



2026-2027 policing precept consultation

Aim of the survey

To understand what the residents and business rate payers in Cheshire would be willing to pay for policing in 2026 – 2027.

About the survey

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a statutory responsibility to consult on the policing precept which helps to inform the setting of Cheshire Police's budget.

The online survey was launched on Friday 9th January 2026 and ran until 12noon on Friday 23rd January 2026.

Paper copies of the surveys enabled members of the public on commuter trains between Knutsford and Ashley and bus routes in Warrington enabled face-to-face consultation to take place.

Since the launch of the online survey on the 9th January, it was highly promoted across social media channels, local newspapers and through stakeholders, including local authorities, Cheshire Constabulary, Parish and Town Council.

The survey received 6,169 responses.

Cheshire population

Cheshire has an approximate population of 1,139,884. Approximate populations¹ by local authority area are:

- Cheshire East – 421,300
- Cheshire West and Chester – 371,652
- Warrington – 215,391
- Halton – 131,543

The number of survey responses received during this consultation gives the OPCC a confidence level of 99% with a 4% margin of error.

¹ Taken from the local authority websites

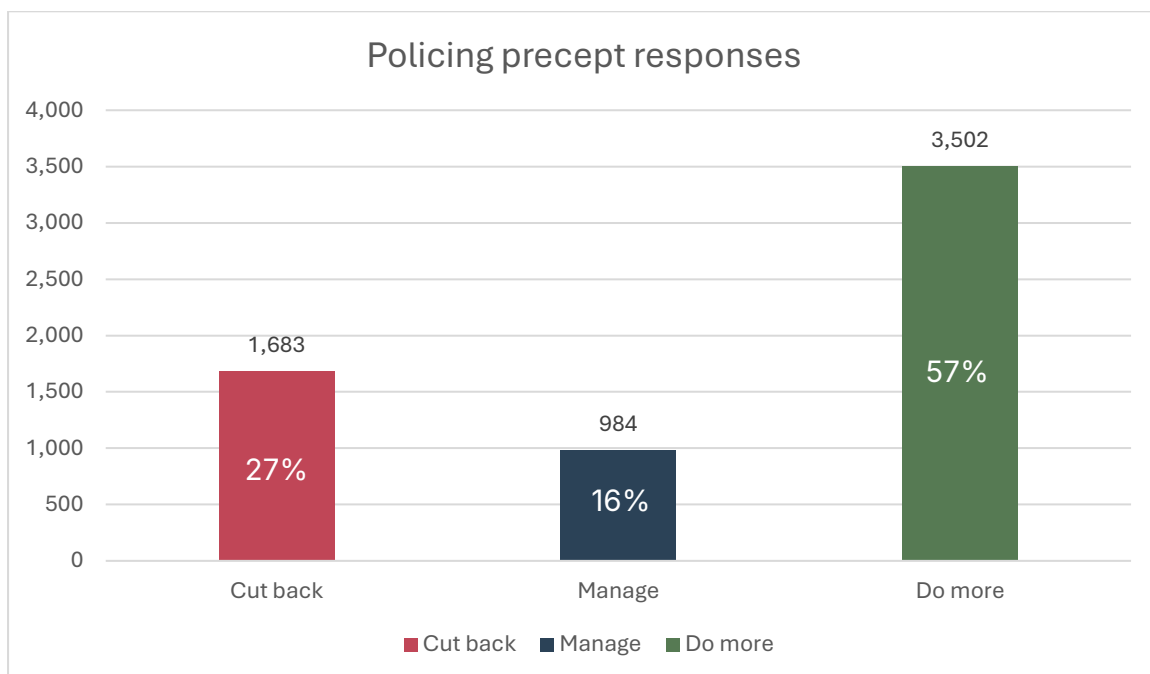


Survey question analysis

Q1. Which of these options for next year's Cheshire Police budget would you support?

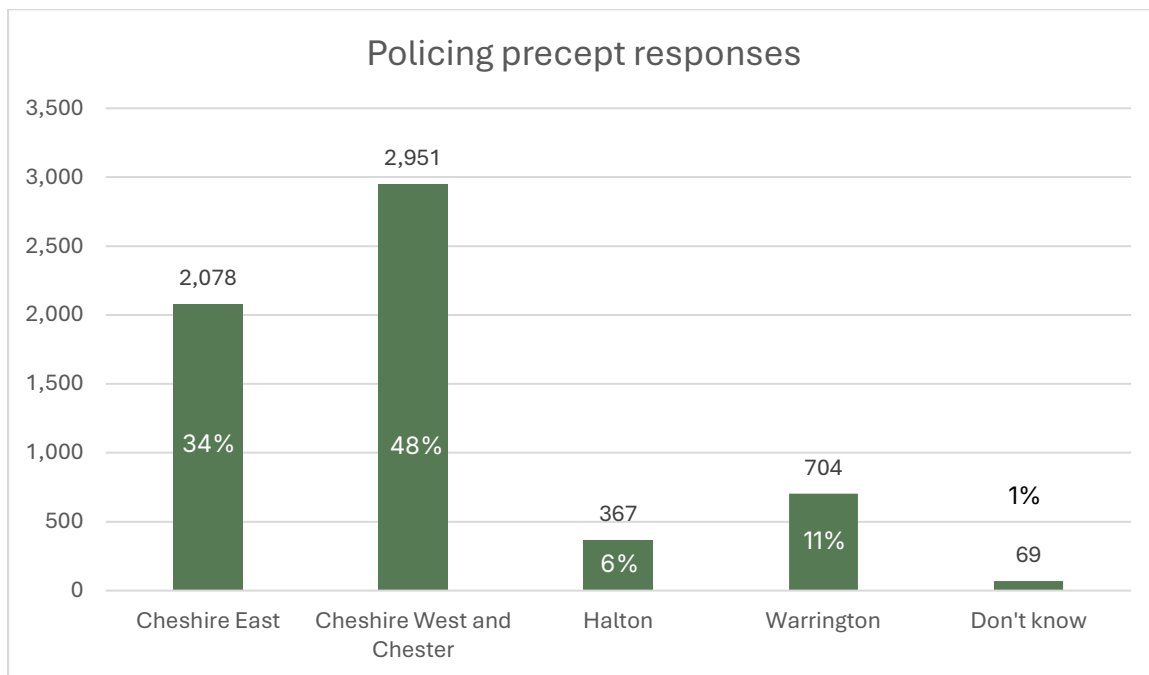
- Cut back – pay no more for policing in 2026-27
- Manage – pay £0.97 more each month for policing in 2026-27*
- Do more – pay £2.14 more each month for policing in 2026-27*

*based on a Band B property





Q2. Which local authority area are you from?





Q3. Please provide the first half of your postcode

Please note that not everyone left a postcode.

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