



MAYOR FOR WEST YORKSHIRE RESPONSE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

I would like to thank members of the Police and Crime Panel for carefully considering my precept proposal on 2 February 2024 and unanimously endorsing an increase of 5.5% so that we can continue to invest in the future of policing and community safety in West Yorkshire.

The proposal was supported by 71% of respondents to my survey and means a £13 a year increase on Band D properties with approximately 61% of Council Taxpayers paying less than 20 pence a week more.

As part of its approval, the Panel has sought assurance on the following commitments to:

- Commence early discussion with Panel about the quality, content and format of future budget consultations. Set up a small working group with Panel members to look at best practice across other PCC areas with the aim of providing the public with more detail of the implications of different funding options.
- Provide the Panel with a report back on Priority Based Budgeting to assure them that required efficiencies are on track in line with projections to meet future funding shortfalls.
- To report back mid-year on the reserves position providing assurances that these are kept at a sustainable level.

I am pleased to confirm my commitment to:

- Set up a working group to look at best practice across other PCC areas and commence early discussion with the Panel about future budget consultations.
- Provide the Panel with a report back on Priority Based Budgeting to assure them that required efficiencies are on track in line with projections to meet future funding shortfalls.
- To report back on the reserves position providing assurances that these are kept at a sustainable level, following our finance team's mid-year report.

In light of the Panel's support for the proposed precept I confirm my approval of a Band D annual precept of £249.28 which is a £13 increase (5.5%) giving a police precept figure of £170.5m.

Tracy Brabin
Mayor of West Yorkshire