





Questions

Question (anonymised)	Answer
Is it possible to have an electronic copy of the electoral register?	Yes, there is a tick box on the form in the candidate's pack to say whether you would like an electronic or paper copy of the electoral register.
Burglary – are there different detection rates across the geographical spread, as has been seen in the past?	There is still a variation. It is very competitive across the different areas (Cumberland and WAF) and the figures fluctuate. Dedicated teams leave no stone unturned.
There is a £16m savings requirement for Cumbria Constabulary over the next 5 years. The budgeted figures have assumed there will be a formula grant increase, if this is revised down the savings requirement may be more than £16m. Is this correct?	Projections and guidance all indicate a funding settlement increase of 1% and that is the figure we have used. There is a funding formula review pending and Cumbria may loose out. There will be a need for additional funding and lobbying from the Commissioner to make the case for Cumbria. The last funding formula review in 2015 was put on hold. Cumbria is a net gainer at the moment. Any review of the funding formula would be subject to a significant level of consultation (could be up to 2 years) and no decision has been taken yet. The geography of Cumbria (rurality / sparsity / topography) all form part of the challenge that Cumbria faces. The population influx into Cumbria in the summer is key and should form part of any opportunity to influence in the future.
What progress has been made in finding the £16m savings?	The total savings requirement as it stands at the moment is £16m over the next 5 years. There has been £2m found so far. There is a considerable amount of work going on in the background to identify savings. It is important to note that there is a balanced budget for 2024/25 – the savings requirement comes in the year after that.

