

**Chair and Members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel**

**North Yorkshire County Council**

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Dear Chair and Panel Members

Thank you for your report and your consideration of my precept proposals.

I confirm that I propose to issue both precepts as drawn.

In relation to policing and crime:

- As indicated in my submissions to the Panel on 6 February I am mindful of the need for North Yorkshire Police to deliver a significant range of improvements in respect of both operational performance and financial management. I bear the Panel's observations closely in mind and will hold the Chief Constable vigorously to account in pursuit of those improvements and outcomes.
- I was pleased to note the Panel's support for the Delivery Plan and Assurance Framework for the OPFCC, which will be pivotal in relation to improving policing as well as for serving the needs of victims and the vulnerable.

In relation to fire and rescue:

- I share with Members the wish to ensure that the Service has the leadership, resources and vision to transform its service to the public.
- I will continue to campaign for fairer funding for our Service, as I have with some accomplishment throughout my term.
- I was particularly struck by the key note of Panel support for going further than the statutory cap. This aligns with the public mood, but the fact remains that the costs and restrictions of the referendum process make that course unrealistic as things stand. I am actively considering how best to influence change in that respect, so that the public's consistent voice in relation to appetite to invest in the Service can properly be heard and acted upon.

Yours sincerely



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North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner