



Reference No: 2022-0007478

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval

**Title:** Police Precept Proposal 2022/23

Legislation requires that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) agrees their budget and associated precept and basic council tax for the forthcoming year before 1st March each year. However, before doing so the PCC must notify the relevant Police and Crime Panel, by the 31st January, of the precept which they propose to issue for the following financial year.

The Police Settlement for 2022/23 has provided the PCC with an increase in Government Funding of £4.4m or 4.1%; including a Ring-fenced Grant for increases in Police Officers of £1,619k and the loss of a one-off increase to Local Council Tax Support Grant of £1,395k.

Taking into account all other projected changes in income, other than from a Precept increase, then the overall forecast increase in income is expected to be £5.7m.

This money needs to cover the following unavoidable increases in pay costs of £6.5m in 2022/23, which includes the funding to pay for 96 Police Officers as part of the Police Officer Uplift programme and also in excess of £1m of non-pay inflation. This takes the overall costs pressures to £7.5m versus £5.7m of income before precept is taken into account.

Each £1 increase in the precept in Cleveland provides almost £160k of additional precept income on a recurring basis – so nearly £1.6m per year of additional income would be generated if the precept was increased by the maximum amount allowed.

As such a precept increase of £10 is proposed. This will provide sufficient funding to deliver the increased levels of Police Officers, as required by the Government, the expected increase in Pay, the unavoidable increase in National Insurance contributions whilst also meeting some significant increases in non-pay inflation.

The organisational need for this increase, aligned with some significant support from the public for a £10 increase, at 71%, being the rationale for the proposal.

**Decision:**

The PCC is asked to agree that an increase in the precept for 2022/23 of £10, or 3.76%, from the level set in 2021/22, be proposed to the Police and Crime Panel for their consideration. In doing so the Band D level of Precept for Policing within Cleveland would increase by £10 from £265.73 per annum to £275.73

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Michael Porter

<b>Contractor Details (if applicable): Safer Communities</b>			
<b>Implications:</b>			
Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>(If yes please provide further details below)</b>			

### Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The PCC’s Chief Finance Officer has advised that the financial implications of this Decision are set out in the Executive Summary and the report produced to send to the Police and Crime Panel. The decision will ensure that the PCC meets their legislative requirements in relation to the Police element of the precept and will also ensure that there is sufficient funding available in 2022/23 to balance the financial plans of the organisation.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no Diversity and Equality implications arising from this report.

### Human Rights Implications

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

### Sustainability Implications

This report is part of the process required to ensure that the process for proposing a precept to the Police and Crime Panel is open and transparent. It recommends an option that the PCC can consider before proposing a precept to the PCP and is part of the process of establishing sustainable annual and medium term financial plans and maintaining prudent financial management within the organisation.

## Risk Management Implications

The requirements on the PCC to propose and consult with the PCP on their proposals for Precept are set out in legislation. Failure to start the consultation process with the PCP before the end of January 2022 and to conclude this process, including setting a precept before 1st March 2022, would result in an illegal budget.

### **OFFICER APPROVAL**

#### **Monitoring Officer**

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed



Date 27/01/2022

#### **Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 27/01/2022