

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

REPORT TO THE NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Precept Proposal 2014/15

On 31 January 2014 the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner formally notified the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel of her proposed precept for 2014/15. The Panel is required to review the proposed precept by 8 February of the relevant financial year and report to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Panel would like to thank the Commissioner, her staff and the Chief Constable for attending its meeting on Thursday 6 February 2014 and the responses they provided to the wide variety of questions and issues that Panel Members raised.

When reviewing the proposal, the Panel took into account the requirements to satisfy the statutory requirements of setting a Council Tax Requirement and a balanced budget for 2014/15 within the context of:

- Increasing Council Tax in 2014/15 by 1.99% (£4.07 per annum for a Band D property) following a freeze over the past three years.
- The key priority of maintaining Police Officer numbers of 1,392 and Police Community Support Officer numbers of 183.
- Being able to maintain the General Balance and Other Earmarked reserves at an acceptable level.
- To continue to progress and implement a comprehensive Capital and Revenue Development Programme.
- Continuing reductions in Government funding requiring additional savings.

Decision

The Police and Crime Panel supported the Commissioner's proposal for a proposed precept increase of 1.99%.

As far as the Panel is concerned, this ends its scrutiny process of the Commissioner's proposed precept for 2014/15.

Carl Les.

Chairman, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

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