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Precept Consultation 2022/23 Final Results

The public consultation on the 2022/23 Council Tax police precept ran between the 6th and 25th of January 2022. Residents were invited to respond to the proposal of a 4.7% increase, corresponding to 19 pence per week for a Band D property.

The consultation was promoted extensively online through the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's Twitter and Facebook accounts, and circulated to partners to help to reach a wider audience. The consultation was also promoted through local media, with the Deputy Mayor interviewed by BBC Leeds as part of the programme of raising public awareness.

Other online, print, and radio media which promoted the opportunity for residents to take part in the consultation included the Bradford Telegraph & Argus, Keighley News, Halifax Courier, Sunrise Radio, the Huddersfield Times, and the Yorkshire Evening Post.

At the close of the survey, 2,377 residents had recorded their views on the precept, a 25% increase on the response to last year's consultation.

Headline results:

Residents were asked:

- Whether they supported the Mayor in continuing to secure the extra policing investment required in West Yorkshire Police to help make sure communities are safe, just, and inclusive; and,
 - Whether they were happy to contribute the associated increase to their Council Tax (19p per week for a Band D property).
- **72% of respondents supported the Mayor in continuing to secure the extra policing investment required in West Yorkshire Police to help make sure communities are safe, just and inclusive.**
 - **62% of respondents supported the proposal to increase the precept by 4.7% in 2022/23**
 - 46% of respondents were from Band A to C households, with Band D households the most frequent (24% of the total).
 - 59% of those in Bands A to C supported the precept increase, with 65% supporting the increase in Band D and above.

Results tables:

	Yes	No	Respondents
Q1. Do you support the Mayor in continuing to secure the extra policing investment required in West Yorkshire Police to help make sure communities are safe and feel safe?	72%	28%	2363

Q2. Are you willing to contribute the associated increase to your council tax (e.g. 19 pence per week for a Band D property) to help protect frontline policing in the areas set out?*	62%	38%	2377
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* The consultation identified police officer recruitment and violence against women and girls as mayoral pledges, as well as tackling neighbourhood and violent crime, and supporting victims of crime as aspects of the Mayor's objectives for policing in the year ahead.

Q: Respondents' Council Tax Band	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
A	16%	371	57%
B	14%	332	58%
C	16%	390	62%
D	24%	571	64%
E	9%	208	67%
F	4%	101	65%
G	3%	61	61%
H	1%	17	47%
Don't know / not specified	13%	311	63%
<i>Total</i>	100%	2362	62%

Q: Respondents' status*	No.	%
West Yorkshire resident	2359	99%
Business owner in West Yorkshire	121	5%
Working in West Yorkshire	525	22%
<i>Total</i>	2373	100%

*Note: respondents could select more than one option.

A small number of people did not describe themselves as WY residents, but later recorded that they lived in one of the WY districts.

Respondents' District	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
Bradford	19%	444	69%
Calderdale	8%	197	59%
Kirklees	23%	554	50%
Leeds	33%	776	63%
Wakefield	17%	406	69%
<i>West Yorkshire</i>	100%	2377	62%