

Message from Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk



A major part of my role as Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner is to distribute the policing grants from government and set the policing part of your council tax. This means I am responsible for setting the budget, which includes how much you will be asked to pay through your council tax for policing our county.

Suffolk Constabulary does a great job; it's a low-cost force and offers good value for money. As with all public services, savings need to be made but I want to reassure you that Suffolk Constabulary will always respond to you in an emergency and your safer neighbourhood teams will continue to serve you locally, supported by the neighbourhood response teams and enhanced investigation teams.

In view of the enormous increase in demand that the Constabulary is facing, I have decided to increase the policing part of the precept by 1.972%. Raising the precept will add around £830K to our budget in the next financial year to help deliver the priorities within my new Police and Crime Plan which was published last month; you can read more on my website: www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/about-us/police-and-crime-plan-2017-21.

By increasing the precept the average payment will increase from £173.43 to £176.85 per year in 2017/18, an average increase of a penny a day (based on Band D property).

As your PCC, my job is to ensure the policing needs of your community is met as effectively as possible, bringing communities closer to the police and building confidence in our Constabulary. My job is to listen and respond to the needs of the people of Suffolk, bringing more of a public voice to policing.

If you have an issue that you would like to raise, please contact me via the website, www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk, e-mail spcc@suffolk.pnn.police.uk or write to me at the **Office of the PCC, Suffolk Police Headquarters, Martlesham Heath IP5 3QS.** @timsppc

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