



POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST YORKSHIRE

RESPONSE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Thank you for the report of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel regarding the precept for 2021/22. We had a very thorough discussion at the Panel meeting on the 5th of February 2021, I explained in detail the budgetary pressures facing the police and community safety partners and why I felt it necessary to propose a £15 on a Band D equivalent precept increase, exercising the additional flexibility given to PCCs by Government. Within West Yorkshire, around 70% of Council Tax payers are in bands A, B and C which in reality will mean less than a £11 per year increase for most Council Tax payers. However, I fully recognised that these are difficult decisions in the midst of the ongoing impact of Covid19 within our communities, but also took into account high levels of support through the public survey feedback.

The requested commitments will be transferred to the West Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority from May 10th 20/21 and I will ensure that my Office brief and transition accordingly, and in the meantime ensuring work is progressed to achieve the agreed commitments.

In the light of the Panel's support for the proposed precept I confirm my approval of the Band D precept of £211.28 which is a £15 increase giving a precept figure of £138,227,159.

Mark Burns-Williamson OBE

Police and Crime Commissioner for West Yorkshire