



Precept Survey 2018

Thank you for taking part in the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner Precept Survey. The Police and Crime Commissioner is seeking the views of residents who pay council tax in the Lancashire area regarding the 2019/20 council tax level for policing, so that the PCC can set a balanced budget which addresses the policing needs of Lancashire.

Social and Market Strategic Research (SMSR), is an independent research organisation who will process the results of this survey. SMSR adheres to the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and all of your responses will be treated anonymously.

Q1 Thinking of the issues you see in your local area, crime in Lancashire and the national commitments the police have to make, which of these do you think should be a high priority, a medium priority or a low priority for the police in Lancashire:

	High	Medium	Low
Investigating major crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tackling domestic abuse / violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roads traffic policing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tackling child abuse and sexual exploitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrolling areas with regular reports of crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrolling areas with low levels of reported crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Combatting terrorism / extremism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taking early action to prevent crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Addressing local crime & antisocial behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide crime prevention and support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Answer and respond promptly to non-emergency calls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide information to you about policing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please specify other:			

Since 2010 the budget allowed for policing in Lancashire has fallen significantly. During this period police officer and staff numbers have fallen by around 1150 and by 2022 we will have saved in excess of £100m off our annual budget.

The police budget funds the pay and costs of police officers and police staff across Lancashire. Most of the funding to pay for the police comes from the Government. However around 28% comes from council tax in the form of a precept on your bill.

The Government grant towards policing is increasing next year for the first time since 2010 which will help Lancashire Constabulary to meet the costs of government pension changes. However, the Government also expect Police and Crime Commissioners to raise council tax precepts again next year to protect against further cuts to service and invest in proactive policing.

If this is done, additional money raised through council tax would provide the opportunity to reinvest in neighbourhood policing and targeted crime teams to address local issues that matter to people.

40% of properties in Lancashire are a band A which would mean an increase of 31p per week. The average property nationally is band D which would be an increase of 46p per week.

Q2 Are you willing to pay more council tax to support policing in your area?

Yes

No

Don't know

Q3 Are there any additional comments you would like to provide?

Q4 How would you **prefer** to contact Lancashire Police to report a crime or incident in a **non-emergency**?

- Over the phone (e.g. 101)
- In person - at a police station
- Online - completing a form on the force website
- Online - chat facility on the force website
- Social media - please specify
- Other - please specify

Please specify social media:

Please specify other:

Finally, a couple of questions about yourself, so that we can understand the views of the whole range of people...

Q5 Please can I take your postcode?

Q6 What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other (please specify)
- Do not wish to say

Please specify other:

Q7 What age were you on your last birthday?

- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or above
- Do not wish to say

Q8 What is your ethnic group?

- Asian or Asian British - Indian
- Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian background
- Black or Black British - Caribbean
- Black or Black British - African
- Black or Black British - Any other Black background
- Chinese
- Mixed - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed - White and Black African
- Mixed - White and Asian
- Mixed - Any other mixed background
- White - British
- White - Irish
- White - Any other White Background
- Other ethnic group
- Do not wish to say

Thank you for completing this survey