



Budget Consultation 2020/21 Final Results

On the 17th of January, the PCC opened a public consultation on his proposals for the Council Tax police precept for 2020/21. Residents were invited to respond to the proposal of a 4.99% increase, corresponding to 18 pence per week for a Band D property.

Due to the delayed Government spending announcement, the consultation ran over a two week window, with a closing date of January 31st. Previously we have been able to run the precept consultation over several weeks, for example, between November and December 2018.

The consultation was promoted online through the PCC's Twitter and Facebook accounts and circulated by partners to help to reach a wider audience. The consultation was also picked-up by local media, with press in Bradford and Kirklees promoting the survey to their readership. In addition, 9,000 households selected at random were invited to respond to the consultation via the PCC's monthly residents survey ('Your Views').

At the close of the consultation, 2,160 responses were received, with 64% responding online.

Key results:

Residents were asked a) whether they supported the Commissioner's aim to 'rebuild visible frontline policing', and b) whether they were happy to contribute the associated increase to their Council Tax.

- **96% supported the Commissioner in continuing recruitment to rebuild frontline policing (92% last year).**
- **79% of respondents supported the proposal to increase the precept by 4.99% in 2020/21.** In comparison, 72% supported last year's precept increase.
- 68% of respondents were from Band A to D households, with Band D the most frequent respondent (20% of the total).
- 80% of those in Bands A to D supported the precept increase.

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Results tables:

	Yes	No	Respondents
Q: Do you support the Commissioner in continuing recruitment to rebuild frontline policing from previous cuts?	96%	4%	2160

Q: Are you willing to contribute the associated increase for your tax band to help strengthen frontline policing?	79%	21%	2077
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Q: Respondents' Council Tax Band	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
A	17%	358	80%
B	16%	339	75%
C	15%	324	83%
D	20%	428	80%
E	6%	134	78%
F	3%	54	81%
G	2%	34	82%
H	1%	13	77%
Don't know	21%	437	79%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>2121</i>	<i>-</i>

Q: Respondents' status*	No.	%
West Yorkshire resident	2168	100%
Business owner in West Yorkshire	93	4%
Working in West Yorkshire	604	28%
<i>Total</i>	<i>2174</i>	<i>100%</i>

*Note: respondents could select more than one option.

Respondents' District	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
Bradford	24%	491	76%
Calderdale	10%	213	78%
Kirklees	18%	367	80%
Leeds	28%	585	81%
Wakefield	20%	420	80%
<i>West Yorkshire</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>2076</i>	<i>79%</i>