

## HUMBERSIDE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

<b>DATE</b>	3rd February 2022
<b>REPORT OF</b>	Chief Finance Officer, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC)
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Precept Proposal
<b>STATUS</b>	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 £9.99 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 £9.99 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 either freezing the Council Tax Precept or increasing it by £4.99, £9.99 or £14.99 on a Band D property. The Survey ran from 21 December 2021 to 24 January 2022.

Due to the reach of social media and other platforms we attracted a total of 1,209 responses across the options as set out in the table below:-

<b>Option</b>	<b>Number of responses</b>	<b>% of overall</b>
No change	247	20.5
£4.99	76	6.3
£9.99	337	27.9
£14.99	547	45.3

The results show strong support of 73.2% for an increase of £9.99 or above on a band D property. The referendum threshold set by Government for 2022/23 is any increase above £10 on a Band D property. The key headlines from the consultation are as follows:-

Survey Report online link –

[https://reporting.alchemer.com/r/260480\\_61c453c14e31b0.90773665](https://reporting.alchemer.com/r/260480_61c453c14e31b0.90773665)

- Total of 1,209 respondents
- 80% of respondents in favour of an increase in precept (45% in favour of £14.99; 28% in favour of £9.99; 6% in favour of £4.99)
- People responded from every Humberside postcode area
- Of the 80% of respondents in favour of a precept increase; Neighbourhood Policing, 999 Response Patrol and Serious & Organised Crime were the top three areas of policing teams the public felt were most important to them
- Of the 20% of respondents not in favour of a precept increase; Roads Policing, Armed Response and Neighbourhood Policing were the top three areas the public felt of least importance
- 80% of respondents were aged over 45, of these, 40% were over 65 years.
- The 18-24 years bracket had the least engagement; 0.9% of the sample
- 11% of the sample were non-White British or preferred not to say
- 20% of the sample considered themselves to have a disability

Top 12 Postcode response areas:

HU5 (West Hull) – 70  
DN17 (Scunthorpe West) – 64  
HU17 (Beverley) – 54  
DN15 (Scunthorpe North/Winterton) – 54  
DN16 (Scunthorpe South) – 51  
YO25 (East Yorkshire Rural) – 49  
HU7 (North East Hull/Bransholme) – 49  
HU12 (Hedon/Holderness) – 46  
DN35 (Cleethorpes) – 46  
DN14 (Goole) – 45  
HU6 (North Hull/Orchard Park) – 40  
HU8 (East Hull) - 38

Many additional comments were also provided which will be used to inform our programme of assurance of the force.

- 4.2 The Medium Term Resource Strategy (MTRS) for 2022/23 to 2026/27 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 16 December 2021. 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 (2021/22) of £0.06M;
- Financing included in the MTRS for a capital programme of circa £48.01M over the period 2022/23 to 2026/27;
- Impact of the 2022/23 Police Finance Settlement including funding for 129 additional officers as part of year 3 of the national Operation Uplift;
- Savings requirement over the period 2022/23 to 2026/27 of circa £7.5M;
- Total Reserves of £13.2M by 1/4/27;
- The MTRS includes a council tax precept increase of £9.99 a year on a Band D property for 2022/23.

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