Northamptonshire Talking



Have your say on funding for policing and fire services in Northamptonshire



Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone is asking for your views before setting next year's council tax precepts for policing and fire and rescue services. The police and fire precepts are the parts of council tax that help fund local emergency services and together make up just 18% of a household's council tax bill.

This year, Danielle is consulting on a proposed increase of £15 a year **(29p a week) for policing** and £5 a year **(10p a week) for fire and rescue services** for an average **Band D property**.

The proposed policing increase would help maintain current police officer numbers, support neighbourhood policing and enable the Force to continue improving the way it responds to and investigates crime. The proposed fire precept increase would help Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service manage significant financial pressures caused by rising costs, population growth and increasing demand from risks such as wildfires and flooding.

Danielle said: "I understand that every household is under pressure, but both policing and fire and rescue services in Northamptonshire are facing growing demand and significant financial challenges.

"For policing, an increase in the precept is the only way to protect frontline services and maintain officer numbers, while for fire and rescue services, additional funding is needed to help meet rising costs and the increasing risks facing our county.

"I have asked the Government to review the funding Northamptonshire receives, but this year I have no choice but to ask council taxpayers for more and I am now seeking their views through this consultation."

Before the precepts are set for 2027/28, we want to hear what local people think.

The consultation is open until **9am** on **Tuesday 12 January 2027.** Have your say here: **https://www.research.net/r/XRQHCW3**

Your feedback will help shape the future funding of policing and fire and rescue services across Northamptonshire.