

Stakeholder Special – Budget Consultation 2022/23

4 January 2022



Dear Stakeholder,

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break and I'd like to take this chance to wish you all the best for the year ahead.

At this time of year, Police and Crime Commissioners must consult with the public and other stakeholders on the proposed police budget and precept for the coming financial year.

I have set out my priorities for the budget, my proposal for the precept, and a short survey for people to give me their views here: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/yourpolicebudget2022-23

This budget has been developed following feedback from the public since I took office back in May, along with clear trends that have been identified in the preliminary results of my Autumn Survey, which was the largest consultation ever carried out by Cheshire's Police and Crime Commissioner with over 18,000 responses.

This budget will put 120 more officers on Cheshire's streets, increasing visible policing and taking us closer to the goal set by me and the Chief Constable to have the highest establishment of officers in Cheshire in modern times – 2,345. It will also put 63 more

frontline staff in departments like the Force Control Centre, where we'll have more call handlers waiting to reduce response times and help people in their hour of need.

There will also be an increased focus on tackling anti-social behaviour that can often make people feel unsafe in their community, and further action on making our county's roads safer.

To support this, the proposal I am putting to residents is for an increase in the police precept of approximately 83p per month for the average Band D property.

It is crucial that, like in my Autumn Survey, I get the views of as many people from as many communities as possible across Cheshire, covering all characteristics of age, ethnic background, gender, sexuality and disability.

I would be grateful if you could share this survey throughout your networks and with any of your organisation's service users in order to ensure a truly representative response.

If you'd like any hard copies of the survey (which can be returned via freepost) or have any further questions about the budget, please email <u>pcc@cheshire.police.uk</u>

Yours sincerely

John Dwyer Police & Crime Commissioner for Cheshire

Stay in touch

As part of your continued support as a valued stakeholder, we would be grateful if you could cascade this update to your networks so the wider community is aware of our work.

We would like to remind you of the ways you can get in touch with Cheshire Constabulary. In an emergency, where a crime is taking place or there is a danger to life, always dial 999.

For general enquiries, please visit <u>https://www.cheshire.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/</u> or, if it not an emergency, you can call 101.

In addition, our helpdesks are open to residents across Cheshire. Further details can be accessed here:

https://www.cheshire.police.uk/news/cheshire/news/articles/2020/11/reminder-on-howto-contact-cheshire-constabulary-during-lockdown/ To receive regular updates on the work we are doing during the coronavirus crisis, please register for updates on Cheshire Police and PCC Alert or follow our social media channels. Further details below:

Cheshire PCC

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram: @CheshirePCC Website: <u>www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk</u> Register for updates: <u>Cheshire PCC Alert</u>

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