

Support for Policing in Sussex - A final reminder

Would you pay more to support policing in Sussex?

This message is being sent by Sussex Neighbourhood Watch to all residents in Sussex. Please forward it to Neighbourhood Watch members, your relatives and friends.

This is a final reminder that you can now take part in the consultation for the 2018/19 Sussex Police Precept.

As part of the consultation process that develops the police budget, Katy Bourne, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, is currently asking residents if they would be prepared to pay more per household for Sussex Police through an increase in the precept. Your views and the needs of Sussex Police will be taken into consideration early in the New Year when the PCC makes a decision.

You can take part in the precept consultation here: www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/public-consultations/ until 5th January 2018.

Thousands of residents have already expressed their views, but the PCC is keen to hear from as many people as possible. Last year nearly 80% of respondents supported an increase. If you have not already done so, can you please spare a few moments to complete a very short survey?

Mrs Bourne has been lobbying the Government to deliver the best possible funding arrangements for policing and to lift the cap on the amount of funding that can be raised through the police precept element of Council Tax. This week the Home Secretary lifted the precept cap, and allocated additional money for counter-terrorism, national policing priorities and modernisation programmes.

Mrs Bourne explains: *"I know that residents support Sussex Police in preparing for threats like terrorism and cybercrime, but I'm also aware that issues closer to home, such as anti-social behaviour, are affecting local people."*

"In previous years, the Chief Constable has asked for my help to raise more funds to invest in specific areas of policing, including public protection, community investigation and armed response. Thanks to the money you've already contributed through your council tax, Sussex Police has been able to build its capacity and capabilities in these areas, and others, to deliver

a more effective and efficient service to the public. Now we need your help to sustain this service."

You can find a link to the online survey, as well as further information, at www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/public-consultations.

We know that some people are, understandably, hesitant to click on links sent by E-mail. If you feel uncomfortable about following this link you can also search online for the PCC's website, where you will find the link to the survey clearly displayed on the home page, and also there is a short video explaining why the increase is being proposed.

Do you support this proposal? Please give your views by taking part in this short survey by 5th January 2018. We would encourage you to forward this message to all your neighbours and friends in Sussex. www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/public-consultations/

For more information or to contact the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner please visit www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk.

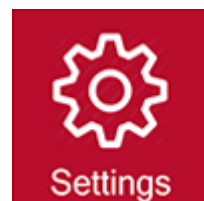
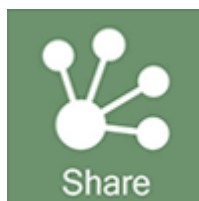
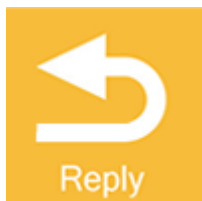
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The Sussex Neighbourhood Watch Federation would like to take this opportunity to thank all Neighbourhood Watch members and other residents for everything that they do to help keep Sussex safe. Season's greetings to you all, and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

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