

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Council Tax Precept for the Financial Year 2016/17
Decision number: 119/2016
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Protective Marking: OFFICIAL

Executive Summary:

Under Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) has to notify the Police & Crime Panel of the precept that he proposes to issue under section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The Police & Crime Panel must review the proposed precept notified to it. This process took place at the meeting of the Panel on 4th February 2016.

For the Financial year 2016/17 in line with the legislation, the PCC proposes to set a precept of £220.19 (for a Band D property), an increase of 1.99% on the 2015/16 precept of £215.89 (for a Band D property).

To inform the Panel's consideration of the precept proposal, the PCC submitted a number of supporting documents which showed how the precept requirement was arrived at and a breakdown of budgets by operational areas and departments. This information can be seen on the Panel's website.

The precept proposals received the support of the Police & Crime Panel at its meeting on 4th February 2016.

Recommendation

That, following the agreement of the Police and Crime Panel, the proposed precept of £220.19 for a Band D Property is agreed.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):



Signature:

Date: 29/02/2016

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The PCC has consulted with the Police & Crime Panel. In addition, he undertook public consultation to inform his decisions on setting the precept.

Financial implications

As discussed in the report presented to the Police & Crime Panel and available on the Panel's website.

Risks

None arising. The PCC's proposed precept is in line with advice given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Autumn Statement that police precepts should be set at the maximum level that does not trigger the need to hold a referendum. A costly referendum will not be triggered by the precept increase of 1.99%, as it falls below the Government's 2% referendum increase threshold.

Equality and diversity and Human Rights

No issues arising.