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Dear Chair and Panel Members

Thank you for your report and your consideration of my precept proposals.

I confirm that I propose to issue both precepts as drawn.

In relation to policing and crime:

- As indicated in my submissions to the Panel on 5 February I remain cognisant of the need for North Yorkshire Police to continue to deliver a significant range of improvements in respect of both operational performance and financial management. The Panel's observations are borne closely in mind, and I will continue to hold the Chief Constable vigorously to account during the remainder of my tenure in pursuit of those improvements and outcomes.
- I remain pleased to note the Panel's support for the ongoing plan of improvement against the Delivery Plan and Assurance Framework for the OPFCC. These remain pivotal in relation to improving policing as well as for serving the needs of victims and the vulnerable.

In relation to fire and rescue:

- I share with Members the wish to ensure that the Service has resources required to transform its service to the public.
- I will continue to campaign for fairer funding for our Service, and whilst to date I have had some success, there is without doubt more work to do.
- I am also grateful to the panel for their support around the campaign for fairer funding, precept flexibility and the recognition of the difference this could make to the residents of York and North Yorkshire. Following evaluation of the precept survey results this feeling is echoed by the public, with their support in alignment in ensuring that our Fire service have the resource they need to keep our public safe.

Yours sincerely



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