

Cumbria Police Authority

**Cumbria Police Authority
15 February 2012
Agenda Item No 14(ii)**

Report by the Chief Executive

BUDGET CONSULTATION

Background

This report provides Members with the results of the budget consultation and precept setting for 2012/13. Consultation with local communities is an important part of policing in England and Wales. The requirement for Police Authorities to consult with their communities was first included in legislation under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act (1984) (Section 106). Cumbria Police Authority has a duty to consider its resident's views when setting the police budget. The consent of the public is paramount to the successful operation of the police service, within the resources available in maintaining an efficient and effective police service.

Recommendations

- That the committee considers the responses gathered through the consultation period to inform their decision making when setting the budget for 2012/13.

Detail

It is the responsibility of Cumbria Police Authority to set the policing budget for 2012-13 (including the policing part of the council tax). Cumbria Police Authority have an annual net budget of £101million funded by Government grants £65m and local Council Tax £36m.

Over the period 2011 – 2015 police forces in England and Wales face a significant spending challenge, with central government funding being cut by 20%.

This means that there will be some difficult decisions to be made and it is imperative that the Authority seeks the views and opinions of its local community to help make these decisions.

The Police Authority will need to decide if they wish to accept the ‘one off’ offer of a £1m grant, the equivalent of a 3% rise in Council Tax for 2012/13 or to increase the council precept.

To ensure that the setting of the 2012/13 budget reflects the views of Cumbrian communities the Police Authority has a legal obligation to consult.

The consultation period ran from week commencing 9th January to the 3rd February 2012. During this period the Police Authority utilised several methods of engaging with the public to find out their views on the budget proposals. The Authority hosted 7 public events during this period in different locations across the county. The events were held within town centers, supermarkets and shopping centers where there was a greater foot fall of people with the expectation that there would be a greater public audience to engage with. The events were advertised on the Authority’s website, through the social media sights and through the use of press releases. A comprehensive leaflet was produced ([Appendix 1](#)) outlining the Authority’s current position in terms of the budget and the options available to them. The leaflet was distributed out at the events and by members with a total of 2030 leaflets being distributed.

AREA - TOWN/CITY	VENUE	NO. OF LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED
Workington	Asda	230
Penrith	Sainsbury’s	120
Kendal	Morrison’s	300
Carlisle	The Lanes Shopping Centre	250
Keswick	Booths	280
Barrow	Tesco’s	370
Whitehaven	Tesco’s	280
Leaflets distributed by members excluding the events listed above.		200
TOTAL		2030

During the events there was an opportunity to discuss the proposals on a one-to-one basis this provided a platform to explain the complexities of the budget proposals and identify people’s views. Out of the 100 people who members discussed the proposals with during the events 80 people were in support of not accepting the government grant ([Appendix 2](#)).

ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT GRANT	INCREASE COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT	UNSURE
8	80	12

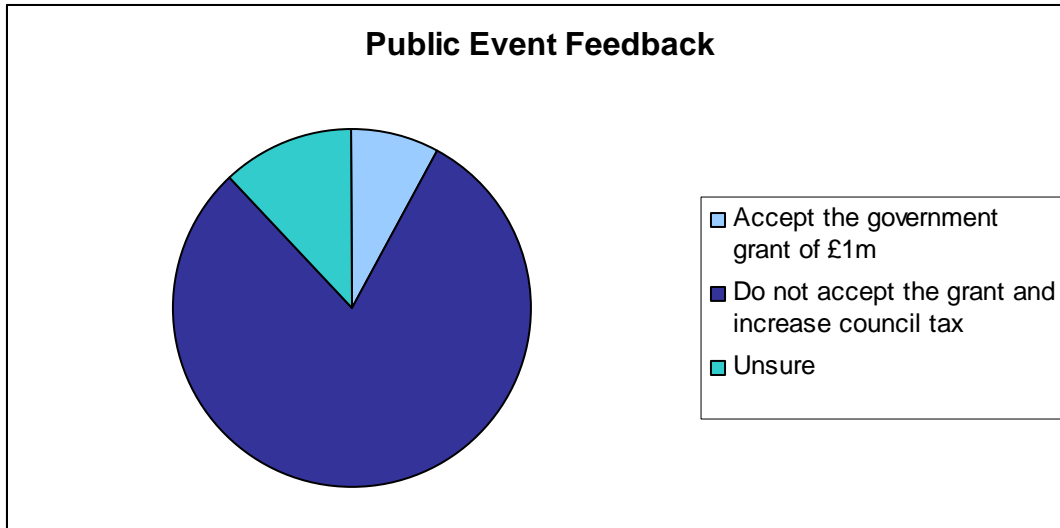


Table 1

The Authority also received feedback via email, copies of which have been attached for information ([Appendix 3](#)). A total of 8 emails were received of which 5 were in support of accepting the government grant, 2 were against accepting the grant and 1 was unclear.

ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT GRANT	INCREASE COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT	UNSURE
5	2	1

Facebook

We have sent messages through face book encouraging people to take part on the online budget survey, informing them of the events and requesting feedback on the budget proposals.

Audience level during the consultation period: 1385 Facebook friends

Twitter

We have tweeted messages through twitter encouraging people to take part on the online budget survey, informing them of the events and requesting feedback on the budget proposals.

Press Releases

Two press releases have been releases informing members of the public county wide that we are seeking their views on the budget proposals.

Online Budget Simulator

The simulator looks at six key areas of police activity and provides different levels of service that could be adopted for each area. The simulator provides the participant with a total of £100m virtual pounds which they are then asked to spend over the six areas. The results gathered from the simulator provide information on which areas of policing the general public are prepared to spend less money on.

Public awareness of the budget simulator was published through the Authority’s social networking sites, press releases and on the website. A message was also sent out via the Cumbria Community Messaging.

In total we received 65 completed submissions ([Appendix 4](#)) for the online budget simulator.

The table below shows which expenditure level most people allocated to each area of policing.

RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY CALLS	INVESTIGATING VOLUME CRIME	LOCAL OFFICER PATROLS	TRAFFIC POLICING	SPECIALIST POLICING	SERIOUS CRIME
£39m	£18m	£11m	£4m	£5m	£18
21 people out of 65 would spend this amount	36 people out of 65 would spend this amount	27 people out of 65 would spend this amount	22 people out of 65 would spend this amount	20 people out of 65 would be spend this amount	27 people out of 65 would spend this amount

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Chief Executive.

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Race and Diversity Implications: Obtaining public views about policing and those decisions about policing which the Authority is required to make from the community at large and diverse minority groups within the community is a legal requirement as well as sound practice.

Human Rights Implications: This report has no direct human rights implications.

Strategic Risks: The Authority has a statutory requirement to consult with its local residents see strategic risk number 1 & 2.
This report also links to strategic risk number 14 in which the Authority has full responsibility over the funding allocation of its £125m budget.

Financial Implications: Results from the consultation on budget setting priorities may influence financial decisions made.

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Cumbria Police Authority Budget Information



Every year Cumbria Police Authority sets the budget for policing services across the county. In total we spend around £100m every year, which mainly comes from government grants and council tax.

The Police Authority sets the annual budget in advance, and makes sure that the cost of providing police services sits within the income we expect to receive.

This year, we have to decide whether to take an extra grant from the Government in exchange for freezing the amount of council tax that each household in Cumbria pays.

On the face of it, this seems like a great idea, but the grant will only be paid to us for one year and the Police Authority would then need to try and regain that money in following years by raising council tax more than usual.

This would create problems, as there is a limit to how much council tax can be raised every year, so if we accept the grant now, we may not be able to recoup that money in future years, which would mean that policing services might have to be cut by up to an extra £1million in future years on top of the £18m we already have to save.

Police Authority members have a difficult choice to make, but they think that it is most important to make sure police services are protected. This would mean increasing Council Tax this year and not accepting the government grant.

What does this mean for you?

If we don't accept the government grant next year we will need to increase council tax in 2012/13 and we will need to decide how much the increase should be.

The amount of increase would depend on what band of council tax your property is in. Most people in Cumbria are in band B and this would mean an increase of between 9p and 12p per week. If your property is in band A, it will be less, and if your property is in a higher band it will be more. See our website for details www.cumbriapoliceauthority.org.uk

If we were to accept the government grant next year, the police authority element of the council tax will be frozen for a year, meaning your council tax will remain the same in 2012/13. However, council tax would then potentially need to increase by a larger amount in 2013/14.



Feedback

To have your say you can:

- speak to us in person at one of our events
- use our on-line budget survey, visit www.cumbriapoliceauthority.org.uk
- e-mail us at policeauthority@cumbria.police.uk
- write to us at Cumbria Police Authority, Carleton Hall, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 2AU
Please feedback your comments by 31st January 2012.

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Budget Public Feedback

Appendix 2

Feedback received from one on one conversation with the public during the events.

1) Penrith

Date: 11th January 2012 (am)

Event Location: Penrith (Sainsbury's)

Public Feedback

Accept the government grant	Increase council tax precept	Unsure	Male or Female	Comment
	✓		M	In favour of not accepting the £1m
	✓		M	In favour of not accepting the £1m
✓			F	Do not put council tax up
		✓	M	Took leaflet away for consideration.
		✓	F	Took leaflet away for consideration.
	✓		M	In favour of not accepting the £1m
	✓		F	In favour of not accepting the £1m
	✓		M	Do not accept grant under these circumstances
	✓		F	Do not accept grant under these circumstances
	✓		M	Do not accept £1m
	✓		F	Increase council tax – reluctantly
	✓		F	Increase council tax – reluctantly
	✓		M	Increase council tax
✓			F	Accept the grant on the basis that people on a low income are already stretched.
	✓		F	Use resources efficiently, if this is done no objections to raising council tax.
	✓		M	In favour of not accepting £1m after an explanation.
	✓		F	In favour of not accepting £1m after an explanation.
	✓		M	Take the council tax increase
	✓		F	Prefer to keep policing
	✓		M	In favour of not accepting £1m after an explanation.
	✓		F	In favour of not accepting £1m after an explanation.
✓			M	Do not increase council tax, just stop wasting money.
3	17	2		

Budget Public Feedback

2) Kendal

Date: 11th January 2012 (pm)

Event Location: Kendal (Morrison's)

Public Feedback

Accept the government grant	Increase council tax precept	Unsure	Male or Female	Comment
✓			M	Take the grant; police should be doing more to cut costs.
	✓		Not recorded	
	✓		Not recorded	
	✓		Not recorded	
	✓		Not recorded	
	✓		Not recorded	
		✓	Not recorded	
		✓	Not recorded	
✓			Not recorded	
2	5	2		

3) Whitehaven

Date: 16th January 2012 (am)

Event Location: Whitehaven (Tesco's)

Public Feedback

Accept the government grant	Increase council tax precept	Unsure	Male or Female	Comment
	✓		M	Do not accept grant
	✓		M	Happy to increase council tax, to maintain policing.
		✓	F	Took a leaflet away to read
0	2	1		

4) Keswick

Date: 16th January 2012 (pm)

Event Location: Keswick (Booths)

Public Feedback

Budget Public Feedback

Accept the government grant	Increase council tax precept	Unsure	Male or Female	Comment
	✓		F	Reject £1m
	✓		F	Reject £1m
	✓		F	Agrees to council tax increase following discussion.
	✓		F	Do not take £1m
	✓		F	Do not take £1m
		✓	F	Go with whatever
	✓		M	Agrees to council tax increase following discussion.
	✓		F	Agrees to council tax increase following discussion.
	✓		M	Do not mind paying extra to save policing
	✓		M	Reject £1m
	✓		F	Reject £1m
	✓		F	Reject £1m
	✓		F	Agree do not take the grant
	✓		F	Happy to increase council tax
	✓		F	Reject £1m and put council tax up
	✓		F	Not in favour of taking the £1m
	✓		F	Agree with Police Authority View
	✓		M	Agree with Police Authority View
	✓		M	Agree with Police Authority View
	✓		M	Agree to put up council tax
	✓		F	Agreed not to take the £1m
✓			F	Would take the grant
	✓		M	Agreed with the proposal not to take the grant
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
		✓	M	Uncertain
✓			M	Do not put council tax up
		✓	F	Undecided took leaflet
		✓	M	Undecided took leaflet
	✓		F	Accept the increase
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Agrees with Authority decision
	✓		F	Agrees with Authority decision
	✓		F	Agrees with Authority decision
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m

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	✓		M	Reject the £1m
✓			M	Take the money, anything can happen
		✓	F	Undecided took leaflet
		✓	M	Undecided took leaflet
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		F	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
	✓		M	Reject the £1m
3	48	6		

5) Barrow

Date: 18^h January 2012 (pm)

Event Location: Barrow (Tesco's)

Public Feedback

Accept the government grant	Increase council tax precept	Unsure	Male or Female	Comment
	✓		M	Reject £1m grant
	✓		M	Reject £1m grant
	✓		F	Reject £1m grant
	✓		M	Do not accept the grant
	✓		M	Keep officer numbers up, increase council tax
0	5	0		

6) Carlisle

Date: 12^h January 2012 (am)

Event Location: Carlisle (The Lanes)

Public Feedback

Accept the government grant	Increase council tax precept	Unsure	Male or Female	Comment
	✓		F	Reject £1m grant
		✓	M	Undecided took leaflet
	✓		F	Do not accept the grant
	✓		M	Do not accept the grant
0	3	1		

Public Feedback – Results

Accept the government grant	Increase council tax precept	Unsure
8	80	12

Appendix 3

Email Feedback – Results following the public events

Accept the government grant	Increase council tax precept	Unsure
5	2	1

* During the seven public events held over the county we distributed 2030 leaflets in total. We have received eight emails to date offering feedback which is detailed below for member's information.

Email Responses

1. Email Received 12.01.2012

Dear Sirs,

I refer to your handout headed Budget Information which was distributed at Morrison's in Kendal and on which you invited comment. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

The handout seems to miss the point that the country and its population have been living beyond our means for several years, particularly regarding the public sector. We cannot afford the level of service we have assumed before. The public sector has to accept the pressure to reduce costs just as private industry has to do to compete for its very existence. So my view is that Cumbria Police Authority should accept the central Government grant as a means of helping it through the transition to a lower cost base but then operate at a lower cost base thereafter. It would seem obvious that this is what lies behind the concept of the grant.

Any competent business manager in industry, having taken out £18m from a run rate of £100m would easily take out another couple of percent the following year. Please remember that the responsibilities of any manager of any service always include 3 key elements, namely to deliver the service for which they are responsible, to do so within budget and to use their ingenuity to produce a better ratio between the two in the future. It is time that this type of performance was demanded of the public sector service managers.

I have been retired for several years and have seen my income reduce as a result of lower interest rates. I also doubt if many people in Cumbria have seen their incomes rise much. So our services have to be adjusted and managed within what we can afford whether that money is collected via central or local taxation.

I have never had any dealings with the Police and respect their role. That role has to be carried out within the budget we can afford.

2. Email received 17.01.2012

I was given a handout in Carlisle stating that if the Police Authority accepted a government grant Council Tax would be frozen but the police would have to save 1% of the budget in future years.

I could easily save 1% of my domestic budget each year. Why can't the police do that and freeze Council Tax?

3. Email received 17.01.2012

With reference to your leaflet, in our view the Police Authority should accept the Government Grant towards Council Tax for the year 2012/13 and thereby hold the tax level down until 2013/14, by which time the financial situation should improve.

4. Email received 17.01.2012

Dear Sir,

I write as an ex Cumbria Police Officer. I resigned after 7 years to set up my own business.

There are several ways that the force could save money without it having a bad affect on front line policing - in fact probably the opposite effect.

1. PACE made it mandatory that arrested felons be taken to designate "custody suites" with an officer permanently in charge of them. Whilst this probably works well in cities it is nonsense in rural area where the result of an arrest in Keswick is two officers out of action for at least an hour and a half transporting the person arrested to Workington and then returning. The Police Authority should have the guts to challenge this daft legislation and use the "except in emergency" clause in the act to say we are a large rural area and can't cope with this. Then stations such as Keswick should be retained and the cells put back into use. Let the government then challenge you on why you are not doing as they decreed - you will have the public on your side.

2. Paperwork. There was a mountain of bewildering and unnecessary paperwork when I was a PC (21 years ago). Ask anyone how to fill in a basic crime file and you would always get a different reply. Conversations with current working officers make me think little has changed. It needs a complete overhaul to make sure that the absolute minimum of paperwork is done and that information on victims and defendants is only entered once per file. With the availability of computers, tape recorders and video cameras I see no need as to why anyone should ever need to write out a witness statement unless a case goes to court. This would have the benefit that you could actually see

the subject's demeanour under interview. It needs to be made as easy as possible for officers to do their job.

3. Non Jobs. There will be plenty of non jobs in the Police. There are in every aspect of public service. Unnecessary layers of middle management, diversity officers, statistics compilers etc. Get rid of the lot. Putt your efforts into on the streets policing and effective supervision of it and the results will speak for themselves in a way that all the statistics in the world never will. Effective supervision was something that was there when I joined but diminishing seven years later.

4. Deal with crimes of the modern age. This needs a national approach. If I get an internet order that is a clear fraud with a customer in London using stolen credit card details from Scotland to attempt to obtain goods dishonestly, no-one seems to know who is in charge of it, how the Scotsman gets alerted to the fact his card details have been cloned or whether it is even a crime (which of course it is). It is even worse if the customer is in Indonesia and has cloned card details from someone in the USA. Millions of pounds worth of such fraud attempts must be made every year yet police forces almost always don't want to know about them. This won't cut your costs but it will improve your relations with the public you serve.

Best Regards,

5. Email received 27.01.2012

Dear Sir,

Having just read today of the Government bail out, courtesy of the taxpayer, of Cumbria's hospital debt's to the tune of £19m, I think it is disgusting that NHS trust mismanagement should be allowed off the hook in this way, while the Constabulary is working so hard to save a similar sum.

Speaking as a Taxpayer and a Council Tax payer I don't think there is any doubt what the correct course of action would be for the Police Authority. Please do not accept the poisoned chalice of the extra Government Grant for the next financial year. Please do increase the Council Tax, - as the way the increase is shared by everyone means it will not be that painful for individuals. Rest assured whatever you do will be wrong = no doubt if you accept the grant you will be accused of taking the money and running, leaving the Commissioner to pick up the tab the following year! Please do what you know is the right thing for the county in the long run.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

6. Email received 29.01.2012

Regarding your budget consultation.

You will be as aware as is anyone, that individuals are now collectively suffering severely from the effects of steeply rising living costs etc etc indeed, to further compromise this fact there are very many, myself absolutely included, that have had no rise in pay now for a fourth consecutive year. It is difficult enough just now.

Of course the general public have "no choice" but to work within their own steeply dwindling budget, buffeted as they are by what is described above, and of course they have no choice but to manage as best they can, and as not unnaturally, they fully expect public bodies to do now, but particularly as they are seen to have so far ignored many individual requests to "lay off for a while (at least)", from the ever increasing cost of Council tax, coupled as it is with dwindling service levels. Indeed if you are genuine enough to ask as to what is generally thought as to this you will be straightforwardly told "why should we send ever more good money after bad", and which is of course in general service levels from public bodies provided," a fact".

It neither helps when one opens the daily rag as I did just yesterday, to see the announcement of another Police retiree "aged 50", and when of course the majority, including myself, have no option but to continue to work till age 68, but then live in poverty because like many and entirely because of the huge levels of Council tax "I cannot afford a pension for my own old age", but am paying into that for others who retire years before at least I can. This issue alone is an entire discrimination.

I guess by now you have gained my drift. You have the option of receiving monies from the Gov to facilitate a 2.5% increase. If you refuse this you firstly betray and outrage the general person for the reasons outlined above, but also that in effect "they will have already paid for an increase you have denied, only to charge them over again". This is totally unacceptable.

I suggest therefore you stick your finger in the air and test the wind direction, and as is absolutely the case in Barrow in Furness at the moment (where Barrow council have announced a 3.5% increase and are ignoring offered Gov monies) their is hell on from a hugely frustrated and yet again disadvantaged body of the population. (in fact there are open calls for protest and non payment).

Lastly, years ago I was in attendance at a Police Authority budget meeting and whereby a senior Conservative Cllr (could have been Ray Gusseli) stood up and stated to yourselves that ongoing serious increases were and are "totally unsustainable", you have since totally ignored this fact that has seen serious consequences for not least, the financially vulnerable.

Council tax increases reached their level of general acceptance years ago, I strongly advise you not to inflame the issue any further.

7. Email received 30.01.2012

My opinion, do not go for the government grant, this only puts delays what eventually has to be recouped.

8. Email received 02.02.2012

Over the last decade we have seen an increase in police precepts substantially greater than inflation. The police precept is now greater than the entire amount I pay to my local district council.

It is essential that all public organisations learn to cut the cloth accordingly. I appreciate the struggle that a time limited match budget from the government offers, but it still represents an increase of government expenditure into Cumbria.

I recommend that the Police Authority accept the government's offer.

Appendix 4: Results from the online Budget Simulator

ID	Responding to Emergency Calls	Investigating Volume Crime	Local Officer Patrols	Traffic Policing	Specialist Policing	Serious Crime	Gender	Age Group	Area	Where did you hear about it	Community Messaging member
1	35	18	23	8	4	14	Male	No value entered	Eden	By visiting the Force website	Yes
2	43	22	11	0	5	18	Female	19-24	Carlisle	By visiting the Police Authority website	No
3	39	18	19	2	4	18	Female	35-44	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
4	35	18	11	6	5	18	Male	25-34	Rather not say	By visiting the Force website	No
5	39	18	15	6	4	18	Male	35-44	Carlisle	By visiting the Force website	No
6	39	18	11	6	6	18	Male	25-34	Rather not say	By visiting the Force website	No
7	35	18	19	4	5	18	Male	25-34	Carlisle	Other	No value entered
8	39	18	11	8	6	18	Male	35-44	Allerdale	By visiting the Force website	No
9	31	10	19	6	6	18	Male	19-24	Eden	By visiting the Force website	No
10	39	18	15	6	5	14	Male	Under 18	Rather not say	By visiting the Force	No

website

11	39	14	23	8	3	10	Male	55-64	Eden	By visiting the Force website	No
12	31	18	19	4	5	18	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered
13	31	18	23	4	4	18	Male	Under 18	Allerdale	By visiting the Force website	No
14	31	0	11	2	4	18	Male	25-34	Carlisle	By visiting the Force website	No
15	31	10	15	2	3	10	Male	35-44	Barrow	By visiting the Force website	Yes
16	43	18	11	6	3	14	Male	35-44	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
17	35	18	15	6	4	22	Male	55-64	South Lakeland	Other	No
18	43	22	11	4	5	14	Male	55-64	Copeland	By visiting the Force website	No
19	35	14	23	4	4	18	Male	25-34	Eden	By visiting the Force website	Yes
20	35	18	15	4	5	22	Male	35-44	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
21	35	10	15	2	0	14	Male	35-44	Copeland	By visiting the Force website	No
22	35	18	15	2	5	18	Male	35-44	Copeland	By visiting the Force website	No

23	43	18	23	2	4	10	Female	25-34	Carlisle	By visiting the Force website	No
24	43	14	23	2	4	14	Male	25-34	Copeland	By visiting the Force website	No
25	39	18	11	4	6	14	Male	55-64	Copeland	Other	No
26	35	18	19	6	4	18	Female	35-44	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
27	35	18	19	6	5	14	Male	45-54	Allerdale	By visiting the Police Authority website	No
28	43	14	23	2	5	10	Male	45-54	Eden	By visiting the Police Authority website	No
29	39	18	11	6	5	18	Female	35-44	Eden	By visiting the Police Authority website	No
30	39	14	15	4	5	18	Male	Under 18	Rather not say	By visiting the Force website	No
31	35	18	11	2	3	18	Female	25-34	Copeland	By visiting the Force website	No
32	31	0	0	0	0	0	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered
33	39	18	23	6	4	10	Male	25-34	Carlisle	By visiting the Force website	No
34	31	22	15	2	4	10	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered
35	31	22	15	2	4	10	No value	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered

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36	43	18	19	4	4	10	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered
37	31	10	19	2	3	18	Male	35-44	Carlisle	Through the local media	No
38	0	0	0	0	0	0	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered	No value entered
39	39	18	11	4	6	18	Male	55-64	Rather not say	By visiting the Force website	No
40	43	22	11	4	6	14	Male	55-64	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
41	35	18	11	6	5	10	Female	35-44	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
42	35	14	15	6	6	22	Male	35-44	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
43	31	18	11	8	6	22	Male	19-24	Carlisle	By visiting the Force website	No
44	35	10	11	2	3	10	Female	19-24	I work or study in Cumbria, but don't live there	By visiting the Force website	No
45	31	18	23	4	5	18	Female	35-44	Eden	By visiting the Police Authority website	Yes

46	39	18	15	4	3	18	Female	35-44	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
47	39	14	19	4	6	18	Female	25-34	South Lakeland	Other	Yes
48	39	22	11	8	5	14	Male	45-54	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No
49	39	22	11	8	6	14	Male	35-44	Barrow	By visiting the Police Authority website	No
50	35	14	11	4	3	18	Male	55-64	South Lakeland	Through the local media	No
51	35	18	19	6	4	18	Male	55-64	South Lakeland	By visiting the Police Authority website	No
52	35	14	11	6	5	10	Male	No value entered	Allerdale	Other	No value entered
53	35	18	15	4	5	22	Male	65-74	Barrow	Other	No
54	43	18	11	4	6	18	Male	25-34	Barrow	Through the local media	No
55	39	14	11	6	6	22	Female	25-34	Barrow	By visiting the Force website	No
56	39	14	11	6	6	22	Female	25-34	Barrow	By visiting the Force website	No
57	39	18	11	4	6	22	Male	25-34	Barrow	Other	No value entered
58	43	18	15	2	6	14	Male	35-44	Barrow	By visiting the Force website	No
59	39	14	11	4	5	10	Male	35-44	South Lakeland	Through the local media	No

60	35	18	19	6	5	14	Female	35-44	Carlisle	By visiting the Force website	No
61	43	14	15	6	6	14	Female	25-34	Carlisle	Through the local media	No
62	39	18	11	6	6	18	Female	45-54	Barrow	Through the local media	Don't know
63	43	14	11	4	6	22	Male	25-34	Barrow	By visiting the Force website	No
64	31	18	11	4	3	22	Female	25-34	Copeland	By visiting the Police Authority website	No
65	39	18	15	4	5	18	Male	55-64	South Lakeland	By visiting the Force website	No

Results

Note: The left hand column shows the amount of expenditure that could be spent for each area of policing activity in £millions.

The right hand column indicates the number of people.

For example: From Table A we can see 21 people out of the 65 who completed the survey spent the option of £39million on Responding to Emergency Calls.

TABLE A

Count of ID	
Responding to Emergency Calls	Total
0	1
31	12
35	19
39	21
43	12
Grand Total	65

TABLE B

Count of ID	
Investigating Volume Crime	Total
0	3
10	5
14	14
18	36
22	7
Grand Total	65

TABLE C

Count of ID		
Local Officer Patrols		Total
	0	2
	11	27
	15	16
	19	11
	23	9
Grand Total		65

TABLE D

Count of ID		
Traffic Policing		Total
	0	3
	2	14
	4	22
	6	20
	8	6
Grand Total		65

TABLE E

Count of ID		
Specialist Policing		Total
	0	3
	3	9
	4	15
	5	20
	6	18
Grand Total		65

TABLE F

Count of ID		
Serious Crime		Total
	0	2
	10	12
	14	14
	18	27
	22	10
Grand Total		65

Comments Received via the online budget survey

- 1)** This page is an excellent idea. Give people a real feel to the tough decisions that are faced by those at the top having to make these drastic cuts.
- 2)** I am a police officer from a neighbouring force and that is a real eye opener into the real life decisions that are affecting my everyday working life, and has really opened my eyes!!
- 3)** We must respond to calls for service promptly, it is acceptable to have a delayed response for minor incidents.
- 4)** The challenge presented to Chief Constable Craig Mackey, Cumbria Constabulary and Cumbria Police Authority is difficult but necessary. The Governments pronounced budget cuts currently stand to jeopardise the standards of policing on a national level. I hope that the communities of Cumbria feel that Cumbria Constabulary will maintain its safer and stronger policing approach. I personally feel that whatever decision is made regarding the financial budget, it will only be in the interests of the communities of Cumbria.
- 5)** Road policing needs to be given a high priority. road accident collisions cause untold misery. at present Cumbria seems to have fewer and fewer road policing patrols. admin functions including public relations and occ. health issues - very one has a gp) needs to be kept to a minimum and the money spent on visible operational policing.
- 6)** Regarding the non-attendance or less prioritised areas i would still want to be sure that the crimes were logged and that I could discuss the issues on the telephone so that a series of 'minor' incidents could be responded to if it then amounted to a more serious crime(s)
- 7)** Consideration should be given to pooled budgets with partners to address common issues
- 8)** Traffic offences should be dealt with by Highways Agency staff, not police, except for cases of exceptional gravity. There should also be a category for personnel, marketing and management expenses as significant savings could, undoubtedly, be made in all of these areas, too.

- 9)** Local officers and PCSOs deal with the majority of jobs which are most important to communities
- 10)** Policing is very expensive, so it is important that it focuses on where the need is greatest.
- 11)** Local officer's in your community and police visibility, are a must to solving crime and disorder in your neighbourhood.
- 12)** all choices reflect on front line resources, presumably savings could be made by reducing the number of senior officers. Do you really need 4 ACPO? You also seem to have a lot of HQ 'directors' and 'heads' In essence, reduce the number of 'chiefs'..... save the Indians !!
- 13)** See, that was easy and it only took 5 minutes, no consultants (or their fees), no probs and 2 million left over as a contingency.
- 14)** don't envy you this job? hard to do without more detail, but good tool to make people think about funding priorities
- 15)** Cumbria Police is massively over staffed and i sometimes wonder if it is piloting the “Police State” There is no money out here and you are failing to understand and accept that Police and Public sector budgets have increased beyond affordability. Get to terms with the sickness Culture and reduce it to less than 4% before you ask for more money.
- 16)** At a time when living standards are falling and many people are having to make cuts in their life style it's fundamentally wrong to ask for more money. Take the Government grant. You have managers and a year to figure out how to find the extra savings. Like many other public sector organisations the Police need to stop spending money the public simply don't have. I also think the survey is likely to frighten vulnerable people and appears perhaps loaded. It's not about what we want it's about what we can afford. Not wanting to be glib but that's why I don't drive a Bentley. I guess it's not the answer you were looking for but its honest feedback from a critical friend. Thank you for asking.

17) Given a fixed size of police force and sharing between forces of specialist forces and prioritising of available resources which already take place I find it difficult to see how your above choices incur extra budget costs if you negate prioritising. Other than covering additional overtime costs or fuel costs for additional road mobility I fail to comprehend how additional budgets are required for a fixed salary/building outlay given a fixed manning level. In other words if I employ a policeman for £x per week it's going to cost me £x per week whether he's patrolling the streets/roads investigating a crime arresting criminals or whatever. He/she have to respond to incidents even those that may seem minor as whilst a lot of the public do call upon the police needlessly there are those which seem minor that turn out to be serious. This doesn't cost anymore but takes my policeman away from the more serious. Efficiency utilising of modern technology to do recording of incidents is part of the answer and more comprehensive training of officers to cover specialist requirements or a sharing between forces of specialist requirements e.g. armed response officers. It is a difficult time for all of us with food petrol and heating costs all rising and many of us have fixed incomes on a pension. We still expect the same services from our NHS the local Council and Police Fire and Ambulance services but in reality we have either got to improve the way we do things or accept reduced services.

18) WHAT WOULD BE A GREAT SAVING IS FOR THE POLICE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE JOB OF STOPPING AND DETECTING CRIME INSTEAD OF HAVING TO PUT RESOURCES AND TIME INTO INCIDENTS THAT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH BY A SOCIAL SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, AMBULANCE SERVICES THEY OFTEN WILL NOT DEAL WITH THEM SO THE POLICE HAVE TO LOOK AFTER THEM AS A DUTY OF CARE WHICH THE OTHER SERVICES SHOULD ALSO HAVE. IF THE POLICE HAVE TO CARRY OUT ANY SERVICE THAT THESE OTHER DEPARTMENTS SHOULD DEAL WITH THEY SHOULD RAISE A BILL AGAINST THEM. (A GOOD THOUGHT BUT IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN)

