same day that Mr Passmore announced his intention the Home Office stated that Suffolk Constabulary would be receiving an extra £6 million over and above last years budget. If that is the case surely his argument is null and void?

11/01/2023 17:18

Although this appears to be a small increase it is accumulative insofar that this further burdens residents of Suffolk with another increase in costs on top off food, heating, inflation etc.

11/01/2023 17:13

I'm sorry to say that financially people are crippled and even £15 a month would damage a lot of households.

11/01/2023 16:51

simplify tax system - this should come from central government and from my income tax that I already pay not extra on my council tax.

11/01/2023 16:28

The budget that is already held needs to be used more wisely, before more money is requested

11/01/2023 16:08

Never see a policeman

11/01/2023 14:19

AS CRIME COMMISSIONER IT IS YOUR JOB TO GET BETTER FUNDING FOR OURSELVES IN OUR AREA YOU ALWAYS SAY I DONT WANT TO INCREASE IT BUT YOU ALWAYS DO AND WITH THIS CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS WHERE ARE WE GOING TO GET ALL THIS EXTRA MONEY FROM. EACH YEAR WE PAY

THIS POLICE INCREASE ANS SEE ABSOLUTELY NO EXTRA POLICE IN OUR ROUGH TOWN CENTRE.

11/01/2023 14:11

No police presence in Halesworth or surroundings villages

11/01/2023 14:01

I am never prepared to pay more for less

11/01/2023 13:00

Police are not responding to urgent calls and the 111 service is disgustingly slow and none effective people just cannot hang on the phone for over an hour and hang up. Stop undertaking new initiatives' and concentrate on basic policing.

11/01/2023 12:12

The council tax is already too high. I live in a village where there is no street lighting no pathways to be kept and no public areas. I haven't seen a patrol for around 2 years, never a uniform in the village and no sign of a PCSO. Being a policing Sgt the answer is not to increase the council tax but to reduce it putting more money back in to the pockets of residents to further deter from committing crime. You can't fix the issue which is poorly run policing by sticking a plaster on it, if you need assistance in operational design and reform of patrolling patterns to drive down costs then please to make contact with me to discuss further.

11/01/2023 11:21

The whole country is facing ever increasing bills asking for £15 is asking to much. Parish councils are holding funding at the same levels as last year. Every one / institution needs more money, Costs have risen beyond anyone's expectation. Maybe a £5 increase would be far more acceptable.

11/01/2023 10:53

I pay a huge amount in council tax and feel that I get very little in return. Too much

money is wasted by the councillors on support groups for one thing and another, and not enough on servicing the infrastructure of the county. Poor quality road maintenance, drain maintenance, road sign maintenance, funding for police, fire, ambulance services. The current structuring needs a complete overhaul. Too many paid councillors and employees justifying themselves and not enough action

11/01/2023 10:13

At this moment time no one can afford their own bills, so I disagree with the increase, there must be other way to cut cost without risking the front line

10/01/2023 22:42

At this time we all need to tighten our belts and now is not the time for an Increase

10/01/2023 22:12

I think it's disgusting that in a time of austerity where people are struggling more than ever you should think it appropriate to increase this.

10/01/2023 20:15

Try working with the resources and money you already have like the rest of the working public

10/01/2023 20:01

You've come up with much the same reasoning for a maximum increase for at least the last two years, and we are all short of money - join the queue.

10/01/2023 18:24

It's unfair of the police to try and make an exception for themselves while other services are cut.

10/01/2023 18:04

An increase is to be expected but the maximum amount is placing another further strain on domestic finances.

10/01/2023 18:02

The police element of the council tax precept is increased every year by a greater percentage than any other component and I only see the quality of service of the county's police force deteriorating. A thorough review is needed and - I appreciate it is beyond the county's remit - the expense of the PCC would be the first economy I would like to see made. Take policing out of local politics.

10/01/2023 17:55

I disagree with any increase in precept that is not spent on increasing a visible police presence on our streets. Whilst I accept that the police need to keep pace with technology, as our criminals do, for petty criminals and ASB an unexpected uniform is a great deterrent. This increased visibility also assures members of the community that they are being protected and thus increases to their contribution to local policing is justified.

10/01/2023 17:54

People can't afford this extra money!

10/01/2023 17:53

The Police make no effort to solve front line issues such as burglary. Until they do, their funding should be frozen.

10/01/2023 17:50

We need more police uniform personnel out in the community. If we ever see a police officer or car in Claydon we presume they are lost. The physical deterrent is no longer there and hasn't been in our village for a number of years. A physical presence would also give people reassurance. We have a fair amount of antisocial activity which could be nipped in the bud and possibly stop the perpetrators going on to worse activities and so reduce police workload in the future. I understand the need to keep up with technology but policing is getting further and further away from the human touch.

10/01/2023 17:13

The Policing Element has had annual increases above the rate of the precept increase over the last several years and in rural areas there has been no discernible benefit

10/01/2023 16:44

Drive efficiency- you are wasting so much money. Lobby government to stop nonsense. This isn't management - it's the easy way out. Year after year - so predictable. As a volunteer working 50% of the time I attend more incidents than most of your officers and crime just as much. I'm going to pull my support soon. There are a lack of leaders and blind leading the blind and bottom covering built in at every level. The organisation is running on fumes.

10/01/2023 16:40

I'd save money by abolishing the Police and Crime Commissioner and his/her budget. What good do they do. I have spoken to a retired Head of Suffolk Police who agrees the Commissioner Office is a waste of time and money.

10/01/2023 16:28

If it were to increase service, it would be worth the extra 30p. I fear though that it is to go to increase in pension to appease the Police Federation

10/01/2023 16:21

No local police to assist with Antisocial Behaviour, which is becoming a major issue in Claydon why fund an institution that does not care about residents

10/01/2023 16:02

Because year on year there has been an increase with no visible impact. Now at a time of financial crisis the expectation is to increase again. We cannot afford your failure.

10/01/2023 15:24

My family, who also live in Suffolk, are spending all their disposable income on energy, so cannot afford to pay more for

policing. For myself, it is a greater priority to support the local hospitality industry and local shops, which are at risk of closing down due to energy costs and inflation. Re 2023/24, they are more important than increasing the policing budget. I might support your proposal in future years but not this coming year.

10/01/2023 15:23

We see very little crime in our village however we rarely see police cars either.

10/01/2023 14:42

The total precept will be increased at Borough level plus social services surcharge, and your proposal . I therefore think my council tax will increase by more than 6% at a time when cost of living expenses plus projected tax increases will cause even more financial difficulty. Every year the Police precept seems to be inflated by a surcharge. Perhaps it's budget

10/01/2023 14:37

As in previous years have said no but still gone ahead regardless of what public vote. With the cost of living crisis people are struggling to meet basic needs let alone be forced to pay even more. Policing is not increasing as local stations being shut, maybe the police and crime commissioner can forgo his substantial pay rise for once. Absolutely no to increase

10/01/2023 13:31

We don't need to increase at the moment. So many people are struggling already and although the increase appears to be small many will simply not be able to afford it

10/01/2023 11:05

You have lost the confidence and trust of the public, you react to what they see and hear and base their opinions and thoughts on those. We see no evidence of increased policing in our neighbourhoods on are streets, you and other forces have failed to increase the visibility of the police to reassure them and make them feel safe, we live in a more violent county / country and people are

concerned for their own and children's safety. You can argue all you want about cyber crime and the tech used by criminals, however visual policing is paramount to most people, I represent 6 parish councils in Suffolk and all of them report increased concern, and they actually laugh at the police response to their concerns and the lack in their eyes of any real presence and community based policing. You cannot give a service from behind a screen. So you ask for more money just to maintain services a strange choice of words what about increasing, improving or just getting back to basics putting 'bobbys' on the beat to reassure the public and businesses you are meant to protect.

10/01/2023 09:17

Please work within the budget you already have

10/01/2023 09:07

Not this year as too many families are struggling to balance their own finances. due to the economic crisis. I believe you will have a resentful public opinion.

10/01/2023 08:35

I would rather pay an increase in council tax for other areas such as education and social care - I appreciate education is central government, however, local support is needed to ensure our education system does not break. This is clearly true for social care too. Suffolk is a fairly safe and low crime county and I think my money should be spent on those things that are broken in Suffolk.

10/01/2023 07:24

Don't see it as value for money

09/01/2023 20:47

The money will not be spent in Long Melford but go to Ipswich.

09/01/2023 20:30

There have been reports in the press that police forces up and down the country have

been wasting money. I would like to see a return to proper policing with our police officers more visible and engaged with the communities they serve. We cannot, at the moment, keep paying increasing bills without proper accountancy

09/01/2023 19:29

Instead of continually putting the money up, change the way the police operate. We want fast response times, officers actually patrolling rather than just driving to current incidents and a better overall service. This can easily be achieved by reducing what they are doing. No more wasting time with regular missing youths, responding to cover gaps left by mental health services and ambulance delays and reduce the paperwork those front lines officers have to complete. I am yet to see any benefit in increased council tax rates to police over the last decade as it will just be swallowed up in the usual way to the main bank account with nothing to show for it.

09/01/2023 17:56

Asking for more and more at this time (cost of living, no increase in wages etc) is not an option. Increased efficiency is needed...cutting your cloth to fit the budget.

09/01/2023 16:38N

I fail to see any material impact from additional funding. I do not remember the last time there was a police presence in my village other than post-crime. If you want to raise taxes then also show me how you will increase the visible presence of policing in the community. It is too easy to say 'crime is changing' and dedicate funding to new communications and/or invest in cyber crime capability. However, if my car or bicycle is stolen I want something more than just a crime reference number. Show visible presence and get community support from that which will help reduce crime.

09/01/2023 16:19

The precept was increased last year to improve 101 and 999 call handling but there are still long waiting times, nothing seems to have improved.

09/01/2023 16:06

The police need to show signs of serving its communities before its demands more money. Policing in clare is non existent

09/01/2023 16:01

"A Home Office spokesman said the force would receive up to £157m in 2023-24, a boost of up to £6.1m on last year." Yet Mr Passmore wants to increase that figure to £10m with the £3.9m from a tax increase? The £3.9m increase is purely for "victim services"? Would he, or Chief Constable Kearton like to expand on this need? "She suggested the money could help the constabulary devote extra resources and technology to victim services" Why was the PCC giving away money as 'grants of £150k in 2022 when he claims to need more money? A simple solution to gain the extra funding would be to get rid of the PCC & his office saving the taxpayer in excess of £10m according to their accounts. The little he does would be handed back to the Chief Constable who used to be responsible for the same. Therefore I am totally against ANY increase of the Police precept as too much money is wasted on & by the PCC & his office.

09/01/2023 14:57

The police do not earn the current precept, so how would increasing it solve their problems

09/01/2023 14:42

This is not in line with increases in pension rises. If we are short of money we have to make sacrifices as we do for energy.

09/01/2023 14:33

I agree with an increase to the policing element but would prefer that it was applied to what the public want the police to do more of. Solve rural crime, road speeding, burglary,

theft and anti-social behaviour. More legs on streets not cameras on chests.

09/01/2023 13:59

Where I live in Bungay, the Police no longer bother with illegally parked vehicles and appear to want nothing to do with road traffic offences unless dashcam footage is available. Visits to burglaries are non-existent now, with just a crime number being given over the phone. Anti-social behaviour by youths is almost completely ignored..especially considering any "extra patrols" are always during daylight hours, when the issues are generally in the hours of darkness. I would like to know just what the Police actually DO for the money I pay?!

09/01/2023 13:10

Before burdening residents further you should be fighting for the government to adequately fund police services. It appears that you want to spend this extra revenue on investigating crimes rather than dealing with the problem at the source with more community based policing.

09/01/2023 13:08

We are pensioners on a fixed income. Police should concentrate on crime and not 'woke' matters. Areas of town need regular beat officers, not response by a PC in a car when something happens, be proactive not reactive.

09/01/2023 12:52

We have had lots of increases and NO improvements in service

09/01/2023 12:50

You have wasted too much money over the years

09/01/2023 12:20

Within the budget there is clearly money to burn if you can send a member of the 'Rural Police' (what is that when it is at home?) to discuss the shaping of a bush following a complaint from a neighbour. The complainant

should have been told to discuss the issue with his/her neighbour first and not waste police time. If within the current budget there are funds for this kind of home visit, then clearly no further money is needed for next year.

09/01/2023 12:19

We never see a police officer anymore - where are they? I reported a criminal damage crime (not at my address) by phone. Nobody came out. I just got a letter with a reference. Nothing was ever heard again. I am a Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator. I used to see the police regularly. Once upon a time (like a story) they used to attend Parish Council Meetings - then that stopped. Once upon a time, the police would come to my house to discuss local issues etc. I have not a visit from the police in years! Once upon a time the police would attend Neighbourhood Watch Meetings - then they stopped coming. We don't have Neighbourhood Watch Meetings anymore. Neighbourhood Watch in Suffolk only seem to meet for AGM's so they are a pointless organisation now. Without the police Safer Neighbourhood team local groups don't meet up anymore. My nearest police station was around 9 miles away. That has closed! We need to SEE the police on our streets before we pay more for the invisible force!

09/01/2023 12:01

The Government are responsible for the chronic underfunding of the Police in terms of both finances and manpower. It is they who should be providing adequate funding, not the poor tax payer who are already suffering a cost of living crisis.

09/01/2023 11:18

As PCC, you should put more pressure on central government to provide adequate funding, not introduce further stealth taxes.

09/01/2023 10:31

It would be better to fund more police who actively prevent crimes and solve those that are committed, then there would be fewer victims to look after, rather than spend money helping victims after the fact.

09/01/2023 09:48

The amount spent on the PCC could be diverted directly to services. The surrounding costs of running such an office, eg, the website, office facilities etc have increased significantly over the years. I am aware of the funding decreases but I do not think that the PCC gives good value for money.

09/01/2023 09:17

We are literally starving / freezing in our homes, and can't pay our bills and your proposing we pay even more. It's tone deaf to suggest such a rise when people are already struggling.

09/01/2023 09:06

Year on year, your demand is increased well above the other elements of the council tax yet we see no improvements in your performance. We can't remember when we last saw a community police officer in our village / neighbouring villages. When I have telephoned for assistance, the phone remains unanswered and I've had to give up! Overall, very poor value for money. And if the Government ever introduced a price increase 'cap' for the police, I'd support it.

09/01/2023 08:58

Would like to understand what is being done to better manage budgets e.g. overtime. Also are there opportunities for efficiencies to be made and associated cost savings, before further increasing local taxes.

09/01/2023 08:42

If I am going to pay 29p per week more, I think there are higher priorities than policing in Suffolk

09/01/2023 08:38

The police need to do better with what they have as opposed to constantly whining about a lack of resources. Reasoning is there has been multiple increases to the police budget in recent years and it's never changed anything apart from making it harder for the tax payer to survive as it's yet another piece of there wages gone and the police get an increase and all we hear is how short there funding is for them to ticket excessively to get extra money it's all a joke and they need to do better end of

09/01/2023 07:52

Money is very tight for some people, wages are not going up but everything else is. You need to think of those people who don't have much and are struggling to afford food etc etc

09/01/2023 07:11

Don't need more money, just need to budget/ spend it better

08/01/2023 23:39

Since the appointment of Police commissioner the Police Authority tax has increased greater than the SCC & Local Parish/Borough Council taxes. This needs to end now.

08/01/2023 22:24

I believe that since Tim Passmores appointment in 2012, Suffolk police have been going backwards. There are not enough visible police walking the beat anymore and we need to return to old fashioned methods on the streets. I have heard the present commissioner on the radio on many occasions, usually after some criminal activity around the Suffolk area, apologising for this and that, each time. He usually goes on a normal rant about getting more funding for Suffolk and then apologises for not making it happen. Well it's time for change, vote out Tim Passmore and vote in somebody with a bit more get up and go (in my opinion) Somebody needs to do what Tim has failed to achieve and get more funding for Suffolk from

the government rather than from council tax payers.

08/01/2023 21:56

the electors are dissatisfied with the policing they receive and therefore I cannot support any increase

08/01/2023 21:07

As a public service employee my salary has not increased by anywhere close to the percentage that you wish to increase the precept by. Without some realistic pay rises we can not Continue to meet the increases in bills.

08/01/2023 21:02

I already pay over £3000 per year. I do not want to pay a penny more.

08/01/2023 20:28

Never see a police officer in the villages. Only ever see them targeting speeding traffic on the 50mph dual carriageway A140. Why pay more for a service you never see. Increases on the town precepts are fine but why should rural people fund extra police when they will not see them

08/01/2023 20:00

During a time of recession everyone has less spare cash, the police can make their cars last for an extra year before replacing them!

08/01/2023 19:25

The can make their cars last for an extra year!!

08/01/2023 19:21

I rarely see any police presence at the moment. I doubt raising the cost will make a difference to those living more rurally

08/01/2023 17:20

I believe the service nationally offers very poor value, probably due to increased bureaucracy and legal complexity which needs to be changed to free police officers to get

back on the streets to be visible and help prevent crime.

08/01/2023 16:27

There is nothing in your defence of the proposed increase which suggests you are directly addressing the problem of rural crime and the scourge of speeding on our roads (particularly in 30mph & 40mph zones) – issues which are of great concern in rural communities.

08/01/2023 15:28

You have not said how much extra the Government is providing. All you have said is a minimal increase without giving details. Full information is needed and then a true answer to the question can be given.

08/01/2023 15:21

It is the Government's responsibility to adequately fund local policing. It is not an additionality issue to seek local funding.

08/01/2023 15:04

I think all our Conservative MP's should get together & press the government for a fairer deal for Suffolk. Be nice to see them doing something for our county for a change.

In this time of extreme financial difficulty ALL elements of MSDC Council Tax should remain at the 2022/23 cost

08/01/2023 12:38

I would like more information on the savings program to show what savings have been made. I work in the public sector and the budgets we have to work with are very tight but we don't ask the public for more money. With the area I live in, I see little evidence of policing, will that be addressed if I am paying more on my council tax?

08/01/2023 12:00

The Police Force want to look at where money is wasted before they start putting the cost on to the public. The first step they could take to

save money is to get rid of the Crime Commissioners. How can he come in to such a position without having served in the force and say how it should be run.

08/01/2023 11:24

I would vote 'yes' if I saw police patrolling the streets in Ipswich

08/01/2023 10:59

The cost of living is a real problem for the vast majority, yet another increase to add even more pressure to the household is not the answer. Why throwing more money at problems seems to be the go to solution for politicians i can never understand. How about cutting the wages of over paid posts in the councils, i'm sure that would make a big dent the the overall budgets.

08/01/2023 10:55

My reason is the police are like many other institutions when asked to respond it is when it suits them. Reasently I had to use they didn't sound interested so my thoughts are not printable.

08/01/2023 10:14

As a pensioner on a fixed income any increase in bills, as well as cost of living, is not acceptable. Government has already provided funds to increase police numbers, how many additional officers have been recruited in Suffolk?

08/01/2023 10:03

We here in the Village of Bramford are seeing a small increase in petty crime and this is mainly do to the lack of a community officer. Since PC Mike Small left the force you have not replaced him so you have already made a big saving. PC Small was a great asset to the village, with his weekly beat patrols residents felt safe and crime was minimum.

08/01/2023 09:31

In this current climate financially rather than spend money on the police who we never see

in our villages unless driving through or increasing their pensions, or retiring at 50 through stress let's put it to good use and get our potholes repaired to stop accidents so the police can spend more time catching the criminals wandering around our towns, Ipswich for example with knives etc.

08/01/2023 09:01

This very reason of increase has been said year after year, after year of more money to provide an increased service, we pay more money yet there is no better service, in fact, it is got worse and worse and worse. The system needs a complete overhaul with a new police crime Commissioner, and perhaps then we might see some better changes, pouring money into it is t the answer.

08/01/2023 08:42

you continue to waste too much time on mir traffic violations and irrelevant mir co called drug offences . The wages and pension packages are already very generous in comparison to many other sectors. You should therefore look at freezing pay for those with generous legacy packages and give more generous returns only to those below £30 000. You also have far too many ancillary backroom staff. This 6% is completely unjustifiable in context of the cost of living crisis. Passmore is in his middle class cuckoo land again . Suffolk is a sleepy backwater where the police are hardly challenged . We shouldn't get the same sort of funding as a lawless urban force and why is this money needed for victims ? harsh as this may seem it doesn't solve real crime . You clear up rates won't improve until you change priority. This doesn't need money it needs better management.

08/01/2023 08:23

In 2009 the force was declared by the CHMIC the worst in the country and it has never improved failure to investigate crimes of theft and burglary with a pathetic record of crime detection officers too frightened to talk with

the public in case it means work. Zero contact with the community and no interest in their job other than the pay ,Poorly trained and poorly led by inexperienced leaders and a CC who has never been involved in front line policing. A force so bad that no experienced Police officer has for the past ten years wanted to be the Chief Constable which has led to a succession of low quality leaders in the force appointed by a third rate amateur Politician

08/01/2023 07:54

Because I'm in a band E property we get charged more than the rest. Just because we are a band E doesn't mean we are better off than others. In fact we get looked over a lot. So I do not want anything going up. Especially for the police force.

08/01/2023 01:46

We are constantly having a rise in police last year was 5% year before 5% but do we see police ??? if we need one will one come we use to see police walking or PCO's especially in our parks because this does t happen walking in ANY of our parks us risk risk if mugging , stumbling over used needles etc etc town centre feels like a go in parts and do we see a police person see more pay more

07/01/2023 22:39

Your wages would be better given to proper police rather than your political motives

07/01/2023 21:08

I do t believe that costs could t be cut even more. For example, I do t believe that it is necessary to have a PCC for the Suffolk Constabulary and all the staff, property, office and operating costs that go with it. It has wasted resources by diverting them from services, such as community police stations and officers on the beat in my town. t long after he was first elected, the station was closed to the public, and all we see are officers driving from it. He collaborates hand in glove with the force and is simply an

apologist and PR person for the force. You should be ashamed to even think about asking for more money from council tax payers in these difficult inflationary times. And you should be ashamed to be a member of the political party that is refusing to pay the funding which you say is necessary to properly run the force. Aren't the Tories supposed to be the party of low taxation?

07/01/2023 20:55

Inflation at 11% and wages only increased 5%, if you're lucky! People can't afford to heat their homes. In Education alone, they have suffered a 20% deficit. They are having to manage on government money. Why can't you? Families are struggling. I value the police, I kw they need to reinvest, have better infrastructure at headquarters. w is t the time to be developing. What the police should be spending the money on is educating the public on how to keep themselves safer. You promised you would fight for more funding. Its t been forthcoming. Get out there and catch the speeding drivers and use that money. The majority of citizens shouldn't be penalised. Use the money better.

07/01/2023 20:08

We pay the police too much as it is, both individually and collectively.

07/01/2023 19:26

So long as council tax is based on property valuation rather than income, any increase is t only unjustified but also immoral.

07/01/2023 19:14

I think you can generate money from speeding fines and also by selling items that cant be returned. Ie jewellery from burglaries and confiscated vehicles etc

07/01/2023 19:05

We are on cost of living crisis. I can't afford food or heating and you're asking me to pay you more. Disgraceful!

07/01/2023 18:55

There has been an increase in the precept for at least the last 5 years
07/01/2023 18:50

We never see a policeman in Southwold. Surely the councils that have more crimes and burglaries should be prepared to pay the increase?
07/01/2023 17:18

I feel that with the current state of the countries finances and the hardships being incurred by rises in the cost of living the timing of such an increase is wrong. We all have to tighten our belts and differentiate between wanting and needing You may feel that an extra £15 is minimal but you are t alone in asking for extra money and it has to stop somewhere. I was brought up in a age when if you could t afford it, you did t have it. For too many years all local authorities have developed a culture where they think that they can just ask for more money regardless. This really has to stop
07/01/2023 17:16

Year after year excuses that the Government don't give enough. It's time to start sharing information on what efficiencies in operation are being implemented to plan to deliver the same service for less The people of Suffolk are extremely stretched and this in turn will lead to an increase in crime. Let's make the force efficient and not keep forcing the residents to find money.
07/01/2023 17:07

Living in a cost of living crisis this is just not a good idea right now, everyone needs every penny they get! Also, home office said you are already getting 6.1million more then last year, so the answer is no!
07/01/2023 17:03

I already pay enough for very limited Council Services, i.e One Bin collection per week, thing more.

07/01/2023 16:46

Lived here four years and never seen a policeman.
07/01/2023 16:18

The vast majority of residents in East Suffolk would see the police as remote and irrelevant to their personal issues. There is no point in reporting a car break in or a burglary. The overtone in response is "What do you expect us to do about that?". This vast majority of law abiding citizens, who ask the police simply for security, only interact with the police when they are being charged with motoring offences. Safe roads are important. Lives are at stake. But don't expect people to pay you more to be fined and criminalised more frequently for honest mistakes.
07/01/2023 15:50

The cost of living is too high under the Tories already. Cut down on the police cars and put more police back on bikes or foot.
07/01/2023 14:34

As is so often the case, it's the council Tax payer that has to keep finding extra cash from their own very tight budgets, to cover the added costs of services from which all local residents benefit whether they pay Council Tax or t.
07/01/2023 14:09

At a time of very high taxation and a cost of living crisis further tax rises falling on the hard-pressed taxpayer are justified. Central government have not managed the public finances at all well - the burden that should be borne centrally should not be passed to local people in such circumstances. Public services, like private households, need to learn to manage with less.
07/01/2023 14:07

The police force need to develop a system where the true amount of police officers respond to various incidents. I have noticed in

the last year that on several occasions where an incident has been reported the police response has woefully out numbered what was actually needed. This is costing money; petrol, resources of police officers, other crimes t being attended. I have heard from a number of other people they feel the same the response by officers is not in keeping with the actual offence. The officers who first attend should cancel any other patrols on their way to such incidents. That would save a great deal of money.

07/01/2023 14:04

It's a struggle already for me as a single person, to pay my council tax. I may get a discount, but I still have to pay three quarters of my bill, on a single income. To increase this just adds to the burden and the government should be funding this

07/01/2023 14:02

The government should fund Suffolk Police correctly before the tax payer is asked again

07/01/2023 14:02

I need a reassurance first that Suffolk police have no diversity officers etc and all the money is spent on actually solving crimes.

07/01/2023 14:00

Paying more for a declining level of policing does not make good financial sense. The Police need to show how the service would improve and having defined plans and startegies to achieve the necessary change. If extra funding is provided upfront, the desire to change may be diminished along with the service provided.

07/01/2023 13:50

The force is always acquiring new technology. It's recently done so. A big % increase is therefore not justified. Further, when household budgets are stretched to breaking point, a 6% hike on police spending is not justified. I would have imagined that back

office staffing savings should be the first place to look for efficiencies.

07/01/2023 13:29

We are asked to approve rises for the Police every year and see no benefit from it. For those of us on fixed incomes e.g. Pensions, this is not a sustainable option.

07/01/2023 13:29

How can we be sure that this increase in council tax will spent wisely? Since the advent of a PCC the service to the community as fallen noticeably, here on Sutton heath their used to be local unit, gone! now the army do regular patrols not the police? In fact we see this in all areas a policeman is almost as rare as hens teeth! Roadside furniture is not kept up to the Highway code standard, a responsibility of the Police to enforce and point out to the council. To me as a tax payer this means that we no longer get the service we are already paying for, strangely enough this lack of service seems to coincide with the arrival of a PCC?!

07/01/2023 13:28

Unless we see more visible rural police officers enforcing traffic violations in my area.

07/01/2023 13:13

We only ever see police when they try to catch us speeding.

07/01/2023 13:01

We agree that the police is under funded and under manned. However since the police station in Woodbridge was moved to Theatre Street it is virtually inaccessible to the general public. Our first point of call now to our knowledge is one station in Ipswich, to speak to someone in person. We personally have heard of 1 burglary, involving thousands of pounds where the police failed to attend, just a crime number issued! not good enough, also another stolen item worth over a £1000, owner did all the ground work, providing all information to the police and they still did not

help! The Government needs to step up with extra funding, t the Local Councils, otherwise this area will go down hill fast. Householders council tax is t the answer. Its a Nation wide problem.

07/01/2023 13:00

Why only band D properties? I seem to remember there was an increase to band D in 2019 or 2020 too? Seems a little unfair that yet another cost is being passed on to certain demographics again. We rarely see any 'meaningful' police presence in our area of Mid-Suffolk. One assumes that this 'proposed' increase is a fait accompli so don't really understand the point of a survey 3 weeks before the proposal is presented to the panel.

07/01/2023 12:54

Never see a police presence in the first place until its to late, and only when its a life or death situation.

07/01/2023 12:47

Unlikely to increase police patrol presence and response

07/01/2023 12:34

Any proposed increase is simply the result of poor government planning and poor planning by yourself. You've all been thinking far too short term in the past and wasted something like £50 billion if not more like £200 billion over the past decade. And then there is brexit which adds to all of this, the people shouldn't have to pay for Tory mistakes, deliberate corruption and much

Funding should increase, but via Central Government. This is a stealth tax.

07/01/2023 12:28

Suffolk doesn't see any investments in its police force, doesn't appear to be any new kit issued to officers, new vehicles.

07/01/2023 12:12

Every year you charge us more, and every year you deliver less. Speeding through our

village is atrocious, and you're doing thing about it. Like any other organization, do the job first and then get paid - don't take the money up front and then fail to provide the service.

07/01/2023 12:08

The police can fund their own pension plan.

07/01/2023 11:45

Why should we pay more for less!

07/01/2023 11:31

I am all for taxing people to meet societal needs - but I don't perceive a huge problem in policing in Suffolk. I would rather an extra tax went to the NHS. As it stands, I can't afford to pay for any non-essentials, and this increase counts as this, in my eyes.

07/01/2023 11:12

In my view this should not happen at a time when families are struggling to cope with the financial pressures that have been inflicted upon them. Surely a better option is to save money by getting rid of the post of Police and Crime Commissioner and all the hangers on. We could then return to the good old Police Authority, saving us a fortune.

07/01/2023 10:45

There's no detailed explanation of how the money will be used albeit I acknowledge costs will have undoubtedly risen due to energy costs and inflation.

07/01/2023 10:32

Yet again we are being asked for an increase in the policing precept, an even larger increase than last year. Every year this increases and we see no change in the service provided. Police are t in evidence on the streets, some crimes considered by the force to be minor are ignored or left unattended altogether, and the figures for solved crime do not improve. Everyone is suffering from pressure on finances and increases by the local authority to fund increase in salaries and

expenses for worsening services do not help. Many of us who live on retirement income must survive on a fixed income which barely pays for necessary food and fuel and other basic living expenses. It is regretful that we should have our income reduced in order to pay for services that we do not see except for increase in other peoples income.

07/01/2023 10:14

I believe that the police resources are extremely poorly organised. Officers need to be more responsive and visible in everyday life and t just driving around in vehicles without tackling everyday issues that they ignore. The police need to regain the trust and support of the general public rather than see them as an inconvenience.

07/01/2023 10:11

Because I don't have the money to pay it.

07/01/2023 09:53

Always going for the maximum. Its time for some restraint.

07/01/2023 09:50

I haven't really seen any evidence to show why a 6% increase is needed, petty crime seems to be on the increase, I couldn't tell you who our local police officer is, in fact the only real presence I've seen is speed traps so I would like to kw what the 6% is for.

07/01/2023 09:49

The current performance in policing has declined steadily and the MTFP appear to show the need to extract £1.1m from local and operational policing Surely the fundamental is to prevent and detect crime. I do t have the confidence that this increase seeks to achieve this. Also bear in mind

everyone else is rather precepts , so while this sum alone may be small cumulatively, we can barley afford them

07/01/2023 09:38

We very rarely see policemen in our village.

07/01/2023 09:36

not seeing results of what is being done at present . Public being left to report things that are t dealt with by police.

07/01/2023 09:26

Each year, I see Tim passmore asking for the maximum raise in council tax for policing, yet I'm not aware of what improvements this has made and it always appears to never be enough. The country is in a terrible state with the cost of living crisis and yet another hike in council tax is not welcome.

07/01/2023 09:25

People are already struggling with bills, this is not acceptable in my view.

07/01/2023 09:15

The police service is still concentrating too much on woke agendas and t resourcing the prevention and detection of crime. Minority groups get more attention than they deserve to the detriment of the public at large. One only has to look at how Extinction Rebellion and similar groups who have closed major roads to protest have been treated by the police pandering to their needs instead of taking robust action to remove them. Currently I do not believe the police are 'fit for purpose'

07/01/2023 08:54

07/01/2023 07:29

The increase will not improve the service, but be used to cover wasted administration costs and salaries. Need to save costs through radical policing changes (ask the front line staff), new technology and remove all unnecessary overheads (ie: crime commissioner post).

07/01/2023 08:42

no visible Police presence in Kesgrave. I believe that money is often wasted by the Council on unimportant schemes and excessively high salaries for those in the top tiers.

07/01/2023 08:28

As the sighting of a police officer in Haverhill is very unlikely an increase in funding is not going to improve this situation

07/01/2023 08:01

Times are hard enough!

07/01/2023 07:48

Tim asked for a big rise last year to improve things. not much improved if anything. Why would we pay more when the police deliver less?

07/01/2023 07:46

Government should fund this and not the public who are already struggling with increased costs. If the increase meant we'd see more police on patrol, responding to burglaries and solving crime then it might be justified but there seems to be no evidence of this.

We never see any police presence in our village only money making schemes hidden under the umbrella of mobile safety cameras

07/01/2023 07:17

We are already being taken for mugs with all the increases, and you call the police you get a crime number if your lucky!

07/01/2023 07:11

We can't afford for everyone to keep increasing charges. This may ONLY be 29p per week but when you add that to all of the additional costs we are all incurring it starts to add up. It is not sustainable for communities. The Government need to provide sufficient funding to our services.

07/01/2023 04:27

You don't tackle the real problems of crime, you just make criminals out of law abiding citizens and waste the money you do get. So I am not prepared to keep funding a broken system of policing.

07/01/2023 00:52

There has been a failure to recruit dedicated police officers in the force with a flawed university degree approach resulting in a lack of capable 'street bobbies', a failure to focus the force on effective policing and poor leadership

06/01/2023 23:28

Absolutely not. The majority of police time seems to be spent arresting, cautioning or

prosecuting people who chose to use cannabis. This is a complete waste of police time and resources. Cut the waste before increasing taxes! Plus get rid of the vile misogynistic officers as well.

06/01/2023 23:06

There has been a significant increase in housing and population in Suffolk which will generate sufficient additional funds to achieve objectives without the need to increase taxes across the board at a time when many people are really struggling financially. Be considerate. Any increases should be frozen for 2023

06/01/2023 22:11

Unfair all bills are going up higher than wages. Wouldn't mind if you got a better service or see a bigger police presence. Tax payers are easy targets.

06/01/2023 22:09

In present financial climate saving in house should be used to generate additional income

06/01/2023 22:07

For the last how many years you have consistently raised the Police's precept, here in Newmarket we have seen our police station close, we pay for a PCSO through our town council precept, meanwhile we continually see a lack of police but the costs to run your office increase.

06/01/2023 22:05

Increasing cost for non existent rural policing is insulting.

06/01/2023 22:01

I have no confidence that an increase in funding will lead to any reduction in crime or increase in capability.

06/01/2023 21:52

Stop taking more of our money. Things are fine as they are. Cut your salary or sack some if your staff if you want extra money.

06/01/2023 21:49

There is no more money in the bank for any more increases.

06/01/2023 21:36

Police currently provide a very poor service to the people of Suffolk. If you try to speak to the police, you are always held in a very long queue before you speak to anybody. Once you get through to somebody at Martlesham, it appears that the call taker does everything to avoid sending a police officer or giving any assistance. Police officers rarely attend crimes and there never appears to be anyone available to provide support or advice on neighborhood related issues. In recent year I have heard on many occasions, police officers and call takers say something similar to "sorry but the police don't deal with that". This is the police service that I grew up with and was proud of. We are being asked to give the police more of our money, even though we as families are all struggling financially. If the police were providing a proper service (like they used to), I would support giving them money, but I believe that any further money we give the police would just get swallowed up and used for the benefit of the public. Stop paying irrelevant high ranking police officers and civilian staff high wages and let's have a return to police officers dealing with crime and neighborhood issues. Then I will support all suggested police financial rises.

06/01/2023 21:36

Cuts need to be made to the staff in the PCC office before increasing council tax

06/01/2023 21:32

I think the budget has more than enough for everything we need if we just stop overpaying and treating politicians like royalty.

06/01/2023 21:32

What part of this will go to the pensions?

06/01/2023 21:29

You will only waste it. Tim Passmore is incompetent, as are most chief constables. There is tremendous waste in the police and in particular the crime commissioner's office. More money will mean more opportunities to spend it badly. Leave it lean, you never know it might concentrate minds.

06/01/2023 21:21

We have seen an increase in the police budget year on year which is probably fed to the hierarchy leaving the traditional Bobby on the beat receiving no pay increase to deal with rising crime rates and higher complaints from the public for which they should have to answer too. General public opinion now is that unless you agree with racism or rape you are not getting into the police force. Stop targeting and criminalising "county lines children" ie victims! And concentrate on the big boys you low life pussies. Your budget should be cut until you perform better as a whole.

06/01/2023 21:16

Same story last year. Policemen are invisible where we reside but we keep paying more.

06/01/2023 21:03

If Suffolk Police were actually addressing the issues that directly effect the general public I would support the rise. The issues I refer to are public disorder on the street and other public areas, theft of property and vehicles, burglary and the impacts of class A drugs on the younger members of society. In my opinion many of these matters are not and are never addressed by Suffolk Police even after requests made by members of the public..

06/01/2023 20:40

We are all suffering with increased costs. My husband works for minimum wage and I work as band 4 admin. Overall our costs have already gone up by £2k a year

06/01/2023 20:37

I do not agree with this. In a cost of living crisis £15 per month is a lot of money to find. Especially in a public sector job with no promise of a real times pay rise. I find it distasteful and offensive for you to suggest this rate rise.

06/01/2023 20:34

Do away with Passmore job and save money to much middle management to much time spent on red tape and accidents clear the road and let the traffic flow more police walking the beat would be good save on running costs and give them push or electric bikes

06/01/2023 20:28

Last year you asked for the maximum amount it seems that you do not have the support of suffolk conservative MP as the funding that you complain about every year has not been addressed I also think that your promises about getting on top of crime does not seem to be happening

06/01/2023 20:21

Absolutely not, year after year the biggest increase in council tax we see is awarded to the Police and we have never seen an increase in Police presence. in fact the sight of Police personnel in Sudbury is a rare occurrence unless they're in a car flying down the road at high speed in a 30MPH limit. Where does the funding actually go, not on improving the service so put the money into other services that the local community will actually benefit from.

06/01/2023 20:12

Despite the repeated increase in our council tax every year, I still never see a police Officer out and about to deter criminal and

anti social behaviour, and I am amazed at the size of the PCCs back room staff, and this explains where a lot of our money goes.

06/01/2023 20:10

Working people's wage has not raised by 6% even though all other basic human rights resources have increased therefore, this is an absolute disgrace to even consider!!

06/01/2023 19:59

If you can't secure proper funding from central government you should step aside and make room for someone who can.

06/01/2023 19:48

What is the point of catching these criminals when the sentences handed out are pathetic and does t deter them from reoffending. Sort out the judicial system and sentencing first. Why pay for something we never see in this area.

06/01/2023 19:48

I do not consent to this proposal. Suffolk Police have both Martlesham Police Headquarters and Landmark House Police Headquarters. Sell the Martlesham site and raise the funds needs rather than the local population that are experiencing financial hardship regarding the cost of living, food and fuel.

06/01/2023 19:46

Get rid of the Commissioner. Should buy at least 2 more real policemen!

06/01/2023 19:43

My iPhone 13 Pro Max worth £1149 was stolen 3 months ago, and even though I had activated the stolen phone feature and GPS tracking. I had identified the exact location within a house in Ipswich the police at Ipswich HQ were t prepared to confront or retrieve the stolen property residing in a house, as the police said the house was known to them and shared by numerous Romanians. I also had photographic evidence of what they looked

like as the pub owner had CCTV footage of them. I also knew their car registration as when they left the pub my phone iPhone tracking feature was moving along with it. I was simply given a crime number... After a few weeks the phone was then tracked by myself as leaving the UK and ended up in Romania itself. So to be honest I have lost faith in police therefore I don't see why I need to pay more council tax when I essentially did your job for you from the get go with CCTV footage, car reg and an address.

06/01/2023 19:39

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06/01/2023 19:31

Vandalism ,crime, unruly youths making it unsafe to go out after dark, the list goes on, around the village for well over a year around here, thing changes, if caught thing happens to them. Speeding along my road always going on along with other roads too. Drivers on phones all the time which I believe is illegal, being a non driver you tice these things! Again never see any police catching or stopping these people, unlawful parking especially outside Costa! I've been living in Mildenhall w nearly 7 years, it's getting worse each year so paying extra for n existent remedies very unfare especially as most of us are struggling to live day by day as it is with all the increases in all our bills! Maybe if we could see something being done and culprits

being dealt with we would be all for it but one wants to pay for something you don't get!
06/01/2023 19:23

With the cost of living would question if the right thing to do. Council tax goes up every year but services do not improve and even deteriorate - there are w less police and scarce cover across the county despite payments being increased in previous years promising changes. Government needs to support more and unlike other areas they can't strike.

06/01/2023 19:20

You have not raised the funding from central government to be comparable with norfolk. You have been promising this for something like the last 10 years. I think you need to work harder to get Suffolk's funding from government increased in line with norfolk.

06/01/2023 19:11

The same reasons are given every year, to justify an increase, but I see no improvement to the service provided,

06/01/2023 19:08

Already paying too much!

06/01/2023 18:59

Think there are better savings to be made by reducing paperwork and speedy automation. Plus employment on merit rather than experience

06/01/2023 18:48

Yet another increase as there was last year (?). Perhaps some economies might be in order such as the immediate abolition of the office of Police and Crime Commissioner. The significant savings would undoubtedly provide the funding for more officers who are the people doing the work.

06/01/2023 18:39

Funding cannot continue to be sourced from council tax in the current climate. If the force

need to have increased funding then this should be sourced from in house efficiency savings.

06/01/2023 18:28

Every year we see the same feeble excuses for raising the council tax to the maximum heights , accompanied by all sorts of waffle over the good this can do. Yet , very rarely do we see any positive results. For example . Since last years over rated increase. I have seen no extra police walking about our neighbourhood ,but those seemed to have been phased out with the specials a few years ago. I can remember reading something about another new high rung promotion with regards to lightening mr Passmore's heavy workload. Plus an expensive electric police vehicle, whilst front line officers are putting their lives at risks in 20 year old cars. You talk about modern crime and technology beating methods, whilst all i see are overstretched police officers that no longer have the time to investigate car and certain anti social crimes , let alone socializing and making the public feel safe.

06/01/2023 18:22

Unjustifiable, lose a member of your personal staff, their job roles can easily be split, this will instantly save some money, stop buying new fleet of transport, have personal walking the beat in areas, therefore being more of a deterrent rather than sitting in cozy new offices and vehicles awaiting for something to do.

06/01/2023 18:14

Need to start working more efficiently

06/01/2023 18:12

Government should fund the police properly. Use your time and influence to achieve this. We could save money nationally by not having police and crime commissioners.

06/01/2023 18:05

as i have not seen one police officer in this

village -Glemsford_ in 2022 and only a handful in Sudbury (but only in motor vehicles) I cannot see the need to spend more money on a service that does not need to increase..

06/01/2023 17:53

Your officers currently do not investigate crime do not prevent crime and do thing to deter crime or prevent violence against women You and your chief constable should be required to resign as you have overseen a significant reduction in police effectiveness Any additional funding should come with key performance indicators that if not met require prosecution for malfeasance in public office

06/01/2023 17:51

A small increase of 3-4% is reasonable. A thorough review of the costs of The Police & Crime Commissioner and his staff needs to be undertaken and the savings that will be easily found put towards front line policing. These savings will make up for the shortfall.

06/01/2023 17:50

Living in a rural area we have no police presence and therefore do not feel that we should subsidise the more built up areas of Suffolk.

06/01/2023 17:47

It's not affordable for people who don't earn high salaries or who work part time

06/01/2023 17:45

At this time the problems for the force appear self created reduce management to increase ground level staff I don't see officers where I live or even when I visit other towns and in the county town feel totally unsafe to walk in any of its streets when there are no visible foot or car patrols about..

06/01/2023 17:42

If you reduced the cost of Tim Passmore's office you could fund this without increasing the precept. His office is a waste of time and

money. Also very suspicious that the results of the annual survey are never shared.

06/01/2023 17:35

Everything has gone up especially food and energy! Some people cannot afford to eat and heat their houses and when you ask us to pay more for this. At what point will it all stop?

06/01/2023 17:32

I want to see more attention paid to crimes that actually impact the public in the real world, Car theft , Burglary , Criminal Damage to name but three , detection and clearance rates are low and crime numbers dispensed like confetti , YES the crime rates as shown in recent data are Lower than in other parts of the UK but living in a rural area that's hardly a surprise i would like to see less time pursuing thought crimes, Perceived offences, diversity and numerous other virtue signalling exercises and if it were possible i would withdraw a % of my council tax to get a Police Force back that actually reflects the views of the majority of the Public they serve. Rather than one that has to bow and be SEEN to action centrally driven politically correct mantras. Having said that you do have my support to continue to try to get a larger slice of Government funding , Suffolk / norfolk does remain an underfunded force compared to others

06/01/2023 17:31

Half the proposed rate is acceptable

06/01/2023 17:29

Police presence and preventing crime is non existence, paying more for no police help is ridiculous. If you want to increase funding may I suggest you get rid of the police commissioner and his side kicks and put the saving to real policing.

06/01/2023 17:27

Money is getting tighter in most peoples budgets, so I believe that raising the amount people pay will have an impact on many

peoples finances. I know its not alot, but will in some households mean not being able to eat or heat on some occasions. It is my belief that funding should come from central government

06/01/2023 17:25

Raise more money by all means, but use it to spend on more police officers not on back office people to engage with people via social media ! We need more boots on the ground.

06/01/2023 17:22

We are paying far to much council tax now.

06/01/2023 17:22

We already pay an extortionate amount in council tax for not many services. We are not rich and there is a cost of living crisis taking place in case you have missed reading about this. At the moment every penny we earn we need to keep out of debt. Perhaps you could donate some of your pay if you are concerned about funding? You earn three times what I earn.

06/01/2023 17:22

Totally disagree with any extra charges. Cannot afford it and it won't make a scrap of difference to real policing

06/01/2023 17:15

Simply because I see the police waste money. Basic policing is what is required school visits, pub visits, community engagement. Who is my safer neighborhood team?? no idea we never see a copper on the beat well speed checks or other revenue streams but t policing we want. I live in a small village, and Tim its great to see you at our District Council meetings you work tirelessly and you are very much appreciated because we see you listen and understand your remit. But never have I seen a copper on a patrol. I dont feel Im getting value for money for policing and as a consequence wont support a rise.

06/01/2023 17:09

Whilst I agree to some extent I am not convinced it is going to change anything. It needs either to be more which is not possible or not at all. We never see any police presence here

06/01/2023 17:07

Perhaps I wouldn't mind if many thousands of pounds were not then given away to charities.

06/01/2023 17:00

It should feel the role of the government to fund the police force through general taxation and not through council tax. Increasing council tax to cover underfunding will just paper over the cracks and kick the can down the road of failing public services

06/01/2023 16:44

Better use of current resources to tackle crimes that are important to the community should be explored first.

06/01/2023 16:43

UnAffordable due to the rise in the cost of living, I do not and cannot work from home, with the increase in the fuel cost and running a car.

06/01/2023 16:37

I already pay more in council tax than I do for food or electricity. But with all prices increasing it will be difficult to cope with increased tax.

06/01/2023 16:34

For many years, Suffolk has received a poor settlement from government even compared with Norfolk. It's worth noting that the government is tory, every council bar one in Suffolk is tory and the SPCC is tory. Maybe the government feel there is no need to increase funding to an area that would vote for a three-legged donkey if it sported a blue rosette.

06/01/2023 16:18

I dont agree with it simply because the prices have gone up like gas electric and the price of food ok you can say its only 29p but add that up over the course of the month and year it's still a bit the police are never about when you want them but they are when you don't

06/01/2023 16:18

People are struggling to heat their homes and feed themselves and their children. now is not the time to raise council tax when people are already struggling financially. Soon working families will not be receiving any extra help with their gas and electric bills which will make the situation worse.

06/01/2023 16:18

I do not support this due to where I live and barely seeing a police officer other than for reason of a crime committed. There are no 'patrols' footbeat and limited engagement in the community. When reporting incidents to the force the level of service is quick and responsive, but t pro-active.

06/01/2023 16:15

The precept was increased last year to increase the establishment and efficiency of the force contact and control room. There is no evidence of such improvements yet the increase funding has been there for nearly a year.

06/01/2023 16:14

The police in Suffolk are chronically underfunded, Tim Passmore should be lobbying government for more money. I also believe the proposed precept rise is inadequate and shows a lack of conviction from Passmore on behalf of the public and police he should be serving.

06/01/2023 16:13

There is a cost of living crises and as pensioners we are finding we are just about living. You say about a minimal increase , but when you get your increase + SCC + BDC + GCPC ,all increasing council tax it adds up to a

burden that we should not be having .There are just too many levels of Bureaucracy now, its about time we started cutting out all these levels.We NEVER used to have all this , get it trimmed down , we are spending money on to many non jobs.

06/01/2023 16:09

My experience of local policing has been quite poor - I'm really sad to say this, as my mum was in the force and my cousin still is. My experience of local policing has seen; 1. A family member attacked and harmed, who got little police support and years on has never received their compensation. 2. More crime personally witnessed in my village and town than ever before. 3. Little police presence in my area. 4. Numerous issues with a close neighbour who was dealing drugs and driving high - only after months was anything done, after I kept reporting. I have a huge respect for officers who personally do a great job each day. However, I have issue with a management structure that clearly isn't working well. My opinion is that if the force is not getting enough money from government they should strike and secure it that way - I don't see why the public has to pay for government failure - we are all already being stretched, they are the ones with billions of pounds. I would support your strike.

06/01/2023 16:04

Why should I pay more for a service that almost does not exist out in the sticks?

06/01/2023 15:51

As a conservative, you should be protesting what is a real term cut in funding rather than passing yet more costs onto the public. Ironically, it is well proven that communities facing poverty will turn to crime. By putting people under even more financial pressure, you risk tipping even more people into crime in order to 'get by'. I should be surprised you are even considering this. Sadly I am not.

06/01/2023 15:41

I live in Bungay there is no police presence in our town, why would I want to pay more for something I don't get. Low level crime is rising and the nearest Bobby is miles away. I can't remember the last time I saw a Police car or officer in Bungay. With a cost of living crisis ongoing it would be immoral to ask us to pay for something we don't get

06/01/2023 15:39

I work in the NHS and am 30% worse off compared to someone working at my level in 2008. I can't afford to pay more.

06/01/2023 15:32

There is already enough money for policing unfortunately it's the person or persons responsible for where it goes . Meaning the money is being spent in the wrong place. Even if it was passed I feel this would make no difference to the service or no service should I say that we don't already receive.

06/01/2023 15:26

I do not feel that delivering a video link contact route should be a priority for funding and I'm also unclear why this should require additional investment anyway. We've all been using video communications provided by various service providers over the pandemic so this isn't exactly cutting edge technology and the linked documentation doesn't seem to explain why additional funding for this is necessary.

06/01/2023 15:25

If I could be certain that the additional funding would mean a higher visible police force than the additional funding could be justified. Unfortunately I cannot remember when I last saw an officer out on the streets of Beccles. Very occasionally one may see a police vehicle in the town but the officers seem reluctant to park up and undertake a foot patrol. All too often there a number of police vehicles parked outside the shared

facilities in the town for example today there were three.

06/01/2023 15:21

Most people are already struggling with rises costs. How can we afford more?

06/01/2023 15:18

Can't afford it, pensioners who are struggling to stay warm and with food in our mouths, would we tice a reduction of service, I think, not lowest detection rate for many years, many crimes are just a report and rubber stamped detection undertaken. we never see a police officer in our area and I understand there is only one community office at Sudbury with the responsibility for the whole of the Babergh area? I would agree to a smaller increase.

06/01/2023 15:00

If central government will not fund Suffolk Police properly, then why should I as a tax payer, be penalised? With the amount of asylum seekers being housed in Ipswich, I suggest you ask both IBC and Suffolk County Council to contribute more of their funds to policing. They are being paid by Norfolk to take their asylum seekers as well! They're making money out of it, let them pay the extra.

06/01/2023 14:59

Cost of living crisis hitting hard. We can't afford medication, food and heating. This proposal is crazy. 800 additional deaths per week according to sky and BBC news 4 January 2023. not including covid. Any increase in council tax will only add to this.

06/01/2023 14:58

My pay over the last as a public sector worker has been frozen for 2 years and thus year I got 2% .. How I am supposed to find the money. However if I was to get a 6% rise then I would be in full support.

06/01/2023 14:05

The current service provision is poorly managed with fewer and fewer front line public facing staff against an excessive level of management and backroom staffing. Why should rural based residents have to pay for such a poor service which needs to be fundamentally restructured. The policing hierarchy has been a joke for years. Early retirements, gold plated pensions, free clothing and another job waiting to be picked up at 55. Who else gets that. Cut down on overinflated overtime claims. Most professional people stay until job is done without resort to overtime. Scrap the P&CC role as it clearly doesn't result in a single digit of influence with his Government paymasters. A small force (its one of the lowest budgets) doesn't warrant such a role and the additional financial burden.

06/01/2023 13:51

Pension increase does not cover total rise in council tax.

06/01/2023 13:41

I find it unacceptable to increase by this amount when peoples income is under extreme pressure, due to energy food and living expenses. Pensioners are already unable to manage without raising the rates by this amount.

06/01/2023 13:27

We already pay enough

06/01/2023 13:26

The Government, once again, neglecting its responsibility. I am against hiding a political decision made by a corrupt Government and pushing another financial burden on those that are in financial problems already. Mr Passmore should talk to his Conservative partners in Whitehall.

06/01/2023 13:25

The Police Commissioner should seriously look at the generous retirement benefits available to the police. For example,

retirement age far in advance of those working in the private sector, a defined benefit system. Huge amounts of money could be saved by reviewing this out-of-date system by moving to a retirement age closer to the state pension age, moving towards a defined contribution system. By keeping existing personnel in employment, major savings could be made by reducing the length of time pensions are paid to former employees with a consequential need to train new staff.

06/01/2023 13:18

Suffolk Constabulary are currently fit for purpose. Even with the current funding levels they are inefficient and lazy. They are not working for the people of Suffolk as it stands and are not worthy of the current funding let alone any further funding to allow them to continue to be inefficient and lazy but with more of the hardworking taxpayers money in their pockets.

06/01/2023 13:15

Policing should be centrally funded. Policing along with all public services, and those former public services that have been privatised, have all been deliberately run down. This is another Tory stealth tax, spread it out and maybe we won't notice! We should pay more tax centrally for higher quality public services instead of paying for it twice.

06/01/2023 13:10

With a cost of living crisis at this present time, an increase is not the time to put households under even more pressure.

06/01/2023 13:00

Everything is going up. How can people be expected to afford all this.

06/01/2023 12:58

What "policing"? All we see are occasional photographs of cars that have been pulled over posted on social media. Victims of crime -- theft, burglary, assault -- are lucky if they

get sent a "crime number". Stop driving around in cars and playing with phones and get some uniforms out on the streets!

06/01/2023 12:55

We are being squeezed from every direction you want a percentage increase which is double our wage rise percentage and there is little visible policing where we live w. We have nearly been hit/knocked over by children using illegal electric scooters, several times, the mir offences are t being dealt with and it has been proven that if the police deal with the minor offences it ha an affect on the more serious ones. I see people who have received cautions for burglary, assault etc which leaves the victim feeling that no justice has been served. So I do not support an increase for a Police force which in my eyes is failing, even if all the boxes have been ticked.

06/01/2023 12:43

Your demand has to be added to that of the County Council, the District Council, the Parish/Town Council ALL of whom will be able to plead desperation for more money to be given to them. A Suffolk MP condemned pensioners to a 3.1% increase for 21/22 so any demand for increase from people already behind the inflation rate is totally unacceptable. Your precept demand should be connected to savings, the same as many Suffolk residents have been forced to do.

Goose and gander, Passmore.

06/01/2023 12:35

This is the same as last year, where we live in Haverhill near the golf course i am more likely to have the pope drop by for a cup of tea than see a policeman

06/01/2023 12:31

Everything is increasing in cost but my income doesn't - can't afford to maintain standards of living if all our service costs go up but the service delivered is stagnant or even reduced.

06/01/2023 12:22

No, you are wasting tax payers money. Everyone knows you are wasting it now so this is becoming a joke. How much are you spending on these days when you all based at copdock to pull over a few cars and barely get any convictions done. Just stop w and resign please as you taking this police force so downhill. You shouldn't be in this position

06/01/2023 12:19

Additional Financial hardship as a government employee on a pay freeze

06/01/2023 12:17

We are having to spend £2421 to secure one part of our property from theft. We have suffered three crimes in the past five years, costing an increase of £2250 per annum on our vehicle insurance. We have installed a security gate at a cost of £12500 and new an extra £2421 on a camera, a security door and a second hand bank cash safe to secure our guidance systems off our tractors. Why?

Because the police do not do their job. My view is the extra money will more likely be spent on the new Chief Constables vast salary and pension.

06/01/2023 12:15

No . I feel the service of Suffolk constabulary will not change .. I have been let down by Suffolk police and no money will change the lack of incompetence among many officers .. I never see police in my neighbour hood or actually feel safe . Suffolk never patrol . only reactive - no proactivity .. work smarter not harder

06/01/2023 12:07

Totally invisible police force! It's a table event to see a police car in Brandon. More money will not change this, only a change of politics and attitude to crime such as burglary will help. Perhaps Mr Passmore can donate some of his inflated salary?

06/01/2023 12:02

Does not include anything to support and improve front line service to the public in general.

06/01/2023 12:01

It is very difficult to support the rational for this proposal. The failure to secure more funding from Government may be partly due to the fact that as of June 2022 the ONS ranks Suffolk as having the 7th lowest crime rate out of 44 police forces across England & Wales, and the lowest in the East of England 6 counties. Investment in how the public can contact the police has been a reason for recent year on year precept increases yet the perception is the investments to date have failed to deliver so are we about to throw more good money after bad. With society struggling financially, the poor returns on precept increases over recent years, and with Suffolk crime rate being relatively very low, just for this year the Constabulary could take a more frugal approach. That said, perhaps there are other undeclared reasons why the Constabulary 'must be seen' to take the proposed action?

06/01/2023 11:53

I do not regard the current structure of Suffolk police as effective and savings should be made by reducing the number of higher ranks.

06/01/2023 11:11

I feel using the 29p per week makes it feel cheaper but an extra cost on a already expensive council tax bill in the current times is uneconomical. I heard your interview on Radio Suffolk, I understand the consequences of going ahead with this price increase but you should be looking towards the government for extra funding rather than putting the burden on the local tax payer, it's simply not fair to pass the buck to the easiest available source of money. I would suggest holding the government to account, stating clearly what the impacts are and source the money for the gap in funding.

06/01/2023 11:07

Police already waste enough resources and don't do enough. They don't provide value for money and giving them more money instead of them being efficient will simply lead to more waste.

06/01/2023 11:04

Every year this has gone up and every year the constabulary wastes money reinventing the wheel. You buy cheap technology which is inferior rather than buying fit for purpose technology that lasts. Did you know your Sentinel team in the West essentially no longer exists? A team that is meant to be public funded is joined with scorpion drugs team and in the east the sentinel team is helping CID and again doesn't really exist. There are more problems than drugs - for example why aren't the sentinel team concentrating on crimes overnight and changing shifts to bolster response instead of having shifts changed to police football of which the clubs pay specifically for officers not for the police to simply take that money and then take from duty strength. Sort out the sentinel teams

06/01/2023 11:01

Every year more money is asked for and as far as I am concerned I see no extra benefit to the public. The local police station in BSE is hardly ever open and closed on Sundays. I would like to know how much of this increase will again be spent on wages and pensions? Why, like the vast majority of households, can you not manage your budget more efficiently. We don't have the ability to ask for more. This is most definitely a no from me.

06/01/2023 10:59

There is too much spent on wages particularly on higher paid persons do they earn it or get it!

06/01/2023 10:55

Just because you can raise the precept by £15 doesn't mean you should

06/01/2023 10:47

Should be government funded from taxes already being paid . System needs to be simplified one tax not several little ones that cost money to manage .

06/01/2023 10:41

we just can't afford to pay anymore. Cost of living is already too high and many children in Suffolk are already living in poverty.

06/01/2023 10:22

I don't believe the Police are currently doing a great job, and further believe that both they and you should demonstrate increased levels of performance before earning the right to increased funding from the hard pressed public.

06/01/2023 10:20

Police costs are already too high

06/01/2023 10:20

The Police part of the council tax has increased by the maximum allowed for the last several years and Stowupland has not seen any improvements in policing. In this time of families struggling to pay their bills it is not appropriate to make large demands on their finances that they have no control of.

06/01/2023 10:13

We get this request every year and have always supported it. now, however, is the time to say no . Suffolk Constabulary are being underfunded by central Government and it is time for the MP's of Suffolk to stand up, demand better and get results. If other areas similar to Suffolk are being better funded it is unfair to ask council tax payers to pay more.

06/01/2023 10:01

We have had these high increases now for a while yet we see no IMPROVEMENT in services as promised when will the police realise that to know there community they have to be seen driving around with there se

in the air oblivious to all around. We live in the highest council tax area for ESCC and have a police station but to see a Policeman is virtually nonexistent. It is to keep putting money into online sources Crime happens on the street and I am afraid our police force of today do not have respect for anyone only themselves to hear there Language used sometimes is disgraceful and will never gain respect so I do not agree with this increase because it is being used as reportedly asked for and always ends with services being cut if we don't agree same blackmail tactic every year

06/01/2023 09:55

I live in Beccles and receive very little support in the form of policing Last year my shed was broken into ... twice! I felt that this crime was not taken seriously, I was left feeling frightened and targeted. I was given no advice on security etc. in the scheme of things I understand this is a low level crime but it's how it makes the victim feel and that is no longer taken into consideration with the police force. I spoke to a police officer recently who informed me that at one point whilst policing a shift in Lowestoft there were just three of them on the section due to annual leave and sickness, this is unsafe, coupled with new police officers requiring degrees (we should take officers from all walks of life) it's just not appropriate. It would be nice to have regular police officers walking cycling again getting to know the community but sadly the police station was sold, so therefore I cannot support an increase for a service I simply don't receive.

06/01/2023 09:51

Spend the money you already get more effectively and stop prioritising online social media crime. We want to see Police on the street and roads, not sitting on a comfy chair behind a computer.

06/01/2023 09:48

As the increase is less than rate of inflation, we shall get less than we currently receive

and as we seem to get very little for what we currently pay we shall even see less.

06/01/2023 09:45

My father was a police officer and I even did some work with the police (some time ago w). I have the utmost respect for our police force. Having said that, I can see so much waste within the force that should be eradicated prior to billing tax payers more. I also do t believe in the relevance of the PCC. The Police should t be managed by winners of a popularity contest in my opinion. My personal experience with the police in recent times has been to request assistance in trespassers on a flood defence and trainline whilst lighting fires, urinating and being anti social in the small hours. Whilst our local MP says to contact the police, the police say they cannot do anything. I cannot accept an increase in taxation for a service which isn't operating adequately. When we see a visible police presence patrolling our streets, or at least around our Ipswich town centre and waterfront (which I hope would be a deterrent to the types of behaviour w rife in those areas [I do go to these areas every week, if t more, so am speaking from expereince]) then I believe an increase can be justified.

06/01/2023 09:45

Every year we have to put up with Mr Passmore asking for more money and every year, despite Council Tax increase, thing changes. extra police on the beat, police in cars driving past illegal scooter riders and cyclists breaking so many laws but no action taken. When there is a road traffic accident or fire the number of police cars in attendance is unbelievable. What would these police men and woman be doing without the accident or fire? I bet they wouldn't be plodding the streets. All we have in the town centres are these hopeless people in red uniforms who, I'm told have no powers whatsoever. Mr Passmore was even responsible for virtually doing away with PCSO'S. When I was a

teenager if we congregated in groups we were swiftly moved on. nowadays, Ipswich Town Centre is awash with gangs of men and professional beggars who do thing but blight the town. My partner is fed up of being propositioned by these men and, this year has decided to do her shopping elsewhere. Household robbery, shoplifting etc are virtually not investigated which again begs the question what do our police do? I am not being rude when I also ask the question, what does Mr Passmore do to justify his exorbitant salary?

06/01/2023 09:40

At a time when households are over stretched now is not the time to increase the Council Tax Bill. We all have to tighten our belts and that includes the police. It might only be pence per week but it all adds up and believe me pence matters more than ever.

06/01/2023 09:37

I pay far more tax here than I did in London..for far less services. May I suggest you take what extra you need from the road maintenence dept. As they seem to spend THING on road surfacing or potholes. Must be the most shocking roads in England.

06/01/2023 09:35

There should beno increase in costs whatsoever until cost saving measures have been looked at. It would be relatively easy to save this amount if one was prepared to look and challenge the police accordingly. 1. Greater integration with norfolk. Both forces could have been merged. We don't need two Chief constables for a start. 2. Centralised control room for both counties incorporating police, fire and ambulance. 3. The headcount for the admin, HR departs at Martlesham HQ could be slimmed down considerably again integration with norfolk. 4. The money saved could in fact be used to put more boots on the ground without increasing costs. 5. The ratio of boots on the ground to so called back room staff is way out of line. Too much protection

of little empires. I could not agree to any increase until a realistic cost reduction exercise had been complete!

06/01/2023 09:34

Absolutely not. Over the past couple of years, my trust, confidence, and respect for Suffolk Police has eroded. I am a witness, and on occasion a victim, of low-level crime in my neighbourhood – such as drug-dealing on the open pavement in full sight of residents. They feel untouchable. The response from Suffolk Police to repeated reports from the community is disgraceful. I was directly told by an Officer 'We are t interested...'. As strategy for today's young Offenders, you should care for the petty crime in order to prevent major crime – for I witness the maturing offenders of tomorrow every day. Strategy, comms, public engagement, etc, needs to be earnt before you deserve funding, t the other way around. The one-page "Precept proposal" is woefully inadequate. That and the 1,000 character limit of this survey demonstrates that you are not interested the detail of the public's thoughts – I have no doubt that this taxpayer increase will proceed regardless of this survey.

06/01/2023 09:25

We pay you a big fat salary. Step down and use that money instead. Also use the money you're making from the sale of the police station

06/01/2023 09:25

Why further fund a woke police authority. Save money by losing the pointless post of police commissioner a total waste of time.

06/01/2023 09:21

My perception is that too much money is wasted and that a re structure might better resolve funding issues. Too many back room staff and not enough officers on the ground (I rarely see a policeman). Infact the only time I do is on football days, which I understand the

football club part fund. Other than that, never see a police officer.

06/01/2023 09:21

No sorry, price rises elsewhere mean this will be unaffordable, the money should come from a government pot/increased business rates/savings generated by the force itself by cutting costs internally.

06/01/2023 09:06

the same reasons come up every year on funding and needs for extra resources. There has been limited improvement on service and still the same issues come up time and again. Throwing money at the issue is t the way forward, better organisation of service need to work first

06/01/2023 08:58

Police..Higher crime rate..Passmore only interested in catching speeding motorists..Get rid & put his 75k towards the shortfall..Done nothing since he has been in the job..

06/01/2023 08:33

I do not believe that the money would go to front line policing. More likely to go on pen pushing suits that have had their government grant removed.

06/01/2023 08:31

The higher tax bands should not pay more than other tax bands. Properties in rural areas, where crime is lower than in areas of higher population density, should not pay as much as our use of the police is less.

06/01/2023 08:30

Absolutely disagree with any proposed increase. Work within your existing budget.

06/01/2023 08:25

The PCC should resign. He is ultimately responsible for the release of information relating to victims of sexual crimes. But he has no backbone. He shows no leadership. He should resign. The public have no faith in him.

06/01/2023 08:09

I believe the police get enough money and to be honest do not have visibility in the area when something happens they do thing. Crime rates are increasing in the region, when I do see a police car they are sat in a layby chatting or in eating. I understand they need breaks etc but if that is the only time you see them people will draw conclusions. I do not believe the police do a good job, they use to be respected by people but they are too light touch w, and worried about being sued. When I was young the police were respected and would solve crimes and deal with people effectively w, it is all making sure the person who has done the crime is ok rather than the person who is affected. Very disappointing Also please remember the cost of living crisis, we are all struggling so the adding this massive increase to bills is not acceptable because I assume you and your team will give yourselves large pay rises. We do need a good police force it is important but you blaming the funding from government is blaming someone else, we are having to cut things to get by at the moment and the public services should live within there means and not keep expecting tax payers to fund everything. If you run like a private company there would be efficiency changes and every £1 would be expected to go further but I do not see that with you To be honest I would be happy paying £5 - 7 a year rise, as long as the money is invested in frontline not the backoffice

06/01/2023 08:05

Year on year the policing element of my council tax bill has risen the most of all the areas. Other aspects such as town and county have never increased to the max possible, they have become more efficient. There is no evidence from you how the policing has become efficient to counter the increase in these days of high bills. Basically every pound you take from us is another pound we cannot spend to support ourselves or put into local business.

06/01/2023 07:45

With the cost of living crisis we all need to live within our income. Undoubtedly the council will be putting up council tax so any extra for the police will only add to the extra cost for taxpayers. Many people are already struggling to pay their bills so there should be no extra tax demands.

06/01/2023 07:36

Look for efficiencies before further ripping off hard pressed council tax payers. You waste so much money, but then you always have. How much money have you wasted already on your doomed plan to build houses at Martlesham? Every time you waste OUR money you blame everybody but yourself and then force this extra payment upon us. We have to pay or face jail. You're not worth it.

06/01/2023 06:51

My outgoings are already stretched to their limits I doubt very much if we will see any increase in Police activity in Bures Its currently non existant

06/01/2023 06:38

People are having to spend so much more at the moment. It might only be 29p a week, but that's just one thing that's increasing. There are going to be more demands on our finances that we aren't aware of yet, because they haven't been announced yet.

06/01/2023 06:18

We are in the middle of a huge cost of living crisis, and for Tim Passmore to request a maximum precept increase is a joke. He did this last year and out in the rural villages we saw absolutely no difference to our police service, if anything we saw less patrols than the previous year. But in typical Tory fashion we all know he'll do what he wants to do positive survey results or not. Because the Tory party and its hangers on have successfully ruined our country whilst lining the pockets of their own kind! I have to earn

my pay increase let him get off his arse and do something worthy of an increase
06/01/2023 04:11

You should be doing more to lobby central government for a larger share of police funding seeing as our taxes already go to central government. Why are we the most under funded force? Why don't they feel we need the additional funding? Having lived in Suffolk for the past 6 years and having been a victim of rural crime in that period, I can say my experience of Suffolk constabulary has been very poor. I contacted you on two further occasions to report crimes (covid restrictions related and drug related) and nothing happened on either occasion. If you can't do the basics, more funding from local residents (as this is another increase on previous increases to the Police portion of council tax) isn't going to change that, especially at a small amount such as circa £3mn. I'm happy to pay for a better service, but can't see how the service is any better since the previous increases occurred. This just feels like another money grab as you have failed in your job to convince your own party in Central government to increase funding.

Why?
06/01/2023 00:26

I have been the victim of theft from two of my building sites in Hacheston and Woodbridge, and from my Van parked at my Home in Kettleburgh, all in the past 10 years. The police did nothing at all and I personally lost over £10K of tools and materials. I have had to put in alarms, security cameras and locks at a cost of thousands to protect my own property from theives, I don't believe the police are doing anything for the general public. I often see police officers in Tesco at Martlesham in the evenings and always say hello or good evening, I doubt that more than 50% have the decency to reply. They seem to have no regard for the general public and operate for their own desires. Personally I would like to see a seriously reduced police force in suffolk

and I am the son of a suffolk policeman who retired in 1985 after a career on the beat in Felixstowe. Needless to say, he talked me out of any ideas of joining the police in my younger years. I don't want to be charged more for a worthless service. What the hell do you do for the money? I also have friends who have property stolen from their out buildings, how will £15 a year solve these crimes?
06/01/2023 00:21

The amount of tax paid in general through council tax is high enough as it is. At a time of increasing energy bills & overall inflation for most purchases for many households I think it is deeply unnecessary at this particular time to be raising the policing element (or any aspect of the council tax). I'd propose a 1 year freeze or find alternative ways of generating revenue for the police. I also think it is especially unpalatable to be asking for extra money from those on bands A & B as these groups tend to be under more financial pressures as they generally have lower incomes and are probably struggling the most financially.

05/01/2023 23:06

So disappointed with the policing which leaves our children afraid to go into town and enjoy their childhood with friends without the fear of being attacked by gangs and no action being taken against them.

05/01/2023 23:01

Suffolk police need to improve the service that they provide, there is no evidence that more money will not fix the issues, but better management will. There are far too many "top" positions including the PCC and too few PC's

05/01/2023 22:33

We simply can't keep taking increases, there needs to be reform at the top and necessary savings made, we should be taxed more especially at such a critical time

05/01/2023 22:28

There is barely any policing in rural villages. One CEO for 80 parishes is too little and those who live in rural villages do not see the benefit of any of the increases, each year, in this precept. 101 service is still poor and there is not enough support for the elderly and the vulnerable to report crimes or their concerns on potential crime. More support for teenagers in rural villages should also be available.

05/01/2023 22:28

You should seek internal cost improvements and stop the unnecessary "woke" initiatives. I have always previously supported your requests for an increase but enough is enough.

05/01/2023 22:20

More can be done to find savings in the budget, it is unacceptable to think taxpayers can keep footing the increases put forward.

05/01/2023 22:13

I don't feel this increase is justified. The only police I see are in cars. Unsocial behaviour, vandalism, burglaries, theft from cars all on the increase.

05/01/2023 22:01

I feel this survey is only putting one side of the argument and is t balanced

05/01/2023 21:42

As a previous London resident, I was shocked at how much more we pay in suffolk. We also got alot more council facilities in London then what we get now, even know we pay more!!

05/01/2023 21:22

No evidence of making savings or efficiencies to deliver services in a different way

05/01/2023 21:07

Mr Passmore - You need to improve the reputation of the Police Service with the Public before asking the public to provide more and more funds every year.

05/01/2023 21:06

I am a retired Police Officer, so I am not against proper funding of the Police. However, I live in Hadleigh and have seen the drastic reduction of Police resources for the town over the years. Any increase, as with previous increases, will have no impact on the level of service that we receive. Funding and resources get pulled into the areas 'that need it', which leaves the surrounding areas with a poor service. I accept that Hadleigh does not require the level of cover that some residents think, but we deserve some cover. We will, as we always have, pay for the benefit of others while we suffer. So, no. I do not support any increase.

05/01/2023 21:02

Never see any police around

05/01/2023 21:02

Your just waste this money on pointless "crack" teams with expensive cars that do not benefit local communities and produce little results that make us feel safe, take your head out of the clouds passmore and realise that policing is local to everyone not just farmers and idiots that wear tweed

05/01/2023 21:01

This is ridiculous, why should hard working people pay extra and mostly others get away with out paying council tax, Enough is Enough!! With fuel and electricity gone sky high, mortgages its about time they got rid of tim passmore and the rest of head council, the streets are filthy, Ipswich is t like it was also tooo many immigrants, I'm glad i have moved away. T.p

05/01/2023 20:57

Stop making the cost of living crisis harder by taking money from the public. Maybe work harder at securing funding from government or making cuts like other businesses have too.

05/01/2023 20:56

it is not more resources that will improve policing in suffolk - or indeed anywhere in this country- but better management of existing resources. how many times have i seen photographs of police called to an incident - with upwards of a dozen police cars parked around the crime scene. what on earth are they all doing?

05/01/2023 20:54

Already on minimum wage and energy bills are at a record high total joke. Struggling to live as it is.

05/01/2023 20:53

You've had some significant way above inflation rises the last couple of years. People are struggling & to put it bluntly the police service in Suffolk is shocking. It's poor at best. Should only rise by 3% at most. People are literally struggling to eat.

05/01/2023 20:52

I do not need to provide a reason.

05/01/2023 20:52

I totally disagree with this proposal. I doubt that it would see any more officers on the street; I can't remember the last time I saw one outside of a car. Where is the proactive crime prevention? Where is a visible and friendly 'bobby' on the beat, who people once respected and trusted? Instead, the police are largely feared and despised, and treated with a suspicion equal to their own seeming paranoia. You can cut a bit of money straightaway by axing Mr Passmore; a complete waste of time and money who's full of hot air and soundbites. I doubt whether you've read this far, let alone digested any of the above, but if you have, please consider this. If this proposal is a begging bowl to illicit public sympathy, then think again. The police currently can't go on strike, and if they were to do so, no one would notice the difference.

Unlike the nurses.

05/01/2023 20:50

Increase at maximum for at least for last 5 years and living in a rural community don't see any benefit thus far so just can't support another increase. In particular speeding in the village has been a problem for years and it's just getting worse. I really see little action to address it.

05/01/2023 20:43

Whilst I appreciate costs are rising for the police other parts of society are suffering from the same cost increases and have suffered far more underfunding over many years. I refer specifically to Social Care. It has much less positive media coverage than the police but I would argue a greater positive impact on vulnerable people and by extension, the rest of society.

05/01/2023 20:37

Can't afford it this time round

05/01/2023 20:31

At present Brandon rarely sees a police officer anymore, at one time Brandon had a police station but that disappeared. All this proposed increase would do is provide police in Ipswich & Newmarket.

05/01/2023 20:30

We see no officers as it in our area. not interested in attending calls.

05/01/2023 20:27

Times are hard and friends are few ,so I will say goodbye to you. Eww.

05/01/2023 20:23

A 6% increase equates to a doubling of the precept every 12 years. The present amount charged is excessive, even before an additional 6% addition.

05/01/2023 20:07

It may only be a small weekly increase but it is on top of the £357/year already being paid. Ask if £357/year is acceptable and the answer

is no, so to ask for an increase is unacceptable. Maybe cutting back on excessive uniform costs - go back to more simplistic uniforms, cut back on lanyards, cut back on rainbow graphics. So many places to cut back to show the public that their money is being spent wisely. Every year there is an increase - where does the money go?

05/01/2023 20:06

Long gone are the days when the public respected police officers. They have only themselves to blame. Too much 'wokery' and not enough results outside of motorists (easy targets thanks to ANPR). A spate of burglaries in my village never saw anyone arrested for them. Reputation, trust and respect relies on results. If there is one constant in this world and that is the ever increasing costs of everything. You name it, it has increased in cost. With our houses, where we are all perhaps asset rich but cash poor, we have no choice but to keep paying out. What services do I actually get for what is my second biggest bill? Bins emptied and lights on for a limited time in my village. I have no doubt that Suffolk County Council, Babergh District Council, the Parish Council and Social Care will also jump on the bandwagon and increase their portion of our council tax for next year. Add all the percentages up among you all and, as usual, it becomes quite an increase. Where do you think we can keep getting the money from to pay for it all. Here's an idea. A good start would be to get rid of the Police and Crime Commissioner and his team. A Tony Blair idea which has cost us unnecessary money each year. now that would be a saving or redirection of the tax for the police to use.

05/01/2023 20:02

I'm on minimum wage and can't afford to live properly w thanks to conservative government, I'm in the minority by being white , working and English . The country is on its knees thanks to the tories , let the wealthiest pay more !

05/01/2023 19:51

I don't want policemen on social media. Hiring 14 staff to allow them to do this is not worth the money.

05/01/2023 19:51

I am sorry, but I can't afford this at the moment on top of Council Tax increases as well. The police do do a good job, and in less costly complicated times, I would support the increase.

05/01/2023 19:47

There are other more important and urgent needs such as social care and education.

05/01/2023 19:46

This is an increase of over 50% on last year - the year you vowed yet again to make sure Suffolk got their " fair share from government " yet again you have failed - what on earth is going on ? We cannot afford to keep bailing Suffolk police out because you are failing in your bids year on year - how much will you force us to pay next year ! We are pensioners who cannot keep digging deeper and deeper we simply cannot afford to fund failure. I watch monthly on our local crime figures you really need to up your game where funding is needed from government t from us who seem to have no say at all - perhaps only people who actually pay their council tax from their own money should be allowed to reply to this survey , after all we are the ones funding it.

05/01/2023 19:45

There is a cost of living crisis at the moment and this is just another tax on hard working people and pensioners. We are all having to live with less disposable income and have to make choices about what we can and can't afford. The police should also be making savings in the same way. It is always the same people hit by these taxes as those on benefits get huge subsidies and pay nothing while the rest of us have our council tax raised year after year.

05/01/2023 19:42

You could save more money by removing the post of the Police & Crime Commissioner and the support staff required to run and publicise it.

05/01/2023 19:38

Too much waste already.

05/01/2023 19:37

1 Cost of living crisis 2 See 1 3 What 2 said 4

Still no 5 As Above

05/01/2023 19:37

No ask government for the money

05/01/2023 19:36

Mr Passmore you are a complete failure in your efforts for the people of Suffolk to obtain fair funding. You promised at your election that you would fight for a meaningful increase in the stipend handed down to Suffolk by central government which is one of the lowest in the country. You yourself claimed Suffolk Police "gets a pretty poor deal" in terms of funding. And yet you have done absolutely nothing and once again the people of Suffolk are faced with a maximum increase in taxation. Are you actually aware that there is a whole rural county outside of Ipswich and that we never bother to report crime or antisocial behaviour because we know the police are not interested in us. It is frustrating and makes us angry that our increasing money goes to police Ipswich and we are forgotten and left out in the cold. You personally should be ashamed of yourself. We need a change of PCC who will fight for Suffolk and not just roll over for your Conservative central government! Heaven forbid you should rock the central government's boat. I believe the Conservative party has a huge shock coming; no longer can Suffolk be taken for granted and treated like dirt! Signed EX Tory voter.

05/01/2023 19:35

Let's remove the ridiculous role of " crime commissioner " (A man who commissions

crime ?) and put the funds of his salary directly into the police funds

05/01/2023 19:31

I have no visibility of what Suffolk Police are doing to make the necessary savings and efficiencies to bridge the budget gap.

Increasing the precept is the easy way to claw in more funding from households that are already struggling with the cost of living

05/01/2023 19:28

We hear the same thing every year and thing changes, it is very hard to contact anyone in the police force and when you do you are told to contact them online. not everyone is confident in doing this and it would help if the person you speak to actually know the area you live. The service is getting worse year on year but all the time we are asked to pay more. At this time when everyone is struggling to pay bills we cannot afford to do this. I am living on basic State Pension, do not receive any other benefits yet all the time you are asking for more money.

05/01/2023 19:26

I cannot support this increase this year as I suspect a huge amount of money has been wasted by you on your stubborn vanity project , namely pointless and futile project over a number of years trying to obtain planning permission for your site, coupled with the continuing complete lack of improvement on answering calls to the public . I am also concerned with the cost of your office and staff which would be better used on front line policing .

05/01/2023 19:23

Cost of living

05/01/2023 19:18

You don't need to waste money on more inappropriate and unnecessary technology. Stop promoting self serving personnel, stop hiring chinless wonders, stop wasting resources on vanity projects. Deploy your

resources where they are most needed (and I don't mean fishing in a barrel for low level drug dealers to get good press headlines).

05/01/2023 19:17

Every year you ask for the maximum with no apparent improvement to service

05/01/2023 19:04

In these times of hardship people cannot afford this amount on their council tax bills. By proposing to increase the amount by the maximum could tip people over the edge financially. I understand you need more money but you cannot keep putting it on the tax payers. So no sorry but I don't agree with the maximum increase you are proposing.

05/01/2023 19:02

1. Rise in cost of living makes increases in council tax unaffordable. 2. Why should residents in areas of high crime incidence subsidise those in high crime areas?

05/01/2023 19:01

If Suffolk is not getting a fair proportion from the Government funding then fight harder or a better idea replace the current Police and Crime Commissioner with someone who can get Suffolk a better deal. Everyone in the country is suffering from cuts maybe its time the police did the same. Remove the position of Police and Crime Commissioner and save his salary.

05/01/2023 18:53

The police service offered by this county and town is appalling. There is zero focus on the residential areas and huge attention paid towards motorists and traffic policing. I have seen more traffic officers this week than police in my area of town in three years. Crimes reported are t investigated, our house was burgled and we were given thing more than a crime reference number. Crime in the local area is not checked or inspected and only when it's gone too far and become violent do we get even the slightest bit of

attention. To then every year be told we need more more more whilst offering thing in terms of better service is enough. Crime is modernising and we need to modernise the technology of the police is a farcical notion suggesting for the past 20 years everyone has stood still.

05/01/2023 18:53

I understand the cost pressures everyone is under and I do believe the police in the area do a very good job, I also understand the reasoning behind it. However, my household simply cannot afford it, my bills are going up and up yet my household income is not.

05/01/2023 18:51

We're all having to make sacrifices due to the cost of living. Why should the police force be exempt from this? I really don't think it's acceptable to just apply the maximum possible increase.

05/01/2023 18:36

PCC annually asking residents to dig deeper into their pockets as funding doesn't cover what is desired. Fails to deliver the promised improvements and unable to justify where the previous precept was spent - no - PCC can look at his expenditure rather than adding further burden to residents who are already receiving a lack lustre service under his remit.

05/01/2023 18:33

I do not agree with this proposal. There is a significant cost of living issue in this country and you are about to make it worse. This is insensitive at best at downright disrespectful at worst. The proposed increase follows similar uplifts in previous years. You cannot continue to take the easy option and expect the taxpayer to keep funding.

05/01/2023 18:33

We pay enough for the policing we currently get. We need more police on the streets like it used to be. not driving around in cars and ignoring what is happening around them. We

need to feel safe especially in our town centre, which at the moment we do t.

05/01/2023 18:31

when you put officers on the beat instead of racing down norwich Road in cars we might think we actually have a police prescece worth paying for. crime is rife in this town - people don't feel safe anymore. i'll gladly pay for something that is fit for purpose sadly suffolk police is not.

05/01/2023 18:29

Every tax payer is expected to pay more for everything. It can no longer be acceptable. Cuts should be made where appropriate. extra increase should be made.

05/01/2023 18:28

Failure to respond to the priorities of the Suffolk Community. They wish to see a substantial rise in the crime detection figures. The current numbers are abysmal. Achieve this by prioritising the values of Robert Peel and less of pseudo social work. The police nor the PCC do not have a measure of achievement (if any) for this. Except that the current buzzword is 'engagement.' You are naive to think that this is a new big idea, when those before you were doing this as a matter of course every hour they were on duty. Without the PR pics and gurning faces.

05/01/2023 18:24

I live in a band d property and am already on the breadline and working individuals like myself whom continue to fund these increases simply cannot afford to continue do so no. It is t fair taking it from the council tax system as it currently stands in terms of income ratio with the poorest paying more under this system. It should be funded by the areas where police presence and crime is at its highest and higher on the spot fines for antisocial criminals.

05/01/2023 18:24

We are already paying enough for policing in Suffolk through taxes. Maybe the PCC and other senior staff members should consider a pay cut, to allow more tax payers money to be spent on ground level policing. Properly manage the funding which you currently have please.

05/01/2023 18:22

every year a increase what for more police cars parked at fire station going no where

05/01/2023 18:20

It seems that we pay more towards policing but see less of them, I accept that policing is changing as crime changes but the old crimes are still happening it's just you choose t to tice or record them. Do we really need police officers to do social workers jobs or to investigate crimes committed on social media? Surly this could be done by others? We share road policing, Armed policing, dogs etc with Norfolk police, cut the top ranked officers and share them to get your money. Cut the rubbish, ditch the neighbourhood policing smoke screen and put police officers back on our streets to deal with anti social behaviour, drink drug driving, drug dealing and thefts in the countryside, small towns and villages. It's not all about the big towns and A roads.

05/01/2023 18:13

I am sickened to see Felixstowe (Closed Police Station) as a car park for up to 6 or 7 police cars parked up. Having lived in Felixstowe all my life nearly 68 years I never see a PC. How you feel you can justify this increase is totally unacceptable.

05/01/2023 18:12

Year upon year you ask for an increase. Each year you fail on your promises, not through lack of resource but through bad management. Sadly this survey will be twisted to ensure the money is taken from people struggling with their cost of living. The PCC is out of touch and refuses to listen. When

enough people understand the role of the PCC there maybe a vote which really shows who should be in charge. Do not raise the Tax and I bet there will be no change. Think of other ways of raising money.

05/01/2023 18:12

Savings could be made by doing away with the Police and Crime Commissioner role for Suffolk. There is no justification for this role and it is a waste of money which can be better spent on Police Officer recruitment

05/01/2023 18:08

Why is the go to answer when the government don't give you what you want to take more from people who are struggling. I never saw any improved services or visible presence / deterrent from the last precept increase.

05/01/2023 18:07

The Government should fund services properly. If it needs to raise my tax to do it that is fine. Your statement suggests that the force is functioning properly and needs the raise to fund it. It rather begs the question off what properly means.

05/01/2023 18:06

You never see a police officer any more

05/01/2023 17:59

Suffolk police give very poor value for money as it is, how tim feels that this increase is justified I will never know. Mabey it's time for Tim job to be made redundant which would be a big saving. It would be nice to see police portrol like they did in the 80s and mabey fight crime rather than worry what people have put on social media. A total outrageous proposal, if anything we should be getting a refund. Please wake up Tim and get a grip.

05/01/2023 17:58

The Constabulary costs are too high and amalgamations of headquarters with Norfolk and Cambridgeshire would reduce costs. And I

would like a to see the implementation of the recommendations made in the Strategic Review of Policing of which I was a member. On this point, I am surprised the new Chief Constable has not replied to my emails which I regard as discourteous.

05/01/2023 17:47

We already gave a £15.00 increase for extra parking wardens, what a con that was, and as for Policing around here where I live its a joke.

05/01/2023 17:32

Cost of living

05/01/2023 17:29

The max permitted increase will always be implemented. Never will we see anything else. From a personal perspective and as a victim of crime (2 burglaries and an assault on ,my disabled husband) on a few occasions over the years - the police have never shown respect for me as a victim or done anything to solve the crime or even communicate with me.

05/01/2023 17:21

As I don't think it will make any difference to how Suffolks Police perform. I never see a policeman these days and personally am annoyed at the apparent lack of crime punishment for mir offences ie bad road behaviour especially speeding, cyclists riding on pavements, littering our streets etc.. I feel if more action was taken on mir law breaking for starters I may have faith. I have finished the survey only to find that it's going to be rubber stamped anyway!

05/01/2023 17:03

I think you should look at increasing the Precept by a maximum of 3% not the full 6%, our payrises and cost of living has already left us with a deficit we are having to swallow.

05/01/2023 17:02

We are being squeezed from every angle financially, we are expected to make our

money go further for example by turning the heating off or not going on holiday, so any tax funded body should be doing the same. Making financial sacrifices is where we are at and any increase in council tax is unfair and unjust. You can't keep going cap in hand to the tax payer, it's an unsustainable model for raising revenue, especially when the tax payer is not getting the increases in wages to keep pace with these demands.

05/01/2023 16:58

Mr Passmore you are a waste of space, we are being charged more and given less. The police deserve a decent salary and we need more bobbies on the beat. not you Mr Passmore you waste of space.

05/01/2023 16:46

Another stealth tax on top of so many increases this coming year! We are not getting value for money and this is just putting good money after bad. Can't remember the last time I saw a patrol car in the village, unless you count speed checks. Vehicles are regularly being stolen or tampered with in Kedington and Haverhill. This increase is just a 'sticking plaster' and will not provide enough money to make the substantial improvements required.

05/01/2023 16:38

As a fixed private pensioner and the lower rate state pensioner, with massive increase in fuel prices especially as I suffer from Raynaud's disease. Increasing your part of Council Tax will increase inflation as well as making my Council tax increases unaffordable.

05/01/2023 16:35

the funding should come from a cut elsewhere such as libraries, leisure centres, parks, etc

05/01/2023 16:18

I believe significant savings can be made in the day to day running of the constabulary. Cutting waste, optimising manpower resources and making better use of Police

Support Volunteers. If stringent housekeeping is implemented then a further increase this year can be avoided. particularly as households are struggling financially at this time.

05/01/2023 16:13

Year on year I hear the same old story - the money is for increased policing and visibly nothing ever happens. I actually go into Ipswich quite regularly and 99 per cent of the time I am there I never, repeat never, see a policeman. Also in my village of Bramford the same applies. Rarely do I see a policeman. Probably out of 365 days I would be overstating if I said I saw a dozen police in the whole year. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME IMPROVEMENTS ON YOUR BORING REPEATED STATEMENT EVERY YEAR MR PASSMORE - YOU GET MORE MONEY BUT WE NEVER SEE IMPROVEMENTS. National statistics on crime are also not in your favour showing year on year a reduction in crime solved.

05/01/2023 16:13

We do not get value for money for the amount presently levied. What we need is a more efficiently run service instead of the shambles it is at the moment.

05/01/2023 16:12

As with everyone you should cut your cloth to fit. not just raise costs and pass it on as has happened for years. Stop wasting money on ideas to sell phq site. As usual I'm sure any comments will be ignored and the raise will happen anyway as this is just an exercise to make it look like you are listening.

05/01/2023 15:35

Every year we get these increases yet fail to see any improvements

05/01/2023 15:30

I am happy with the level of policing at the moment, also the more we pay the less we receive from the government's pot.

05/01/2023 15:10

I think that Tim Passmore has done a dismal job since he has been in post and disagree with giving him any increase. I have written to Mr Passmore on more than one occasion and never, to date, received even the courtesy of a response.

05/01/2023 15:00

Households have to make difficult decisions - food or bills. The PCC should do the same. Households should not be the last result, if the funding isn't forthcoming from the government then why should it be forthcoming from the public? When my children go hungry and ask why I'll pass on the PCC details

05/01/2023 14:42

Distinct lack of visible police on the streets, can't feel safe to walk into Ipswich town centre past all the groups of young men making lewd gestures towards women and it seems the police are powerless or don't want to deal with the situation

05/01/2023 14:37

We never see a policeman in our rural area. When police have been contacted there has been a poor response. As a community we feel a bit disconnected. We took part in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme many years ago and regularly saw a policeman/woman in the area and they would make contact on occasions if they were in the area.

05/01/2023 14:27

It is time we put more boots on the ground and stopped wasting money on silly projects which on affect the minority of taxpayer's money. Alternatively give back control of policing to the Chief Constable, remove the PCC organisation and use the PCC budget for boots on the ground !!

05/01/2023 14:12

In these times of financial hardships for most families, now is not the time. Unless you can

assume we have more police officers on the beat, that is to say out of their cars and are actually visible, I am against such an increase.
05/01/2023 14:09

I have not seen any improvement in policing in the last year. Too much attention appears to be given to minority woke matters. Also yet another premises for the Ipswich police has been developed in Princes Street. Why do you keep moving around? It is unacceptable to simply increase charges to the residents without setting realistic targets and measuring these at the year end. Quite frankly Council Tax increases every year and we see no improvement from it. Far too much tax is spent on areas that have no benefit to the residents and insufficient tax is spent on areas that matter to us.

05/01/2023 14:07

The price rise should be no more than the average pay rise given to all civil servants over the year 2022. Public sector services should never rise more than this figure. The private sector works to differing rules and governments have no control over its pay. Pub sector Service costs should not be tied to inflation or the public see income erosion.

05/01/2023 14:01

£15 should be the total cap. I live in a band E, I am retired why should I be charged more? My pension will only stretch so far. Reconsider the cap and keep it fair.

05/01/2023 13:59

I have asked for help a few times this year and there is thing in Newmarket, police-wise unless racing is on so no I don't think it's worth an increase for just 39 days a year when you protect the visitor rather than the residents of the town! There has got to be a presence to detect crime and we don't have any general police. Or a car full of detectives turns up mob-handed to interrogate you outside your customer's house where you are trying to do a day's work just because you

match a description of a 50-plus-year-old man in workwear in a white van! The lady apologized who saw the commotion but of course, the Police don't have to, especially when there are FOUR of them!!! A car parked at the Fire Station is not most people's idea of policing and like most residents in Newmarket, I don't want historic crime and facebook crime to take priority over a crime that is happening NOW! I appreciate it is easier to sit in an office in Bury st Edmunds or Lowestoft but that doesn't help us out on the outskirts of West Suffolk. My partner was involved in an RTA in Newmarket High Street in October where he was hit by a very heavy large truck and was a hit and run effectively and not the first time this guy has done this I would hazard a guess as he soon found an escape route and although his truck was sign written the company just doesn't exist! We get a letter to say nothing could be found!!!! If you can't find a big truck in the High street when given an exact time and exact location in the HIGH STREET where CCTV is everywhere and we have an independent witness as my partner's van was pushed into his car, there is no point in going to the expense of having it installed surely? You wonder why crime is going down? It isn't believe me. Crime reporting is the only thing that is going down as it's a total waste of the victim's time

05/01/2023 13:55

The con gov should give more levelling up make Lowestoft part of Norfolk who are more in favour MP wise failed government and no real alternative to vote for unelected people running the country. faith in local government get rid of there canteen where to much time spent drinking coffee and cakes give them a vending machine and use the savings for police thin out the dead wood in councils offices empty in trays of rubbish and let public park in staff car park which has councillors holiday vehicles taking up space .Jobs for the boys is quite evident on my recent visit !!!

05/01/2023 13:51

It depends what it is used for. If it is to provide a visible presence in all our towns there is no problem but if it is to fund more specialist units hidden away at PHQ then I do have an issue.

05/01/2023 13:50

I don't believe that the increase will be used in the correct place I.e. getting more and better policing on the street. There are as usual too many managers and hangers on throughout the local council and boroughs only interested in personal betterment, even to the stage where our MP is only seen if it gets here on tv!

05/01/2023 13:49

Unfortunately we do not feel that the money that will be raised will be used to actually benefit our area. We rarely see any police presence in our town, any issues raised like constant speeding / dangerous driving are ignored yet we have seen speed traps in rural villages on a Sunday when traffic in that area would be minimal which seems a waste of police resources. To sum up my view is a total lack of confidence in the police and unless this changes why should we have to pay more when we / the average person is struggling to make ends meet.

05/01/2023 13:47

As with all public services, the question is not about money. It is about the wise use of that money. I do not believe the money is being used wisely: too many administrators and not enough frontline personnel.

05/01/2023 13:47

because we are all struggling; I also work in public service and there has been no suggestion that the public should put their hands in their pockets to fund our work, also in criminal justice.

05/01/2023 13:46

Previous increases were promised to improve the call handling of 101 calls. There are still many reports of hanging on for 30 + minutes (even an hour) from creditable sources. Yes, some may be regarding "non police matters" and could be dealt within 30 secs.

05/01/2023 13:46

Because it happens every year and we never seem to see any benefits from it in this rural part of Suffolk.

05/01/2023 13:40

This happens every year, a plea for the maximum to maintain the status quo. We see thing from this, police in Leiston are an absolute rarity, it must be embarrassing that the Civil Nuclear Constabulary has more of a presence. Value for money is what's needed not a pompous PCC pleading poverty year again.

05/01/2023 13:38

I'm not convinced that Suffolk Police are best prioritising their current spend.

05/01/2023 13:37

Too much money is wasted on the creation of teams with extremely limited remits.
Correctly staff neighbourhood and SNT teams and my answer would be different.

05/01/2023 13:35

We get very poor service what what is paid already. If it was a private company, "customers" would be requesting a refund rather than being happy with an increase in price.

05/01/2023 13:34

Any rise with the current cost of living prices is outrageous and 6% is not affordable. We as the public do not ever see any change in policing despite numerous rises

05/01/2023 13:08