

**DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
FRIDAY 05 FEBRUARY 2021**

To: The Police and Crime Commissioner of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Dated: 5 February 2021

REPORT OF THE DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

I. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to set out the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel's formal response to items considered at its meeting held on 05 February 2021.

The Police and Crime Commissioner had a statutory requirement to set an annual Police and Crime budget and, as part of that process, to consult with the Police and Crime Panel regarding any proposals in relation to the council tax precept.

At the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 5 February 2021, the Police and Crime Commissioner set out her proposed Police precept for 2021/22 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2021/22 to 2024/25.

2. 2021/22 Precept Notification

The Panel voted to agree the budget, the proposed precept and the MTFs, but notes that with this year's precept rise of 6.73%, the Police and Crime Commissioner will have raised the precept by 37% during her term of office, substantially above inflation, and agreed the following recommendations:

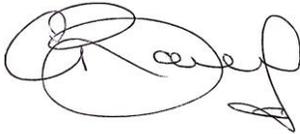
- a. That given strong public support for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) across the region, further consideration should be given to bringing about some growth in PCSO numbers where they are needed, in place of some of the warranted officers.
- b. That the "flat-lined" Commissioning budget does not fully exploit the potential advantages of community-oriented crime reduction opportunities, and that some growth in this area should be implemented when possible.
- c. With a bumper "staycation" season predicted this year, the Police and Crime Commissioner should consider in co-operation with Local Authorities, how best to resolve the summer policing surge as soon as practicable.
- d. That any future Medium Term Financial Strategy includes force-wide measures to implement carbon reductions to reduce the effects of climate change, in partnership with Local Authorities as appropriate.

- e. That the Police and Crime Commissioner brings to the Panel a detailed assessment of the financial risks and force sustainability given the risk assessment presented in the report and the significant growth in cost base.
- f. That the Police and Crime Commissioner redoubles her efforts to lobby government to ensure a fairer share of central government funding in future.

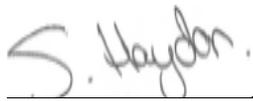
3. Publication

In accordance with statutory provisions the report should be considered in conjunction with the minutes of the meeting which will be available shortly via the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y67mzzvu>



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