

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
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NORTH WALES POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

REPORT ON THE COMMISSIONER'S PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2014/15

Background

This report is made in accordance with the Panel's statutory duty contained in Paragraph 3(2), Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Review of Proposed Precept

The North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner notified the Panel on 13 January 2014 of his proposed Policing Precept Level for 2014/15.

The Panel considered the report outlining the proposed policing precept level and budget for 2014/15 at their meeting held in Bodlondeb, Conwy on Monday, 20 January 2014. Members of the Panel reviewed the proposed increase and considered matters relating to the reduction in grant settlements; the impact on Band D Council Tax (an increase of 2.00% or £4.50 per annum); the savings which had been realised earlier than expected; the savings targets for 2014/15 and beyond; the Medium Term Financial Plan; and the impact of any increase on the precept.

The Panel agreed to support the Commissioner and his proposals in relation to the policing precept, which would enable the Chief Constable to provide an effective and efficient Police and Service.

Recommendations

- (a) That the precept for 2014/15 of £64,102,385 be approved based on increasing the Band D Council Tax by 2% (increase of £4.50 per annum, 9p per week) to £227.61, which gives a total precept increase of 3.19%.**
- (b) That the funding available and the budget requirement of £141.20m, a reduction of -1.31% be noted.**
- (c) That savings of £4.325m identified for 2014/15 be noted.**
- (d) That the Medium Term Financial Plan, which outlines a possible increase in Council Tax of 2% for each year to 2017/18 based on an estimated policing grant reduction of 3.2% in 2015/16 and 3% in the following two years be noted.**
- (e) That the summary of the Budget for 2014/15 be noted.**