

**ORIGINATOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CFO**

**DECISION NUMBER: 10 - 2021**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: PRECEPT LEVEL AND COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2021-22**

**SUMMARY:**

- 1 This paper provides for a decision to be made upon the precept level and council tax requirement for 2021-22 following consideration of the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal by the Police and Crime Panel on 29 January 2021.
- 2 The paper also provides for the PCC response to the report from the Police and Crime Panel upon the PCC's proposed precept.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

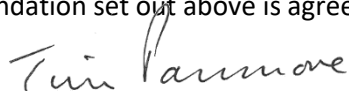
It is recommended that:

- 1 The PCC issues this Decision Report in response to the Police and Crime Panel's report on the proposed precept.
- 2 The PCC notes the Council Tax Requirement and issues the 2021-22 precept summarised in Appendix I – Option 2.

**APPROVAL BY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER:**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

**Signature**



**Date** 12.02.21

## **DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 On 20 January 2021 the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) considered the draft Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2021-22 to 2024-25 and approved the recommendations contained therein (Decision 2-2021).
- 1.2 The PCC also considered and approved the recommendations contained in a paper which explained the steps that had been taken in determining his proposed precept level and council tax requirement for 2021-22 (Decision 3-2021). The two recommendations are set out below.
- 1.3 On 20 January 2021 the PCC agreed that:
- (i) The Police and Crime Panel are notified of the PCC's proposal to increase the precept by £14.94 for a Band D property in 2021-22;
  - (ii) This proposal is submitted to the Police and Crime Panel for consideration at its meeting on 29 January 2021.

### **2. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETING**

- 2.1 In reviewing the proposed precept, following the PCC's response to a number of questions from the Panel, the Panel supported the PCC's proposal to increase the precept by £14.94 (6.71%) for a Band D property in 2021-22 (9 votes in favour, 3 against). In doing so, the Panel formally raised its concerns regarding the PCC's reserves strategy, specifically the principle of increasing the precept whilst continuing to build up the level of reserves – particularly in 2021-22. The panel also made a number of recommendations.
- 2.2 A copy of the Panel's written report is attached to this paper at Appendix II.

### **3. PCC'S CONSIDERATION OF THE PANEL'S WRITTEN REPORT AND PCC'S RESPONSE**

- 3.1 The PCC must have regard to the report, and recommendations therein, made by the Panel and provide a response to the Panel. The PCC has considered the report and his response to the report and the decision of the Panel is set out in Appendix III. Within the Appendix, the PCC responds to the concerns about the reserves strategy and the principle of increasing the precept whilst building up the levels of reserves and further responds to each of the recommendations.

### **4. AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL TAX FUNDING**

- 4.1 Following the Police and Crime Panel, further information has been received in respect of the Collection Fund Deficit, resulting in an increase of £2,562 in Council Tax Funding for 2021/22. Appendix I includes the amended funding levels for Options 1 and 2. The

consequential impact of the change in Collection Fund Deficit is captured within the movement in the Budget Reserve.

## **5. RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION**


5.1 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:

- (i) issues this Decision Report in response to the Police and Crime Panel's report on the proposed precept;
- (ii) notes the Council Tax requirement, and issues the 2021-22 precept summarised in Appendix I – Option 2.

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?	YES
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?	YES
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
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	YES

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

**APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER**

<b>Chief Executive</b>	
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 12.02.21