

**ORIGINATOR: PCC CFO and CC CFO**

**DECISION NUMBER: 4 – 2022**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRECEPT LEVEL AND COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT  
2022/23**

**SUMMARY:**

1. This paper describes the steps that have been taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner in determining his proposed precept level and council tax requirement for 2022/23.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. The Police and Crime Panel are notified of the PCC's proposal to increase the precept by £9.99 for a Band D property in 2022/23.
2. This proposal is submitted to the Police and Crime Panel for consideration at its meeting on 28 January 2022.

**APPROVAL BY: PCC**

The recommendations set out above are agreed.



**Signature:**

**Date: 17.01.2022**

## DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

### 1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 sets out the process for issuing a precept, including the Police and Crime Panel's role in reviewing the proposed precept, their power to veto the precept and the steps to be taken if they do veto the proposed precept.
- 1.2 The Home Office has previously issued guidance that supports the process described above, and includes requirements of Section 5 of the Act, the Regulations' requirements and reporting requirements, together with the process for Police and Crime Panel scrutiny of the PCC's proposed precept, including key dates.
- 1.3 This report is based on figures within the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2025/26, the recommendations within which were approved by the PCC on 17 January 2022 (Decision number 3 - 2022).

### 2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 The MTFP includes particular sections and appendices relating to the 2 options under consideration, which are:
  - **Option 1**- increase Band D council tax by 2% (£4.68) in 2022/23 and 2% in each of the three remaining years of the MTFP.
  - **Option 2**- increase Band D council tax by 4.2% (£9.99) in 2022/23 and by 2% in each of the three remaining years of the MTFP.
- 2.2 Based on the planning assumptions set out in the MTFP, Option 1 results in the Constabulary delivering a balanced budget in 2022/23. There is no surplus precept funding for further investment.
- 2.3 Option 2 would result in the Constabulary delivering a balanced budget **and** additional funding of £1.4m more than Option 1 allowing investment in the following activities:
  - **Improve and transforming the Contact and Control Room** to provide the public with a more efficient, effective and modern service when contacting the Constabulary. Benefits will include:
    - Improved assessment of threat, harm and risk in calls received;
    - Better identification of vulnerability, repeat victims and better allocation of operational resources; and
    - Reduced abandonment rate for 101 calls.
- 2.4 This investment is essential to ensure Suffolk Constabulary continues to deliver a high-quality service, catches criminals and keeps the public safe.

**Under Option 2, increasing the precept by 4.2% in 2022/23 would result in an increase in the council tax bill from £237.69 per annum to £247.68 per annum (£9.99 per annum) for a council tax band D property.**

2.5 Monitoring delivery of improvements in performance from the additional policing resources provided through the increased budget will be at each of the publicly held Accountability and Performance Panel meetings, chaired by the PCC.

**3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

3.1 In summary, after consideration of the detailed financial and non-financial aspects of the MTFP, the preferred option is to increase the precept by 4.2% (£9.99) in 2022/23.

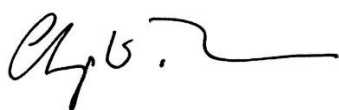
<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	No
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

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

**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: 17.01.2022**