



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

Question 1:

Which of the following two options would you support?

(please tick only one)

OPTION 1:

NO INCREASE IN THE POLICING ELEMENT OF COUNCIL TAX

A freeze on the policing element of council tax would mean a funding gap for the Constabulary in 2018/19 of £6.8m. Some £4m of savings have been identified at this stage, including £2m from the frontline local policing model (Norfolk 2020) announced by the Chief Constable in October. This leaves £2.8m still to find. Further savings of this magnitude would mean some very difficult choices about even deeper reductions in frontline operational and support functions, mindful that 80% of the budget is staff costs.

OPTION 2:

INCREASE THE POLICING ELEMENT OF COUNCIL TAX BY JUST UNDER 2%

A council tax increase of just under 2% (the maximum amount currently permitted by central government) is equivalent to 8 pence extra per week (at Band D) and would raise £1.2m. This is not 'additional money'; it will simply offset an expected £1.2m reduction in our central government grant. This would leave the Constabulary with £1.6m of savings to find, in addition to the £4m already identified. The recently announced local policing model would be protected but this £1.6m would need to come from other operational and support areas of the budget. This would also mean some difficult decisions for the Constabulary.

Question 2:

If the cap on policing council tax were to be raised by central government, would you be prepared to pay a higher amount?

Please tick your choice.

UP TO AN EXTRA 19 PENCE PER WEEK (a 4.5% increase)

This would raise £2.8m which, alongside the £4m of savings already identified would, on present projections, balance the budget for next year. This would mean that the frontline local policing model announced in October would be protected.

UP TO AN EXTRA 25 PENCE PER WEEK (a 6% increase)

This would raise £3.6m and, alongside the £4m of savings already identified, this would enable the budget to be balanced. This option would provide an opportunity, on present projections, to make some modest increases in local policing.

UP TO AN EXTRA 50 PENCE PER WEEK (a 12% increase)

This would raise £7.2m and enable significant additional investment in frontline local and operational policing.

Any other comments?

About you. Please tell us...

WHICH DISTRICT YOU LIVE IN (PLEASE CIRCLE)

Breckland

Broadland

Great Yarmouth

King's Lynn and West Norfolk

North Norfolk

Norwich

South Norfolk

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