

NORTH YORKSHIRE & CITY OF YORK PRECEPT SURVEY - 2023/2024



Thank you for taking part in this 7-minute survey.

Commissioner Zoë, your elected Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner is asking for your views ahead of setting what is known as the precept – the amount that goes to North Yorkshire Police and separately to North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service from your council tax bill.

She knows how hard a time this is for so many people, and our emergency services are also dealing with rising costs as they continue their vital work to keep us all safe.

So, Zoë has to balance the burden on taxpayers and the growing demands for services from our police and fire and rescue services.

Any increase in funding must be considered carefully. Before setting the levels of precept for the two services, Commissioner Zoë would like to know your views on possible options.

First of all, can I confirm you are a council tax payer in North Yorkshire or City of York?
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- Yes
 No

POLICE

North Yorkshire Police has a budget of £191 million – around 45 per cent comes from the precept on your council tax.

To provide a similar level of service to now, they think they will need around an extra £12m due to salary increases and the rising cost of fuel, utilities and general cost increases.

The Government are expected to say that Commissioner Zoë can raise the police precept by £10 from April – that would be an increase of 3.6%, an extra 19 pence per week for an average Band D property. Even this would only raise £3.1m of that extra demand.

The following options are based on an average Band D property currently paying £281.06 each year for policing. How much more would you be prepared to pay per year, through your council tax for policing in North Yorkshire and York? *

- No more than I pay now – a precept freeze**
This would be a cut to the police budget due to inflation and current levels of service delivery could not be maintained.
- Up to £5.60 a year more (47 pence per month), an increase of 1.99%**
This would raise around £1.7 million, however is significantly below inflation and would likely lead to reductions in current levels of service delivery unless significant levels of savings could be delivered.
- Up to £10 a year more (83 pence per month), an increase of 3.6%**
This would raise around £3.1 million, however is significantly below inflation and would likely lead to reductions in current levels of service delivery unless savings could be delivered.
- Up to £18 a year more (£1.50 per month), an increase of 6.4%**
This would raise around £5.6 million, is broadly in line with the organisation's inflationary pressures and would lead to no reductions in current levels of service delivery.

FIRE & RESCUE

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service has a budget of £37 million – the majority of that, over 60 per cent, comes from the precept on your council tax.

To provide a similar level of service to now, they think they will need around an extra £1.5m – £2m due to salary increases and the rising cost of fuel, utilities and interest on loans.

The Government are expected to say that Commissioner Zoë can raise the fire precept by 3% per cent from April – that would be an extra £2.26 per year or 4 pence per week for an average Band D property. Even this would only raise £700k of that extra demand.

The following options are based on an average Band D property currently paying £75.61 each year for fire and rescue services. How much extra are you willing to pay for fire and rescue services in North Yorkshire and York?

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- No more than I pay now – a precept freeze**
This would be a significant cut to the Fire budget due to inflation and current levels of service delivery could not be maintained.
- Up to £2.26 a year more (19 pence per month), an increase of 2.99%**
This would raise around £700k, however is significantly below inflation and would likely lead to reductions in current levels of service delivery.
- Up to £5 a year more (42 pence per month), an increase of 6.6%**
This would raise around £1.5m, is broadly in line with the organisation's inflationary pressures and would lead to no reductions in planned levels of service delivery.
- Up to £7.50 a year more (63 pence per month), an increase of 9.9%**
This would raise around £2.3m, is likely to be higher than the organisation's inflationary pressures and would allow some additional investment into fire and rescue service delivery.

Which area of North Yorkshire or City of York do you live in? *

- Craven
- Hambleton
- Harrogate
- Richmondshire
- Ryedale
- Scarborough
- Selby
- York
- None of these

What gender do you identify as?

- Male
- Female
- Non-Binary
- Trans-gender
- Other
- Prefer not to say

What is your age?

- Under 18 years
- 18-35 years
- 36-45 years
- 46-55 years
- 56-65 years
- Over 65
- Prefer not to say

Which of these best reflects your total household income?

- Less than £10,000
- £10,001 - £15,000
- £15,001 - £20,000

- £20,001 - £30,000
- £30,001 - £40,000
- £40,001 - £50,000
- £50,001 - £75,000
- £75,001 - £100,000
- £100,001 - £125,000
- £125,001 - £150,000
- More than £150,000
- Prefer not to say

Do you work for...?

- North Yorkshire Police
- North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- None of the above

Finally, the Office of the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner publishes an e-newsletter with information about North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, North Yorkshire Police, services for victims and a range of other issues.

Would you like to receive such an email?

- Yes
- No

Please provide your contact details for the e-newsletter

Name:

Email Address:

Thank you for showing an interest in our survey.

Please return your questionnaire to:

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