

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

REPORT TO THE NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Precept Proposal 2017/18

On 26 January 2017 the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner formally notified the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel of her proposed precept for 2017/18. The Panel is required to review the proposed precept by 8 February of the relevant financial year and report to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Panel met on Monday, 6th February 2017. Membership of the Panel at the meeting was:

Hambleton District Council	Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Harrogate Borough Council	Cllr Michael Chambers MBE
North Yorkshire County Council	Cllr Carl Les
Richmondshire District Council	Cllr Helen Grant
Scarborough Borough Council	Cllr Sandra Turner
Selby District Council	Cllr Mel Hobson
City of York Council	Cllr Peter Dew
Community Co-opted	Paula Stott

The Panel would like to thank the Commissioner and her staff for: the level of transparency in the papers provided; attending its meeting on Monday 6th February 2017; and the responses provided to the wide variety of questions and issues that Panel Members raised.

When reviewing the proposal, the Panel took into account the need to satisfy the statutory requirements of setting a Council Tax Requirement and a balanced budget for 2017/18 within the context of:

- increasing Council Tax in 2017/18 by 1.99% (£4.32 per annum for a Band D property);
- continuing reductions in government funding requiring additional savings;
- the need to embed recent investments in critical projects and ICT infrastructure, along with further recruitment of Police Community Support Officers;
- being able to maintain the General Balance and other Earmarked Reserves at an acceptable level.

The precept proposal achieves this with no unfunded shortfall for 2017/18. The Panel were also mindful that the public consultation undertaken around the Commissioner's precept proposal had highlighted that 65% of respondents indicated that the precept should increase by 1.99%.

Decision

The Police and Crime Panel supported the Commissioner's proposal for a proposed precept increase of 1.99%.

As far as the Panel is concerned, this ends its scrutiny process of the Commissioner's proposed precept for 2017/18.

Carl Les.

Chairman, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

8 February 2017