

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

DATE	4 th February 2021
REPORT OF	Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
SUBJECT	Precept Proposal
STATUS	Open

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the Police and Crime Panel with a summary of the precept consultation and the Commissioner's proposed precept rise of £14.99 on a Band D property.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Police and Crime Panel note the details of the Medium Term Resource Strategy attached as Appendix 1 and approve the Commissioner's precept proposal of £14.99 on a Band D property.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner has a duty to consult the public in regard to the intention to increase the policing precept. The proposed rate should then be considered by the Police and Crime Panel.

4. PROPOSED PRECEPT

- 4.1 The Commissioner issued a Funding Survey and Council Tax Police Precept consultation which asked for views on increasing the Council Tax Precept by £15 on a Band property in line with the Government's recommended amount. The Survey ran from 23 December to 22 January.

Due to the reach of social media and other platforms we attracted a total of 1,691 responses, our highest engagement to date.

Agree with the Commissioner's proposal - 1,173 (69.4%)

Disagree with the Commissioner's proposal - 518 (30.6%)

In line with recommendations from the panel last year we included more data collection to enable us to see we were engaging with a representative sample of the community. A copy of the full analysis is included as appendix 1 to this paper. This will also be made available on our website for full public access.

In addition we have conducted some further analysis to heat map where we had respondents by first four digits of their postcode. This demonstrated the following reach across the Humber area;

4.2 The Medium Term Resource Strategy (MTRS) for 2021/22 to 2025/26 attached includes the Commissioner's income and expenditure plans for the next five years.

The MTRS has been updated to take account of budget pressures, savings proposals and the recent provisional Police Finance Settlement that was issued on 18 December 2020. The capital programme and the projections for the Commissioner's reserves are also included.

The MTRS sets out a sustainable financial position over the medium-term and includes the following key elements:-

- An underspend for the current financial year (2020/21) of £0.155M;
- Financing included in the MTRS for a capital programme of circa £50.1M over the period 2021/22 to 2025/26;
- Impact of the 2021/22 Police Finance Settlement including funding for 95 additional officers as part of year 2 of the national Operation Uplift;
- Savings requirement over the period 2021/22 to 2025/26 of circa £8.8M;
- Total Reserves of £8.1M by 1/4/26;
- The MTRS includes a council tax precept increase of £14.99 a year on a Band D property for 2021/22.

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