

To:	The Sussex Police & Crime Panel
From:	The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner
Subject:	Precept Option 2018/19
Date:	19 January 2018
Recommendation:	That the Police & Crime Panel – i) review the precept proposal; and ii) report to the Commissioner on the proposed precept.

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) to notify the Police & Crime Panel of the proposed precept for the coming financial year. The Panel is required to respond with a report to the PCC on the proposed precept including, if appropriate, recommendations as to the precept for the financial year.
- 1.2 Financial planning sits at the heart of good public financial management. Alongside budget preparation, performance management and reporting, the ability to look strategically beyond the current budget period is a crucial process to support the PCC's resilience and long-term financial sustainability.
- 1.3 Last year the Panel received two reports in support of the precept decision, one relating to the proposed budget and the other setting out the details of the public consultation undertaken regarding the proposal.
- 1.4 This year the report presents the PCC's revised and extended draft four-year Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) that sets out the financial context for the PCC's draft revenue budget, capital programme and proposed precept decision for the next financial year 2018/19, and estimates for a further three financial years.

2.0 Draft Financial Settlement 2018/19

- 2.1 The Minister for Policing and the Fire Service announced the provisional police financial settlement for 2018/19 on 19 December 2017. It confirmed the freezing of the Home Office grants at 2017/18 level and the lifting of the precept cap, which the PCC had requested via a Home Office consultation, to £12.
- 2.2 Although funds for counter-terrorism and national policing priorities were increased the settlement has not provided any additional core grant resources but it has enabled all PCCs to raise additional funds from local taxation.

3.0 Precept Proposal

- 3.1 The draft four-year Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) attached sets out the financial context for the PCC's draft revenue budget, capital programme and proposed precept decision for the next financial year 2018/19, and

estimates for a further three financial years.

- 3.2 The PCC proposes to increase the Band D precept by £12 (7.8%) for 2018/19 from £153.91 to £165.91, and is seeking the support of the Police and Crime Panel.

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Appendix

Appendix – Medium Term Financial Strategy 2018/19 – 2021/22