

153	Our police force is under-funded and whilst I would like to say NO and that funds should come from main government I must say YES to ensure retention of valuable staff and roles within the force. Suffolk police should be growing to cope with demands and stay abreast of technology, this cannot be done without funds.
152	To maintain our policing services in Suffolk
151	Continue to provide much needed policing in Suffolk
150	It's best to support the police as best we can to ensure the safety of the county is upheld, people don't consider that when the cost of living increases, this does impact the amount of money the police force therefore have to spend too.
149	Everyone deserves a pay rise and it would be great to see more PCs on the beat we certainly need a better Police presence in Kirkley Lowestoft! There is a lot of drug dealing and little gangs going about causing trouble which obviously escalates during the lighter nights.
148	Police have been generally underfunded over the years. However, more money on it's own is not enough. The police need to be more efficient. If you had any idea how much paperwork there is for a simple offence, taking officers off the streets for hours every day....
147	We need an effective and reliable Police force and that has to be paid for. We all want to save money and not happy to keep finding costs rising but it is a fact of life that we cannot expect the Police to be at our call without investing and modernising, and that takes money.
146	The increasing pressure on work loads make it essential that there are finances available to maintain the level of service. However, it is regrettable that such a rise needed especially for those less able to afford the increase.
145	I want the Suffolk police force to be properly resourced.
144	An increase in tax is never welcome but we cannot do without an excellent Police Force and if the extra helps to fund this so be it.
143	The police service is already struggling and unable to keep up with the level of crime in this region. It is at the stage that people don't bother reporting minor crime as the most that usually happens is that they are given a crime number. The police are overwhelmed and do not have any capacity to investigate anything other than the more serious incidents.
142	I understand that costs have gone up
141	happy to pay the increase to provide budget requested by the Chief Constable to provide an effective police service in the Ipswich borough
140	Anything to increase law&order which is vitally needed

139	This Labour government are not giving enough funds to the emergency services so we do not have much choice but for every household to par a few pence more each week to maintain high standard of policing.
138	Whilst I agree to this increase to enable adequate policing for Suffolk as a whole, I do not feel that there have been benefits for Beccles from past increases and will be surprised if there are any in the future due to this increase.
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136	Whilst I agree to the increase to enable adequate policing for Suffolk as a whole I have not seen any benefits for Beccles from previous increases and questions how Beccles will benefit from this increase.
135	We need to ensure that Suffolk remains a safe place to live and work and that our officers are adequate in numbers, kit and skills. There is also a need to improve business practices in the organisation to ensure all funds are effectively used.
134	Policing is a crucial role and contribution to keeping our rural and urban communities safe. Police Officers have an extremely difficult job to do and deserve to be paid for putting their lives on the line for us. As long as the extra funds go towards paying them properly!!!!
133	We've had enough carrot, it's time for the stick
132	More police are needed....
131	Small price to pay for the benefit anticipated
130	Supported. Hoping that rural policing will be more visible.
129	I do not mind paying a little bit more Council Tax longs it all goes to the Police Sector.
128	There are clearly too few officers and staff on our streets and the absence of any Police presence must be addressed. This has a cost and the only sorce is the precept.
127	I feel safe in Suffolk and would like it to continue that way. If this increase keeps the resources needed to be able to provide the current level of service, I am happy to pay it
126	I fully understand the reasoning for increasing the the policing element and have no reason to oppose it. My one wish, as I have said for several years, is that the police became more visible on the high street and in the community generally, giving reassurance to the general public and ensuring police officers are familiar with the community. I live in Halesworth and rarely see a police officer or community police officer.
125	Because of government police cuts we need to now pay the extra via council tax increase's, if we get decent policing I'm prepared to pay extra.

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- 124 Happy to pay this small amount.
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- 123 Policing has to be funded properly. It is clearly noticeable to me and my friends and family that compared to even 15 years ago policing is far less visible, we all know the savage public spending cuts during the last 14 years have meant that fewer police are seen on our streets, fewer police cars on our roads and the prevention/community intelligence/breadth of participation/deterrent to criminals, has decreased. I fully support your request to not only ensure the current level of police service but hopefully to enable operation at a higher level to go some way to reinstating aspects of the service that existed prior to the austerity cuts. More locally it would be excellent to see the Hadleigh Police Station operational 24/7 for the public once again for a multitude of reasons which limitation to 1000 words prevents me from articulating.
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- 122 Yes I am willing to contribute more financially and would like to see an increased police presence in our town of Brandon. Additionally, I believe it is important to address the issue of individuals smoking marijuana in public spaces."
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- 121 We need more police. Since parents have handed most of their parenting duties to schools and schools are hamstrung by laws making the discipline of pupils difficult , it becomes the business of the police to deal with a problematic population which doesn't know how to behave responsibly and respectfully.
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- 120 As a tax payer, I have always felt that the increase to past policing element of council tax has been well invested in the Force.
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- 119 This rise is essential to ensure we maintain core operational policing services. Public sector cuts are real and sustained. The PCC should support the S/Constabulary by providing financial support to the chief officer team wherever possible to do so and in order to support the good work they are doing and difficult decisions they are making. The PCC should be an enabler of the chief officer team and the constabulary and this is an opportunity to prove that.
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- 118 We need our police force to have the resources to seal with all the different challenges it faces.
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- 117 Although Framlingham where we live has a very low crime rate, for which we are very lucky, there are other parts of our lovely county that are not so fortunate and definitely need a great police presence. the more those areas are controlled the less likely it is to spill out to other areas. Also rural crime is on the increase and we need extra police not less. We would like to see a policeman in Framlingham sometimes to have a chat with. Local bobbys would be a welcome comeback obviously, but we know that is not going to happen! Yes I think we need more guys on the beat and not in the office. well done for keeping us safe.
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- 116 I am happy to pay the extra to maintain the current service in line with increased costs
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- 115 I appreciate the delicate balance of the finances and the lack of funding from central government, set against rising costs and more complex requirements to policing which is why I have said yes to the proposal. However, it would be nice to see more investment into local policing with officers actually on the streets in rural areas (actually walking the

	beat not driving through in cars), dealing with local crime which might be considered low level, but to the residents is highly upsetting and disruptive.
114	Small increase for a good return for police resource.
113	Personally I wish the police were given more money, so there would be officers on the beat giving more assurance to locals of a police presence. This would help keep crime rate down as the officers on the beat would get to know whois whois. Keep up the good work.
112	More than happy to pay whatever it takes to ensure our Police force is adequately funded.
111	We have to keep abreast of the cost of inflation. We need Police Officers. Suffolk Police have always given value for money.
110	Happy to support our police force but all these extra payments don't appear to have increased visibility of officers both on our streets and roads.
109	Yes our police force needs the necessary funding to police our streets efficiently and effectively
108	I hope this addition will assist increasing police numbers and strengthen the Suffolk Police team of officers and staff
107	The police need the money to protect us and it's a no brainer that costs are rising for everything I would be happy to pay the extra on my council tax
106	As long as you put more money into frontline policing. That is the 24/7 response to calls coming in across the force as the numbers of frontline officers are not where they should be and running far too short to get the job done effectively. It's no good having all these specialist teams to look good in the press when one incident can decimate the forces ability to respond to day to day jobs requiring staff already on 10 and 11 hours shifts to move to 12 causing all sorts of issues out of work.
105	The Police is massively under pressure
104	Times are changing and We need to be paid more in Force and regain TVP's for the nature of the work we do in SIU. This should help out if we can be guaranteed a payrise.
103	The police service work hard to keep us safe. I would be concerned if they do not have enough funds to provide a full service to Suffolk community and it is inevitable that something will have to stop if the funds are not available.
102	I need my job
101	Policing is critical to public safety
100	If it helps get more officers on the street
99	generally everything is increasing a the police force is lacking in general with cars and officers to cover the county and deliver the right level of service. All emergency services have a knock on affect to one another as we hold each other up when there is not enough.

98	Yes 100%. The police require more resources.
97	I think the police do a very good job with the limited finances that they have. Crime is up especially petty crime and we need police making a visible presence and not job cuts.
96	As a working class individual, working for the policing service, I believe this increase is justified and will contribute directly to providing continued quality policing within Suffolk communities.
95	I have put yes because I understand the needs of the Force to provide for the people of Suffolk, however I feel that the Council Tax itself is unfair because two persons living in a larger property use less resource than a larger family in a smaller property, and just because you have a larger property it does not mean you have a higher disposable income.
94	I appreciate the work that police officers and staff do within Suffolk, often underappreciated and in difficult circumstances. They deserve to be paid a good wage and have access to all equipment and training to keep themselves and the public safe.
93	All public sector roles are struggling financially, policing being one of them. There have been years of budget cuts and efficiencies made as a result, some of these have had a negative impact on the service police are able to provide. It is essential that no more cuts are made because we need police more than ever. They are the fall back service for all the other public sector departments that cannot cope, the overflow of their workload ends up at the door of the police service. Whilst the police service do their best to manage this demand, the demand is constantly increasing whilst the personnel to respond to it, is not increasing at the same rate. I want to feel safe, I want others to feel safe and paying extra to try to make that happen is not unreasonable.
92	As long as the money is spent on front line policing
91	Happy to pay to live in a safe environment
90	I agree the police need more funding to provide more police to deal with the increases in demand
89	Policing our Town is more important than ever before.
88	Any increase in Police funding should and would be welcomed
87	The Police along with other public sector services, have seen a reduction in overall budget, to meet increasing demands. It seems obvious that if Government provide initial money for increased recruitment, they should take this into account when external pay bodies set wage increases, coupled with Government changes in NI. The constant cost saving to meet reduced budgets, will no doubt impact front-line services and if this goes into reducing staff, then the whole cycle of Government uplift will begin again in the future.

86	I agree but we could save money by getting rid of you and your team. I reckon £100,000s could be saved. you seem to have no benefit or function to anyone other than serving your self interests. Sack your self and your team and save us the money.
85	my wife thinks it is a good idea
84	I would like to see more work being done around local community policing and visibility if we are going to be paying an increase.
83	I wish to maintain the levels and standards of policing and policing support staff / officers in Suffolk
82	I recognise the need to maintain an effective police service
81	this is needed to see further police on the streets in the local areas.
80	Suffolk Constabulary require more financial support to continue to provide the current level of service
79	Resources are required for policing into the future.
78	In times when we see rising costs of everything alongside the rising number of crimes then we must dig deep to put extra money in the coffers to allow our police officers and staff to operate successfully.
77	I agree with the proposal to increase council tax by 21pence per week for Band B property, and 27 pence for Band D. My rationale, to save support staff jobs like Transport. With out them, would place operational vehicles at risk of repair in a reasonable time effecting our ability to police effectively. Given what you have said about funding, the constabulary would not have the budget to afford the high labour rates regardless of any Service agreements, in addition to having no real loyalty to make the police a priority.
76	It is important to provide a suitable policing service and to improve the public perception of the police
75	the simple answer is yes - this directly affects my pay packet, and in light of the years of austerity and frozen pay increases for many years its finally nice to have the uplift, as it has felt like i have been no better off despite being promoted in rank. i know the government have forced this upon us and not granting the additional funds to cover so this leaves little options to pay for it other than increasing the precept. my only hope is that the money is spent on continued frontline recruitment as this is an area we are struggling to cope with daily demand
74	I would agree in principle. I do not know if it is within the realms of what is likely to be disclosed but knowing how much this would raise and what would be proposed to be done with this money would help me be more comfortable with the proposal. If a 5.1% means 'business as usual' for Suffolk Constabulary I would not feel this was value for money. My expectation would be for some form of uplift of staff, or perhaps more importantly equipment and working practices. I work in the Constabulary and there is an inordinate amount of wastage I encounter that I suspect if we really focused could save money on equal to or greater than any precept increase. However, I appreciate the cost of

	most things has gone up and we will be spending more on essentials such as power, fuel, etc than previously. I would expect most members of the public would feel the same way in an above inflation rise without a tangible and visible change.
73	the police service needs this money to continue to protect us
72	I do agree that the council tax needs to rise to provide effective policing but I do question if the funds received are being spent in the right place. ASB is on the rise and blighting lovely market towns that used to enjoy very low levels of crime. Woodbridge and Wickham Market are case and point - gangs of youths causing mayhem every evening, parks unsafe to walk through after dark, and boy racers turning the quiet streets into race tracks. All of this has been reported but no more visible policing has been implemented. I think the public would be happier to pay more if they could see the difference.
71	We need an efficient and up to date Police Force to keep pace with current crime and thus if it costs more I am prepared to pay a reasonable extra amount.
70	I am an officer and we are struggling with a lack of numbers/cars/facilities/product licences/sufficient pay for overtime and cancelled rest days.
69	Small price to pay to keep the county safe as long as the funds are used wisely
68	We need more Police
67	The increase is acceptable due to the NIC changes and pay rise not being funded by central government. Unfortunate but necessary.
66	Absolutely. Always willing to pay more tax to fund public services.
65	It's worth it.
64	Value for money
63	I would feel safer with a better funded police force.
62	it is important that enough is provided to the force to pay officers and staff fairly
61	Well worth the investment for the wonderful returns. We get from having an excellent Constabulary in Suffolk.
60	It will be money well spent.
59	Reduction in funding will inevitably result in a loss of some services we provide which will lead to a breakdown in trust from our public
58	I only agree to the increase in council tax on the basis the money is used for fighting serious crime, not for penalising drivers for minor speeding offences. Frequently Suffolk Police are locating speed traps in areas which are NOT dangerous and the speed traps are hidden, clearly trying to catch drivers out. This includes officers hiding behind trees, which I have witnessed. Setting speed traps on Sunday mornings on the A14 - nasty behaviour by Suffolk Police. Suffolk Police should be more intent on catching dangerous, uninsured drivers and vehicles without an MOT, as well as supporting local communities

	in the fight against rural crime. Suffolk Police need to stop wasting tax payers money on speeding offences which in turn has a negative impact on the public opinion of Suffolk Police.
57	GOVERNMENT FUNDING IS POOR. HAPPY TO PAY A LITTLE MORE TO MAINTAIN SERVICE AND IMPROVE THE FORCE AS A WHOLE
56	To make sure the services are retained at least at current levels
55	IT SHOULD BE MORE
54	I would be willing to increase by 10% if it saw some notable changes with way things are done. The lack of investment and future proofing is a worry.
53	I'm sure they will be limited affirmative responses, but I understand that the range of 'crimes' police have to deal with expands as other agencies continue to be under funded.
52	we need to fund our police service properly after the years of under investment from Conservative government.
51	The police service is still inadequate, hampered by legislation, overcautious interpretation thereof, inappropriately prioritised, being driven by media outcry rather than actual crime and its effects, fails to provide feedback or publicise its successes, reducing public confidence. The PCC should lead the charge against crime on behalf of the public, setting the agenda for crime prevention and resolution and stop kow-towing to temporary, partial media outcry and shallow PR that seems mostly aimed at being re-elected. We need both more, effective and better focussed policing - that will cost more.
50	Policing has to be paid for and costs are rising
49	To increase police visibility, to ensure rapid response to 999 calls and give feedback promptly and comprehensively. Utilize the good will of residents e.g. some years ago and elderly person went missing in our village, two Police Officers were in attendance but took no action, even though a neighbor and I suggested they led and organise search parties, we offered to gather volunteers - result no action by the Police. The following morning the missing person was found dead in Bentley walks. We did organise searches but alas wrong area. In short the service should have been proactive not reactive. PS Why American spelling?
48	As long as all the efficiencies you mention mean that officers are actually out engaging with the public rather than being office-bound sat at a computer dealing with admin. With the English Devolution White Paper, there is going to be massive upheavals, rebranding and reorganisation- it is all going to cost monstrous sums of public money. The position of Police and Crime Commissioner, as we know it, is set to be changed. While the deckchairs are being moved about yet again, is ANY work actually going to get done?!!
47	However, why do we pay yourself such a large amount? Perhaps you should take a pay cut to help out? You are not front line which is where the issues are and have little to no impact on the day to day of the constabulary. I dont even know what you actually do!

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- 46 No one wishes to pay more for bills etc, but if the government are not willing to provide the police service with sufficient budget to operate comfortably then we have no choice but to accept the increase of council tax. Especially for officers, in the long run, this increase should hopefully enable us to do our role better.
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- 45 Reasonable increase and needed to provide a good service
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- 44 We need to maintain the police service as much as possible, which can't be done without the maximum precept increase.
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- 43 Try to put any additional funding to local policing for those areas that have suffered due to the obtuse thinking that more crime reports in an area require greater funding. The local officers in less supported areas need much more support especially where it takes an inordinate amount of time and effort to process arrests due to distances involved.
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- 42 I believe policing is extremely important and wish to feel safe walking the streets. Unfortunately, we have a government that goes against what the majority of the silent population want. Like him or hate him, Donald Trump is stating many truths!!! We need that here in the UK without the threat of being arrested and labelled 'right wing'!
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- 41 The police currently work with their hands tied behind their back and can rarely be proactive. More police on the streets and not doing admin work forced on them by their funding cuts would be a distinct improvement. The council tax increase is minimal for any council tax payers compare to the benefits this would give.
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- 40 I personally feel that the current funding is not enough and this small amount is enough to provide a better service then I am willing to pay this amount.
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- 39 Reluctantly I agree because once again the government has short changed local taxpayers. The refusal to increase the freeze grant and the callous reduction in victim funding is a disgrace and totally unjustified considering the money found to pay train drivers who are still on strike plus wasting £8 billion on Great British Energy. What an absolute shambles!
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- 38 The number of drug users in the town centre seems to have risen considerably over the last couple of years and I would be concerned to see any drop in police presence.
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- 37 Providing the extra money was used efficiently
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- 36 To feel safer, the amount of unsociable behaviour is on the up. The police need to be able to take back control of the streets and if that means pay a little extra council tax then that's how it is.
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- 35 Police deserve to be paid appropriately and I don't want a drop in service levels. I think they work hard to provide the service as it exists and I want to live in a safe area.
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- 34 But there is a real pinch on money as we are being squeezed more and more from central government to the point where people are soon going to be tipped over the edge into poverty.
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- 33 Suffolk have been underfunded for years and there is no other choice but to put it up

32	we need more visable police
31	I agree the costs of pay increases NI increases etc should be met however cannot a slightly larger increase be made in order a better police presence can be made on the streets of our towns?
30	This is required in light of rising costs and demands ..although I would want assurances this money will be targeted at front line service delivery and training requirements regarding real crime - not pandering to any particular political agenda or woke box ticking training.
29	However, I caveat this support in that I believe money is wasted on 7 Force Commercial Services and that the service previously provided by the local joint unit was far more focussed on local needs and cost effective.
28	I want you to run a good service for me and I recognise that I must pay for that service. I would far rather pay a small increase than force you into a corner where you have no choice but to reduce the level of service you provide to protect me and my family
27	Police need greater funding.
26	Very happy for this to be done
25	Suffolk is under resourced with Police officers.
24	From the statement you have given it would seem that there is little choice but to accept that we must accept this increase.
23	We need to feel safe we deserve to be safe if more funded is needed so be it
22	It is a government back door tax necessary just for the Suffolk Police Force to 'stand still'. Reeves Budget comments said pay in the wage packet won't change. However, the meddling means 'pick pocketing' net pay instead. Your previous requests have been made to improve the Force. Such central government nastiness borders on criminality against the Nation. Can they be arrested?
21	Important to feel safe and to have the Police to respond when called.
20	Quite simply we need an effective police force out there and it obviously has to be paid for.....so just get on with it!!
19	We need to maintain a good level of policing and we would pay more than 5.1% if it would perhaps put more police on road or better response times
18	If we want to maintain the force then there is no choice but to pay more. It is just another cost of living rise at a time when money for all is tight, but what is the option if central government doesn't help.
17	Too much crime in other parts of the country and we do not want to go down there.
16	these days people need looking after if the police have the funds they can do this

15	Seriously consider whether any additional proposed or upcoming tax raises may result in less fortunate families being significantly worse off given your proposal. You may only be asking for 5.1%, but what are others asking for?
14	You are an underfunded force already and you need and deserve the full award to help maintain standards.
13	Yes - but I would like to see a police presence. I hardly ever see anyone within our village (Rattlesden) or even Stowmarket or Bury St Edmunds. It used to be that is you had a faulty headlight on your car you would get stopped. Now I see loads on the A14 IN FOG with NO lights - perhaps this is now legal.
12	Funds needed for policing
11	Fair, as long as service is bettered.
10	Suffolk Constabulary requires additional funding to maintain services to the public
9	A worthwhile increase
8	It is important to maintain a police force capable of providing the necessary services for Suffolk. Whilst I don't agree with pay rises or increases, being above inflation, currently 2.5%, sadly this Labour government will pander to its union paymasters whilst increasing taxes stealthily for the public. So unfortunately you have no option but to increase by 5.1%.
7	Necessary
6	We need more effective policing, concentrating on drugs and serious motoring offences, especially those drivers with no driving license, road fund license or MOT. Shoplifting gangs need bringing to task and shop keepers and staff given more powers to detain. We need more feet on the ground in our local communities, not just driving around in cars. This in my opinion would give the public more confidence that police take our safety and security seriously. PCSO's have limited powers, either increase the range of powers or disband totally and put more local police on the beat.
5	There is a lack of obvious policing activity in ruling area resulting in widespread abuse of road traffic laws and other anti-social behaviour.
4	I see no other option and respect the difficulty the Police are facing
3	We need to maintain an efficient police force that is able to respond to the needs of rural communities.
2	I am happy, personally, in order to maintain the service, but as ever concerned with the ability of poorer residents to afford it when combined with other costs that people generally have little choice but to pay.
1	I understand the reasons that the increase is required.