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- 147 Suffolk always puts up the precept by the maximum amount however as a Suffolk resident living in a rural location the services are poor and town centric.
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- 146 The service provided by the police has got worse and worse,. Officer are tied to desks having to use inadequate systems, which could be performed by civilians. I would gladly pay more for a service where police are policing, not working in offices.
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- 145 A constant rise in council tax and all other bills has meant that a police constable as determined in the pay survey is struggling to pay to live and is having to work extra hours to do so. If this increase occurred I do not believe it would benefit policing and it is changes internally and the way we use numbers rather than just recruiting anyone to fill a post which I feel is what the increase would be for. Although I understand a small rise 5% seems excessive.
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- 144 The proposed increase figure above seems to be very high and this, on top of increasing mortgage rates, food, fuel etc makes the cost of living increasingly more difficult. I am having to work a lot more overtime to keep up with the every day demands of finance and this in turn is impacting my welfare as I am not having adequate rest between shifts.
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- 143 I would usually agree with a proposal like this however as I already struggle to meet my financial needs each month, this would be a increase I could do without. What I think would be more appropriate, would be if there was a way that households homing serving Police Officers should pay a reduced amount of Council Tax; we are essentially paying our own wages through tax deductions and contributing to the Police Precept seems foolish. I believe that households with a serving Police Officer should be exempt from contributing towards the Police and Crime Commissioner for as many years as they work for the Constabulary.
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- 142 The constant increase in all council tax year on year is hard to meet when you are on a fixed or reducing income and the cost of living keeps rising.
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- 141 The money will not go to Front line officers but people like Tim Passmore.and other highly paid ranks.
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- 140 Police in and around our area are not visible. If this increase would increase visibility, I would support. The Senior Leadership Team are very well paid and is the increase appropriate whereas other Goverment departments are not able to offer this level of pay rise.
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- 139 the government should fund centrally
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- 138 Considering the personal tax allowance is frozen until 2028 and wages not increasing due to the higher pressures to businesses there is even less available income to cover essential bills. How are you to expect people to afford and increases are actively pushing people into poverty and more vulnerable scenarios.
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- 137 The office of Police & Crime Commissioner is quite unnecessary. It adds too much cost to the overall policing budget. Any half decent Chief Constable could quite

	easily sort out theists and budget. Indeed, that is how it used to be, and the service was ten times better.
136	The policing element of the council tax keeps increasing, but the policing doesn't seem to get any more effective. Crime continues to grow. Massively inefficient service with questionable priorities.
135	I'm struggling to live let alone pay even more money
134	This is now the 2nd proposed increase for the policing element of the council tax charge. This new increase would mean that I would pay an additional £14 a year, which I personally would be happy to do. However I worry that repeated requests to increase the policing element could prove to be counter productive in relation to public confidence, especially if the tax payers are not seeing a direct positive result of this increase.
133	We are already paying way to much for all these services and what with less income due to continued price rises and political decisions now is not the time to increase any other costs
132	We have had increases for the police over the last few years and have seen very little benefit. There is still blatant antisocial behaviour and drug taking on the streets of Ipswich and hoards of (probably) illegal men hanging around and harassing girls and women.
131	With the cost of everything going up, I feel the rise in council tax is just another cost that falls on everyone paying tax. I doubt there would be an actual visible change in policing if council tax did go up.
130	I am a firm believer that government should fund the Police in full via DCLG local grants albeit I realise that police precept on council tax bills is a necessary evil. This government were very quick to ratify pay awards following union pressure for the teachers, civil servants and rail workers following strike action and recommendations from pay review bodies, so funding is available!! So whilst I think the system of funding is broken, and needs fixing, I would support an increase this year. One observation I would make as people mention this whenever the Police are discussed: - The police appear VERY top heavy in terms of management, with forces having a number of Assistant Chief Constables (£129,600), Chief Superintendents (£103,242) and Superintendents (£90,717) Is this top heavy management structure really needed ?? Indeed, the Sheehy report in 1995 abolished the rank of Chief Superintendent albeit the home office reintroduced the rank in 2002, why?? A review of this rank / management structure is LONG overdue as it has massive potential savings which may negate the need for increasing the council tax precept.
129	It is way above the rate of inflation. With the considerable number of new properties built in Suffolk in 2024 you are already receiving extra funds. How much of this is factored into your figures. For all the talk of more visible/on foot officers, I have seen none. Why not. Police Connect daily reports break ins/burglaries, no reports of any one being caught or arrested. You complain about extra costs involved, that's the same for everybody, you are not unique, stop pleading poverty and get on with the

	job. Some actions are very commendable, the Traffic Offence crackdown , and County lines type operations etc. and I am sure the basic officer does a good job: but without going on and on I am simply saying that in my opinion the level of the rise you are proposing is not acceptable. ed
128	Year on year above inflation increase and year on year diminishing service. It is simply poor management
127	I do not think basing the increase via a property tax band is fair as policing affects everybody the same. In fact in lots of situations the Police are probably more active in the lower tax band areas. I personally do not mind sharing a level increase. Many people who live in higher tax band properties are less cash rich than those in the lower band.
126	It's too much already, increasing it now would put many residents in a difficult position. Also, if it meant more police officers on the beat I might agree to it but your force seems to get bogged down in administration which is probably not always necessary. There needs to be more emphasis on shop lifters, it's a disgrace that so many go unattended by the police, it's become a profession for many folks. I feel so sorry for small businesses who work very hard to survive and then get clobbered by villains.
125	Police funding should be aligned as Army from central government.
124	If we saw the police in the village on a regular basis instead of when an incident has occurred. Speeding in the village and illegal parking is a big problem but the local police seem not to be willing to deal with this.
123	We get very little in policing and we cannot see why we require Tim Passmore and his staff in the first place, we have a CHIEF INSPECTOR, who is we assume controls the policing. Get rid of Passmore and his crew and office space, this will save money and Hoch can be spent on policing.
122	People under pressure with household budgets you the police should learn to live with a lower amount
121	Year on year increases are not delivering the benefits that are always stated. The cost of living crisis is still real and Suffolk isn't all rich second home owners. How about making do with what you have and stop being so wasteful. As usual this survey is worthless as we all know that greed will prevail
120	We pay too much as it is for a two tier police force
119	Although you may feel that something needs improvement , you have to differentiate between "wanting "and "needing " If we cannot afford it then we do not have it We are all facing a cost of living crisis at the moment and enough is enough ,
118	As I've said over and over: as with most, of not all, government agencies, the police do not need more money. They need better administration of the resources they

	already have. Cut out the unnecessary bureaucracy and you would find that you had more than enough money to get the done efficiently.
117	Everything is so tight at the minute as it is, shopping is always going up and we're so close to out overdraft or in it every month currently. We can't afford anymore bill increases.
116	Your force offers a very poor service and rewarding poor work is not good.
115	The force should live within its means and therefore should be restricted to the CPI rate of inflation
114	Operation Sentinel was set up in the South, West and East as a result of a rise in council tax. However, Sentinel has not been working as a proactive team disrupting organised crime, drugs and other criminality with those using the road network. Instead, Sentinel have been conducting warrants, dismantling cannabis factories and been part of a bidding process to arrest for other departments. The team was not set up to do this and therefore I do not agree with a rise in council tax as I do not trust where the extra money goes to. Sentinel East officers have regularly worked outside of the East area and therefore not providing police presence and disrupting criminality in their area and so I would imagine the public in the East would not entirely be happy with this given their rise in council tax for the team to be set up.
113	Why is the salary for the police commissioner so high. Do we really need a police commissioner with a party bias?
112	You have always elected to increase to maximum permissible....time to show some restraint in the current financial circumstances. I now no longer vote for you.
111	There is a tight squeeze on all household budgets at present and a 5.1% increase - above current inflation - is unreasonable and unjustified. Increases in police budgets have invariably over the years been above inflation which in the past we have accepted. But given the current situation I think it should not go ahead. The UK Government has increased taxes directly through increase in NI on my small business and this has had implications on our spend and hiring. We have had to cut back... therefore the police must find efficiencies in their system like everyone else. Thank you
110	Cost of living is a great burden and an inflation busting increase, as proposed, just adds to this burden. Live within your means as us pensioners need to do.
109	Every year you propose to increase the precept by the maximum allowed. The fine words etc. make no difference to the performance of the Suffolk force.
108	I've not seen an increase in visible policing in Stowmarket. So much is left unchecked. I've supported this increase every year until last year.
107	I object to paying more due to the constabulary being run in a poor and inefficient way. There seem to be lots of detectives doing little, lots of squads doing little, officers tied to old and inefficient systems and IT Where are the officers on the street ? There seems to be endless reorganising in the hope that it will either give the

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- illusion of progress or make things more efficient - it wont ! the result of endless reorganising leads to less people on the ground doing the actual job - this leads to burn out and people leaving Get the basics right and then layer on top - the police seem to do what they would like to do rather than what they must do - until that changes everyone should object to the raise in cost - why should we pay for the police to runs things badly
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- 106 Many people just don't have the money for this type of increase and may push several into further difficult decisions, heat, eat or pay the bills. Personally my circumstances would allow me to pay extra, if those in charge could prove that the service provided reflected the cost increases. However, I know local friends, family and those I talk to daily would struggle with the rise. SO although I understand the need for rises, I also feel the fear of those who literally live one day at a time.
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- 105 I've had enough of tax being risen for the same, and in most cases, a lesser service. How about going to central government and demanding a better budget from them for local council, which has been slashed for years. Even with previous rises in council tax, we're still cutting in to departments and making work difficult
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- 104 I do not get paid enough as a Police Constable for the continued and relentless increases in all of my living costs, alongside my wages not being proportionately increased throughout the entirety of my career.
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- 103 I disagree with this increase due to there being teams within suffolk Police that I do not feel require such funding. The funding does not seem to go to areas of policing that truly need it and are only given to areas that the PCC is interested in such as rural policing, when there are clear issues with the fleet of police cars Suffolk have with lots of the cars having issues and are old and have ridiculous mileage. There are also teams such as SCDT that take all of the experienced detectives from front line detective roles (CID and SIU) that are so understaffed and are not providing the service to the community of suffolk that they should get. But the PCC never allocated funds to the areas that really need help.
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- 102 Because already think they're overpaying for the service they get. Show people what can be achieved first then ask for the increase.
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- 101 We were told by Sir Kier Starmer , that there would be no raise in council tax this year ?? . I really don't see we should keep paying more for less ,We are all paying too much tax as it is .
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- 100 The cost of living has increased recently to such a level that any increase in a bill that is proposed I would not agree with. We already pay enough council tax and other bills that should be adequate to cover anything needed.
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- 99 All you do is increase the tax every year, and we see no benefit to our community.
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- 98 You wasted a lot of money with the attempted land sale at Martlesham. One has to question why you made the attempt so many times and wasting so much money. It's a perfect site for alteration etc. yet you felt the need, on your own, to try and sell the site. I see this attempted increase as less for the force and more for you trying to claw

	back what you have lost. Shame on you and as you are still in the position you MUST do better.
97	I agree with the increase for the purposes of funding to better our job but my own council tax is just over £400 a month and yet our wages do not reflect the extortionate amount I pay out on bills. Its a bitter sweet answer.
96	The cost of living is already incredibly heavy and the demands on policing do not affect everyone and I do not feel that the additional finding should come from the tax payer. The local authority and government should find other areas of funding opposed to impact on the public yet again
95	Don't see the return on investment Any increase needs to be visible
94	at this point i would like clarification as to where the money is being spent also a survey into the requirement of high rank officers and staff when perhaps the money paid to them could be put into recruitment. ie perhaps too many chiefs and not enough Indians
93	Save a load of money by ending the EDII stuff, Pride car livery, LGBTQ+ initiatives including involvement in parades, flags etc; performative virtue signalling etc. And get rid of the PCC role: it's pointless so save £1M there alone. And ask Stonewall for a refund of the £14k you gave them for no reason at all 2015-2019. Etc etc...
92	Way above inflation cut your cost to meet your coat
91	increasing by more then inflation and cpi which was 1.7 percent last year so more then pay rises
90	Given all the recent tax rises by government, and inflation continuing to spiral out of control and an economic forecast predicting a recession and average household wages remaining static and not in line with inflation - as a Police service how can we justify an increase, which would cause further financial hardship to the average Suffolk family. We need to be demonstrating value for money and showing more transparency on where that money is sent.
89	Council tax in my opinion is now becoming un-affordable with gas and electricity prices rising and general cost of living. There is very little visual police presence on the streets, in neighbourhoods and I cannot see how increasing the council tax is going to improve this, as it hasn't before with other price rises. Unless I can see some visual benefit, I disagree with this price increase. I think more needs to be done to encourage the government to step up and support emergency services. It's funny how there seems to be plenty of money to send abroad whenever there's a catastrophe, but then expect hardworking people to give up their hard earned wages to support their own organisations. Is it any wonder we have so many charities in this country, again because Government doesn't support the needy.
88	I don't believe it will make a noticeable difference to the service.

87	The jump is significant and I have no faith that the money will spent and used in a reasonable fashion.
86	No I do not agree, the cost of living is still high and money is wasted by the PCC and not spent on things that are needed. Huge amounts of money was wasted trying to over turn the caveats on the PHQ site, instead of being spent on what was truly needed.
85	I would only support the increase if the money was spent on new recruits that are trained correctly who are not governed and snowed under in completing paperwork or managed by what the Radio tells them. That they interact with the public rather than alienating themselves sitting in their vehicles. That investigation units get the required equipment and training to progress investigations to charge offenders and seize money that is from profits from committing crime.
84	The reason for this is we have a year on year increase with no visible street policing apart from football and occasionally in the town centre. There also appears to continuous recruitment of Police Officer's with the same lack of visible street policing.
83	I am a Suffolk Police officer and see so much waste in the organisation and think streamlining and cutting bureaucracy would realise more money than further tax increases
82	Its already high enough and if local police forces could control budgets without government targets (number of officers etc) budgets could be maanged better
81	I have had enough of paying more for less.
80	Over the preceding years there have been repeated increases in precept and the justifications are often the same. These increases have failed to deliver the policing you promised and I see no reason why this would change. Whilst I accept that costings for staff increase, the procurement and estates management in the public sector and particularly policing is poor and often unaccountable - as observed within Suffolk Police. You need to demonstrate value for money with what you have got, and I have yet to see that.
79	In a world where inflation is crippling people taxes are increasing across the board. the demands on the public have never been higher. There has been a precept increase for several years now I do not support any further increases as this is making our lives more and more challenging just to survive let alone be able to live.
78	It is the governments responsibility to fund the Police Service. The budget proposals, including National Insurance contributions were set, to help the public, not to eventually lead to the shortfall having to be paid by them. The government should meet all extra financial demands.
77	You use exactly the same argument every year except this year you can blame the Labour government instead of ignoring the fact you've repeatedly failed to obtain more money. Easier to just increase our bills. You are a complete failure.

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- 76 Same thing every year without fail we are asked for maximum. Only - please Mr Passmore could you yorsrlf put in maximum effort so we do not have to pay for some sort of failure on your behalf
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- 75 I fully support The CC in her mission to police this county, however ive never agreed with politics being brought into policing with the introduction of PCC`s, this money paid in this role could be better managed.
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- 74 We were promised a more visible presence on the streets this happened for about a month then it stopped. If we had visible Policing you would see the people i do driving cars using mobile phones drinking coffee and having dogs on their laps driving cars. . Newmarket has one of the highest crime rates in Suffolk so more effort is needed in preventing crimes than just firefighting. When i go out walking i smell drugs being smoked from housed and from cars passing. The police need to be more effective than they are now
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- 73 That is too high
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- 72 If the increase is simply to maintain our current levels then I do not believe our level of service and cover at this time is good enough. There are clearly areas in which money is wasted within the constabulary and maybe we should source the money from within the organisation. Within my time in the Police I have seen the council tax precept increase year on year and yet our service and actual officer levels decrease.
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- 71 The cost has increased year on year, as for other goods and services. There is, though, no improvement in crime, law, order: rather, the opposite. Statistics are one thing, perception is another. Each year we feel less safe and more likely to be robbed and harmed. If you guarantee to put significantly more police on the beat in towns and villages within 6 months, and increase 24 hour rural patrols, then I'll likely revise my vote.
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- 70 Local people shouldn't once again have to fill in the financial gaps caused by lack of government funding and a terrible funding formula
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- 69 Every year you put up council tax, every year you fail to get enough money from the government , it's a joke !!! No body wants to pay more council tax, people are on their knees trying to pay all the bills, everything keeps going up , and as for Law and order!!! the amount of thieving and farms, garages, ect getting broken into, it's shocking, always looking outside at Night to check , And you have the cheek to ask for more money !! No .
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- 68 Should be centrally funded as already pay PAYE and NI why a separate TAX . Also money can be saved by joining NORFOLK and SUFFOLK as one force. Like Devon and Cornwall or Thames valley - The saving of one CCR unit joined units one PCC and one Chief Constable would save money so need to increasing costs on residents. Norfolk and Suffolk would still be smaller then Thames Valley. Devon and Cornwall , Police Scotland. As a larger force we would get a lager amount from central government. If it works for these other forces I can not see why this has not been investigated by Suffolk and Norfolk to join.

- 67 Despite Central Government increasing the budget for Suffolk Police, once again the Police and crime commissioner takes the easy way out, by increasing the Police part of the Council tax by 5.1%. The PCC should take the example from the cash-strapped families and bill payers, when the council tax, water, energy and food bills all increase, we have to make savings in our budgets and finances. The public no longer feel safe in Suffolk, especially in Ipswich and Lowestoft, and with the recent behaviour of some Suffolk police, people are losing confidence with Suffolk Police. If the PCC's cannot manage their budgets, the position of PCC's should be abolished.
- 66 Seems the maximum increase is implemented each year, regardless of views. Each year the PCC says he will lobby government for fairer funding, yet nothing happens. Why should we continue to see the increase to bridge the shortfall.
- 65 We can't afford it , all we do now is pay bills nothing left
- 64 As a pensioner any increase will help right off any extra that my wife and I will receive from this years pension rise to keep our house warm and food on the table.
- 63 There is already a considerable burden on householders. I am not personally convinced that the force is operating efficiently or effectively, and more could potentially be done to make offenders pay towards their costs and an extra contribution to y service, though this would need good oversight to prevent extortion
- 62 Continuous increases over a number of years. I work for the constabulary and my team hasn't had required investment and is set to be cut once more regardless of this proposed increase.
- 61 If I thought it would lead to improvement I would agree but this just goes to keep paying out the unsustainable pensions that the public can only dream of, so until I see pension reform, I will never support any increase.
- 60 Stop wasting the money on decorating cars oink for pride day. Stop hiring and paying diversity staff. Start policing actual crimes and stop acting like the thought police and investigating people who nice hurty words. And finally Stop allowing all officers doing that arms folder in there chest harness pose.
- 59 Residents in Ipswich have seen an increase in crime and a decrease in police response. There have been large spats of vehicle crime especially Theft from motor vehicle in my area and having spoken to many residents we have not received much contact at all from Suffolk Police, nor have we had any attendance, street patrols around the times the thefts are occurring. The PCC continues to raise tax's each year and for what appears to be a decline in service rather than an increase. I am against the rise of council tax, especially because we get no extra service or value. Cost of living has increase beyond most residents means and this is yet another kick in the teeth.
- 58 never see a police officer in the area i live despite every year an increase in tax
- 57 The increase proposed is above the rate of inflation. How is Suffolk's rewarded by the Government towards policing? A head cost comparison is not realistic and has to be

	based on the levels of policing required to provide a safe and secure area for residents. Justification of an increase has to be assessed against the levels of crime and disorder in other areas of East Anglia and then the country. If Suffolk has a lower crime and disorder levels then naturally the Government will contribute less to resource other areas. This may not be right and just but that is the reality. Another way of assessing the need for increasing the police precept is rising population in the area and relate this to other areas. This again may not be fruitful to Suffolk. The geographical area covered by a Police force is another measure and again there must be metrics across the policing forces to assess Suffolk v Other forces. I would like to see Suffolk Policing compared to other forces by various metrics to make an informed judgement on an increase to the Police precept: cost of policing per 100 head of population. frontline officers per 100 head of population. the success levels of policing compared to other forces, sub divided by offences. has Suffolk any special circumstances in their policing activities than other forces. Only with this information can I as a Suffolk tax payer begin to understand how well Suffolk Policing is safe guarding its citizens and then answer the Commissioner's request to support the increase
56	We have recently moved to Suffolk in the village of Wortham, our house is on the A143. The speed of both large lorries, vans and cars drive past at, is ridiculous. We are in the 30 mph zone (in fact 20 mph is requested by the school) and yet this is not policed. It is an accident waiting to happen and we are concerned that on icy, or wet days, a lorry could come crashing into our house.
55	Since the Police do little to deal with acquisitive crimes - indeed we only seem to see Police behind speed cameras - I would rather pay LESS and then use the money saved to make physical improvements to home security
54	There is a disused police site in Southwold, which in reality is serving no purpose currently. I am sure that we will be told it will be used in connection with Sizewell developments. This is nonsensical, it is not near Sizewell, its accessibility is poor and it would make much more sense to centre police activity nearer to the perceived need. Apparently policing does not need a local base here, thus as a brownfield site with a history as a community asset it should be sold and re-purposed to serve its local community as a community asset serving the current needs of the locality. These are many; not least social housing to support the local area. Income from the sale could thus provide a one off injection of funding. Whilst it is only a one off addition, it is a far better use of resources than a site left to deteriorate which for years now has been an obvious misuse of resources.
53	There has been continued significant investment in Suffolk Constabulary based on precept increase. Regretfully, whilst previously supportive of these increases, I have seen the funding allocated to traffic cars and traffic functions and a disregard for where it is needed most. Regretfully the PCC seems intent on funding roads and rural crime, rather than basic policing functions. You should be able to better demonstrate the allocation of funding to risk and not personal subjective problems.
52	Simple cost of living and sadly see no change every year within the town

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- 51 we need to stop council tax payment going up and up each year and look to move around the money that is collected each year to different services that are needed, like families that have to budget, what is more important comes first and adjust payments as necessary, if families could just ask for more money maybe that would work, but the system doesn't work like that. we need to prioritise what funds are available.
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- 50 It's far too steep. Multiple Suffolk Police I have spoken to have said that their training for mental health was cut so they essentially attend incidents with people experiencing psychosis and have to make sure to be compassionate but that not all police officers would be. This needs addressing as well as investment to properly fully support their own mental health and wellbeing and your proposal does not do this. It places further strain on already hard pressed families. You could make savings by converting to electric cars as the fuel you would save would save a lot.
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- 49 You do this every single year. You take more and give less. So cut back on the civilian staff. Cut back on the waste. Stop stealing from hard working families. This is a disgusting rip off. Suffolk police need to do more with what they've got rather than attack local people's wallets.
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- 48 Until we the general public receive an effective response to our calls (and not just a crime number with no attendance or further investigation) I will object strongly against having to pay more than we already do. The present efficiency of our local police is appalling.
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- 47 Currently supplying a failing/nonexistent service. Throwing more money at it is not a solution, it will just be wasted
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- 46 I am a former IBC employee and for five years I have seen (from the inside) a lot of waste of taxpayer money. It is enough to stop wasting taxpayer money on more empty and useless positions for "relatives and friends" employed in "management" according to family/friends, and not according to qualifications, experience and skills. Stop fictitious trainings that do nothing except "execute the training plan" and generate costs. It is much better to replace them with real ones - improving the knowledge and qualifications of the staff. Too many managers and too few workers.
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- 45 As Always an above inflation increase set the the maximum you can get away with. Sham of a consultation to get views as you are just going to do it anyway. But what can we do your are answerable to no one and don't listen.
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- 44 The Council Tax is already unaffordable for many who have been forced onto Universal credit or in low pay jobs. The police do not do enough in their duties as it is. Various estates in Ipswich have become lawless and nothing is done until a major crime is committed
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- 43 We are already penalised for living in a village with higher community taxes than the same property within a town and get very little In return. I think those who live in the town should pay more taxes as they are the ones more likely to receive and use the services and try to balance out the banding in the longer term to create more

	equality. In the village we get very little if any service. At this rate people won't be able to live in a village as they simply won't be able to afford it
42	What have you done so far in increasing our protection in Suffolk. Nothing as far as I can see, you take an enormous salary which we all pay for and nothing in return. What is your actual role in supporting us in Suffolk. It is so sad to see more people like you appointed in such roles and make no difference to us in the community. It is so sad that we are all duped politically by people like you who really appear not to care about how the people in Suffolk are living their lives.
41	Well I do not see the point in your appointment. Your salary per year could put quite a few police on our streets.
40	Save the money by getting rid of Police Commisssioners and the whole election farce.
39	This increase is too high given all the other increases on the council tax.
38	The annual cap in hand and no evidence of how the precept was spent in previous years is now undefendable. I am happy for there to be NO RISE in the policing element of the Council Tax and to accept the cuts that have been mentioned, i am unsure we will notice the difference and believe the "fear mongering" offered by the PCC as justification to be be a falsehood. As an aside i have also identified an estimated £600k pa saving to Suffolk by removing the ridiculous PCC quango, replicated across the country this could return an estimated £26m to policing if it was redistributed directly to the forces - i find it odd that when looking for savings the PCC does not spot this himself.
37	You have rightly identified that Suffolk Constabulary does a good job for the people of Suffolk. You also state that you are receiving an increase in government funding on last year following a rise in the cost of service. So I ask, you are doing a good job and have done so with lesser budgets, you are receiving in an increase in funds to recognise the rise in cost of service, yet you want to raise council tax to the maximum increase. I see no value in your proposal to increase to its maximum. Suffolk is by no means an affluent county, its constituents are facing numerous rises in the cost of living, having to utilise food banks and yet a service that is performing well & receiving more in funds, you now want more. It's not for the tax payer to suffer, if government deem, that public service requires more, then it's down to government to reward public service its budget.
36	I would rather the council invested in other means of improving society
35	The Force needs to find efficiency savings to partly fund the shortfall. As an example I recently witnessed 8 individuals indulging in full English breakfasts at 10.30am whilst on driver training at an establishment no more than 8 miles from Martlesham HQ. These costs were undoubtedly claimed back via expenses. Whilst this is probably allowed within the scheme, I would suggest that it is taking the p*** and greater control needs to be exercised over public money.

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- 34 Happy for council tax to be increased but would want money spent on social and health services to tackle issues at their root rather than symptoms.
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- 33 The Constabulary has failed to adequately embrace the need for public sector efficiency savings. There are still too many officers who are content to remain within the station and not take on workload or embrace proactive policing even to the extent of sleeping on night shifts. Unfortunately this is rarely challenged from above and the chief officer team are easily able to hoodwink the PCC by placing a positive spin on performance. By way of income generation, why is the Family Day allowed to consume police resources (time and use of assets for a non-policing purpose) with no recompense to the Constabulary? Whilst I acknowledge this is relatively small sum within the scale of things it is a point of principle.
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- 32 I feel that there are a high amount of officers employed by Suffolk Constabulary that do not leave the station. Maybe it would be an idea to address the inefficiency of the officers currently employed who do not do their job. If all officers spent their shift out doing "policing" rather than sitting about this would increase the productivity. This behaviour works down through the ranks with the Sgts/Insp. turning a blind eye.
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- 31 The increase is much higher than current inflation numbers. Seems rather unfair on the people.
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- 30 With households already struggling with high council tax rates, another increase is unacceptable. Instead of asking residents for more money, you should examine your operational efficiency and spending - particularly the excessive overtime costs for officers. What alternative funding strategies have you explored? We need to see better resource management before considering any tax increases.
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- 29 I cannot afford it
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- 28 A wordy document. Sorry but the police are not the efficient force you claim. Too many burglaries going on and very few positive outcomes, no patrols too many back roads targeted for speeding and too many police engaged in holding a criminal at a waste of police time and resources.
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- 27 Governments need to stop spending on illegal immigration. Illegal entry appears to have no consequence other than costing the taxpayer money. It's rare to see a police car actually engaged in policing. Crime resources are overwhelmed with mental health issues. There is no room in prisons and sentencing is often disproportionate to the distress caused. We need a government that actually cares about our own population. Relentlessly increasing taxation solves nothing. It just adds to waste and inefficiency.
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- 26 It is above the cost of living increase. Any increase in policing will be in addition to changes in the county and local council taxes, and residents cannot afford this in addition to cost of living increases such as electricity, gas, etc. I am very unhappy with the proposal and do not think it is sustainable.
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- 25 Same old story every year! I see little evidence of police activity and presence in my area. No reason at all to go above the inflation rate in my view. Too much anecdotal

	information to my knowledge of unnecessary expenditure. Live within your means like the rest of us!
24	every year increase in tax where are the police on the beat In felixstowe none still empty police cars at fire station i have seen drug selling in crecent car park in the middle of the day let the publick see where the money goes bobbys on the street?
23	What does having the Suffolk PCC role actually achieve for the residents of Suffolk? More council tax is my answer. If that role was abolished with the PCC's support team we could have numerous more police officers available to police Suffolk. The only time I see or hear of the police is when they drive past my house in Southgate Street, BSE, at excessive speed with sirens wailing.
22	The last increase was also the maximum - I'm not convinced that the targets proposed for the prior budget have been met and therefore not convinced that more money is the solution.
21	5.1% is far greater than inflation. Back office jobs should be cut back and AI introduced like they intend to do in the NHS
20	5.1% is higher than the rate of inflation and higher than my income will increase.
19	I believe there are savings to be made within the force. From my perception there appears to be far to many highly paid senior officers. With other financial pressures members of the public are struggling to make ends meet .
18	Thurston has seen a dramatic increase in housing in recent years and we therefore feel that policing costs spread across all houses should be sufficient to cover costs bearing in mind that although we have a very nice policeman he is seldom seen in the village.
17	Endless increases are offering sufficient benefits to rural communities. Also too much of the police budget is being spent supporting the core activities of other agencies
16	Current rate of inflation is only 2.5% and the CPI rate as at Sept 24 was only 1.7% which is the rate by which public service pensions will increase in April 25, State Pensions, protected by the "triple lock", will also only rise by 3% therefore making this proposed increase extortionate for pensioners.
15	I would only agree with this proposal if it meant more proactive policing in the local area where I live of Lowestoft. The town centre has some presence but this is pushing those who commit the crimes into the areas on the edge of the town and the smaller village areas. Bike theft, shed break-ins, car theft/damage have all risen over the past 6months and it doesn't seem that much is being done to prevent these criminals for stopping.
14	I consider that most of the increase will be taken up by the admin of the PCC organisation and it should be streamlined before any additional burden on the public.

13	Not sure police resources prioritised correctly.
12	This precept has been increased by the maximum amount year on year and enough is enough.
11	Well I would like to know why you need to increase our council tax when you do not do the job at all We do not see the Police at all round here you do not come out if we get broken into So why do you want more money if you are not policeing in our area or any where else in other little villages I would like to know what you think about this or am I just going to be put down as a silly woman making a lot of noise about nothing.You are the police we pay our council tax every month so no I not think you need more money or deserve it Your view on this would be very helpful.
10	If it increases my safety I would agree to it. However I think the police have sort of lost their way. Officers should be out investigating crime rather than trivia. There should also be bobbies on the beat. I know the bosses don't see it as @cost effective " but it doesn't half reassure the public. The only time we see an officer is when something is wrong they should be part of the community not driving around in the Batmobile.
9	The current rate of inflation is nearer 4% so increase should be limited to that. Cost savings should be achieved by cutbacks in non-front line services for example administration, HR and DEI initiatives
8	While I know servicing a rural area is difficult the visibility of officers in small villages is miniscule. I hear lots of complaints of antisocial behaviour though experience little of this.... however having officers around occasionally would assist in building a positive relationship with all in the community and perhaps increase trust . On the odd occasion I have contacted the police the response has been non committal I know crime is low and the police do an amazing job here but I am sure the crime is not isolated to the town's in our area.
7	Under the current climate there should be no increase in the precept for 2025/26 Any increase would cause extreme hardship for the people of Suffolk An independent external body should be engaged to look at wastage in the police service. Also the PCC should ask each department to cut their expenditure by 5% .
6	I didn't get a 5.1% pay increase this year, when I voted for the police commissioner position I voted for the guy I forget his name that would make the job null and void this saving a huge cost. I think the police do a good job in general but feel they have been pushed into being cash collectors rather than doing the real crime fighting jobs. Burglaries, drugs, murders etc instead stopping rat runs around road works etc and speed camera vans when my average speed on that dump of a road is about 40mph due to right lane hoggers so pretty much pointless job. There's plenty more I could mention the police do a fantastic job in general it's just red tape and mid guidance I disagree with.
5	Thurston in particular has increased significantly in size in the last few years generating significantly more revenue in council tax while providing no additional service.

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| 4 | This question is in the wrong place. At this stage of the survey there is no reason for any increase |
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| 3 | My wages go up no more than 2% a year, the cost of living is getting unsustainable, I cannot afford to continue with these rises that out compete my hard earned wages |
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| 2 | An increase in council tax would be welcomed if it resulted in greater police presence and engagement within our village. However, despite the continuous growth of our community, we rarely observe police officers patrolling the area. Community engagement is lacking and primarily depends on joint meetings held in neighbouring villages, which can be impractical for residents, particularly those without access to a vehicle, given the inadequate rural bus services. While I acknowledge that the police service faces funding challenges, it raises the question of why rural villages should bear the financial burden for policing in urban areas where the majority of crime occurs. |
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| 1 | Year on year you increase the policing element of our council tax by percentages far greater than the other charging organisations yet year on year we see less and less police presence and responses to a point where we now see NO presence at all and very few responses! If you have to charge an increase, then at least keep it to a less noticeable amount, say 2 - 3%. |
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