

DYFED-POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

26/01/2024

Subject

2024-2025 Police Precept

Purpose:

To review the precept proposed by the Police and Crime Commissioner

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To review the proposed precept and report to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Reasons:

Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social responsibility Act 2011 places a statutory duty upon the Panel to carry out this function.

Cabinet Decision Required

Not applicable

Council Decision Required

Not applicable

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

Not applicable

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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2024-2025 POLICE PRECEPT

Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides that the Police and Crime Commissioner cannot issue a precept under section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for a financial year until the Panel has reviewed the proposed precept and reported to the Commissioner upon the proposal. Any such report to the Commissioner may include recommendations, including the precept which the Panel believes should be issued.

The Panel may, having reviewed the proposed precept, choose to veto it. Such a course of action must be supported by two-thirds of the total membership of the Panel. If the Panel does choose to veto the proposed precept the report to the Commissioner must contain a statement that the Panel has vetoed the precept. Where the panel does veto the precept, the Commissioner must not issue the proposed precept and must, having regard to the report issued by the Panel, respond to that report and publish that response by the deadline specified in the Act.

Regulations also require the Commissioner to indicate in that response the revised precept he proposes to issue. The Panel then must, within the timescale prescribed by the 2011 Act, review the revised precept and report to the Commissioner upon it. That report may indicate whether the Panel accepts or rejects the revised precept (and may make recommendations upon it). The Commissioner must consider the further report from the Panel and respond to it. That response must also be published. However, the rejection by the Panel of a revised precept does not amount to a veto. Where the Panel rejects the revised precept the Commissioner may still proceed to issue the revised precept despite that rejection. Where the Panel does not veto the precept, the Commissioner must respond to the report to the Panel and publish that response, but may proceed to issue the precept (or a different precept where to do so would be in accordance with recommendations contained within the report issued by the Panel)

The Panel has identified this matter as one of its priorities and established a sub-group led by Cllr. Keith Evans to consider this issue in more detail on its behalf. A report prepared by the subgroup setting out its recommendations is attached.

A detailed report from the Commissioner setting out his proposed precept and his justification for it is also attached.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Host Authority Files	PACP-074 & 081	County Hall Carmarthen