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Have your say on police funding in Cambridgeshire

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite is asking home owners how much they are willing to support policing as part of their council tax for 2018/19.

In order to gather views, the Commissioner is running a short survey. Complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W3CD8P3>

Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite says:

“One of my duties as Police and Crime Commissioner is to ensure that Cambridgeshire Constabulary has the resources it needs to keep people safe. The Constabulary is already a very efficient force with savings of £17.2 million made over the last five years to meet budget reductions. This has been achieved in a number of ways including reducing back office staff and collaborating with other forces, other emergency services and partner organisations.

“A recent review of local policing has also found savings to fund an extra 50 front line officers however we still need to do more to respond to an increase in demand, increase our ability to investigate crimes and deter people from criminality.

“As we look forward and plan our budget for 2018/19, it is important for me to understand your views on how much you are willing to pay towards policing the county. Changes in crime types and an overall increase in calls for service means that more officers are needed to keep people safe.

“If each household (in a Band D property) paid just one extra pound each month, it would make a big difference, equating to an additional 55 Police Officers.

“I would like to thank you in advance and look forward to hearing your views.”

A link to the survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W3CD8P3>. Your views will then inform the Commissioner's final decision on how much to raise the policing part of the council tax.

The survey ends Monday 29th January 2018.

Please note – copies of the survey are also available with an **Easy Read description**

[Precept Survey – Easy Read](#)

Views can also be given by **telephone: 0300 333 3456** or by **email: cambs-pcc@cambs.pnn.police.uk**.

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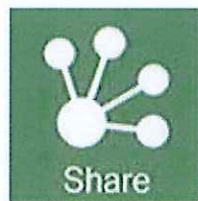
- Option 1: you agree to an increase by £1 per month (an increase of 55 Police Officers)
- Option 2: you agree to an increase by 33p per month (maintain planned numbers with no additional increase)
- Option 3: no increase (reduce officer numbers or find equivalent savings)

Thank you

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Message from the Chief Constable

Dear subscriber

The future policing model for Cambridgeshire has now been agreed and will begin to roll out from 30 April.

In November I wrote to you to announce our proposed plans to create a sustainable policing model following an unprecedented increase in demand for our services and our existing model being no longer being fit for purpose.

Thank you to those of you who responded with feedback, we listened carefully to the points you raised and ensured it was part of the decision-making process. I am still committed to involving the public and our partners in this process and will continue to provide you with regular updates as we plan the transition into our new model and start to see its impact.

Last year I commissioned the Local Policing Review, tasked with designing a model that would deliver a demand-led and victim-focused service and provide much-needed support to the frontline.

Our current policing model is hampering our ability to manage demand. Like forces across the country, Cambridgeshire faces an unprecedented workload and, as a result, officers and staff are working long hours with heavy workloads.

Our focus remains to protect the most vulnerable people and target the most serious offenders. But this means I have to be realistic about what we can and cannot attend, and make some difficult decisions about our future structure within our current budget.

The new model is focused on putting more officers on the frontline so we can provide you with the best service possible. This structure will enable us to fund an additional 50 officers, which will make a difference to the people of Cambridgeshire.

It retains our commitment to providing neighbourhood policing and working in partnership with communities to reduce crime and to make them safer through effective problem solving. Every resident will still have access to their local policing team, with an identified police community support officer (PCSO) in their area.

Officers and staff directly affected by the proposed changes have now been through a period of formal consultation and the final structure was signed off this week.

Below is an overview of the new structure:

- Every resident will be able to access their local policing team and have an identified PCSO in their area. However, there will be no new intakes of PCSOs and the current headcount will reduce by natural turnover over coming years, with a commitment to retain a minimum of 80 full time equivalent posts.
- Additional officers will be in those areas where our most vulnerable people and most dangerous offenders are, focusing on issues such as child protection, rape investigation and domestic abuse.
- A Demand Hub will be created to merge the force's contact and crime management functions centrally at force HQ. This will modernise our approach to public contact and allow for early and more effective management of demand.
- The previous force model saw it split into six district areas which affected our interoperability. This will change to just two areas, north and south, making us more efficient, reducing supervisory and senior management posts and enabling us to commit more resources to the frontline.

- A Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (MET) Hub will be created, tasked with protecting children most at risk of harm within these three areas and focused on apprehending the offenders who target them.
- There will be changes to our current intelligence structure, which will enable us to increase our analytical provision, allowing improved analysis of demand.
- PCSOs will continue to play a central role in neighbourhood policing and problem solving.
- Community action teams, similar to the current Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT), will be created to respond to local problems and challenges. These officers will be tasked with dealing with local issues, prioritising those where the risk to individuals and the public is highest.
- Every district council area will have an enquiry office function.
- A reduced number of response bases will allow for maximum efficiency in response deployment.
- The force will continue to have a serious and organised crime team, cyber and fraud team, and surveillance team to tackle crime gangs.

The first phase of the model will go live from 30 April this year.

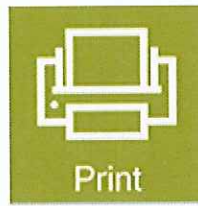
In the meantime we will continue to regularly update you on the progress of our transition towards a new policing model and its implementation over the coming months.

Kind regards,
Chief Constable Alec Wood

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