

ORIGINATOR: PCC CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

DECISION NO. 12-2013

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: PRECEPT LEVEL AND COUNCIL TAX
REQUIREMENT 2013-14

SUMMARY:

1. This paper provides for a decision to be made upon the precept level and council tax requirement for 2013-14, following consideration of the PCC's proposal by the Police and Crime Panel on 8 February 2013 and update of three financial assumptions.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. The PCC issues this Decision Report in response to the PCP's report on the proposed precept.
2. The PCC notes the revised Net Budget Requirement and Council Tax Requirement and issues the revised 2013-14 precept summarised in Appendix I- Option 1.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendations set out above are agreed.

Signature

Tim Pannone

Date 18/02/2013

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. On 17 January 2013 the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) agreed that;

- “(i) the Police and Crime Panel are notified of the PCC’s proposal to take the Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2013-14, which will result in council tax in 2013-14 remaining at the 2012-13 level;
- (ii) Decision No. 5–2013 be submitted to the Police and Crime Panel for consideration at its meeting on 25 January 2013”.

1.2 Decision No. 5-2013 made by the PCC explained the steps that have been taken in determining his proposed precept level and council tax requirement for 2013-14.

2. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

2.1 In reviewing the proposed precept, the Police and Crime Panel considered the PCC’s response to a number of questions from the Panel, before voting on the proposal of the PCC to take the Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2013-14. The vote was carried by a majority.

2.2 A copy of the Panel’s written report is attached to this paper.

2.3 Having considered the Panel’s report, the PCC has agreed to;

- keep the Panel informed of progress;
- keep the Panel informed of any significant changes to the policing of Suffolk, and;
- provide details of how the proposed savings are being delivered.

3. UPDATED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The financial implications of the recommendations set out in Decision No. 5-2013 were based on assumptions in respect of the council tax support grant, collection fund surplus and tax base.

3.2 Actual values have subsequently been received and incorporated into revised financial plans, with the impact of these changes resulting in;

- an increase in the Net Budget Requirement (Appendix I line 10) to £113,377.5k and an appropriation to reserves of £193.2k, and;
- an increase in the Council Tax Requirement (Appendix I line 18) of £67.3k to £38,212.8k.

3.3 Appendix A (i) includes the financial impact of these changes to the Medium Term Financial Plan 2013-14 to 2016-17.


4. RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION

4.1 Accordingly, as a consequence of the PCC's precept proposal and the Police and Crime Panel's response, it is now recommended that the PCC;

- issues this Decision Report in response to the PCP's report on the proposed precept;
- notes the revised Net Budget Requirement and Council Tax Requirement and issues the revised 2013-14 precept summarised in Appendix I- Option 1.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No- PCC CFO is originator of this report
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Not applicable
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Not applicable

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive	
I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.	
Signature:	
Date	18 February 2013

