

Have your say

Council Tax Survey 2021/22

Summary

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey's consultation on the proposed level of council tax precept for 2021/22 ran from 06 January to 09:00am on 05 February 2021. The consultation was used to inform the PCC's final proposal to the Police and Crime Panel on 05 February.

The consultation was complemented by a series of virtual engagement events hosted with Surrey Police. The events were attended by over 500 people, providing more information, and offering an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the proposal.

Online promotion of the survey reached approximately 50,000 people, complemented by promotion by Surrey Police, local authorities and other partners, and featured in the local media.

Responses

This year's survey received 4,464 responses and 2,602 comments. The number of responses was 43% greater than in 2020/21. The consultation received 53% more comments than in the same period in 2020/21.

Q1. Do you agree with the PCC's precept proposal for 2021/22 for a 5.5% increase to boost officer and staff numbers and support police teams in Surrey?

NO 51.16%

2,284 did not support the proposed precept increase of 5.5%

YES 48.84%

2,180 agreed the proposed precept increase of 5.5%

Comments

The majority of comments were on affordability (27%), positive or hesitant support (24%) and visibility of policing in Surrey (13%), followed by concerns or comments about efficiency, and reducing waste (8%). Most comments that mentioned a specific crime type, expressed concerns about burglary, speeding and anti-social behaviour.

Other concerns or comments raised included dissatisfaction with Surrey Police or no improvement seen since the previous increase in funding, that a greater proportion of police funding should come from Central Government, or that there should be more focus on police officers and less on recruiting police staff.