

West Mercia Police and Crime Panel

Mr John Campion
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner
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7 February 2018

Dear Mr Campion

PROPOSED PRECEPT

In accordance with Schedule 5 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to confirm that the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel reviewed your proposed precept on 6 February 2017 in a public meeting at County Hall, Worcester. Thank you for attending and answering questions.

As is required by the Act, the Panel must formally make a report to you as Commissioner on your proposed precept; please accept this letter as the formal report of the Panel.

The precept proposal you recommended to the Panel was to increase the precept by 3.94% for 2018/19, adding £7.47 to the annual Council Tax bill for a typical band D home.

The Panel also considered the report of the Budget Task Group. The Panel made the following comments arising from the Task Group report:

- Whether the Policing Plan supported by an ambitious transformation programme will be deliverable with the resources for the coming year and the expectations of the Medium Term Financial Plan;
- Whether the levels of reserves going forward are sustainable given the potential major risks ahead;
- Whether an appropriate contingency should be planned for the installation, commissioning and operation of the proposed new SAAB, Athena and other projects in case of problems and potential delays arising from this.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Task Group asked that the Panel is advised of any substantial variations to the ambitious savings plans.

Following consideration and full discussion by the Panel, having taken account of your presentation and the responses provided by you and your officers to questions from the Panel, and the work and recommendations of the Budget

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Task Group, the Panel unanimously supported your proposals to increase the precept for 2018/19 as set out in your report.

I note that you are required to have regard to the Panel's report and provide a response which will be published; I look forward to receiving this response in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Wilcox." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

CLlr Brian Wilcox
Chairman of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel