

REPORT ON THE COMMISSIONER'S PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2013/14

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 Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner notified the Panel on 3rd January 2013 of his proposed Police and Crime Budget and precept for 2013/14.

The Panel considered a detailed report outlining the proposed budget for 2013/14 at their meeting held in Penallta House on 11th January 2013. The Panel debated the proposed increase in light of; the provisional Home Office and Welsh Government grant settlements, service pressures and areas of proposed budget growth, savings targets for 2013/14 and beyond and, the impact of any increase in the precept.

Recommendations

1. Following a full debate on the proposed budget and medium-term financial projections, the Panel voted to endorse the proposed precept, which is based on a Band D Council Tax for police purposes for 2013-14 of £198.23, i.e. an increase of 2.66% or £5.14 over the Band D council tax for the current year.
2. Members requested that in future years the Panel receive reports during the budget development process to enable the Panel and the Joint Audit Committee for the Commissioner and the Chief Constable to work together.

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