



## **South Wales Police and Crime Panel**

### **REPORT ON THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTH WALES' PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2025/26**

#### **Background**

This report is made in accordance with the South Wales Police and Crime Panel's ("SWPCP") statutory duty contained in, Schedule 5, Paragraph 3(2) of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ("the Act"). The SWPCP must make a report to the Police and Crime Commissioner on the proposed precept.

#### **Review of Proposed Precept for 2025/26**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales notified the SWPCP on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 of the Precept Proposal for 2025/26.

The SWPCP met on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council's offices at the Orbit Centre, Merthyr Tydfil to review the Precept and to report on the proposed precept. A copy of the report detailing the proposed Precept is available to view on the SWPCP pages on the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council website.

Link to SWPCP Report

<https://democracy.merthyr.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=349&MId=6420&Ver=4&LLL=0>

#### **Report**

The following Members of the SWPCP were present:

Cllr Bernie Bowen Thompson (Chair) (Cardiff Council)  
Cllr Louisa Addiscott (Vice Chair) (Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council)  
Cllr Mark Tribe (Swansea City Council)  
Cllr Hannah Lawson (Swansea City Council)  
Cllr Caroline Lewis (Neath Port Talbot Council)  
Cllr Sandra Perkes (Vale of Glamorgan Council)  
Cllr Johanna Llewellyn-Hopkins (Bridgend County Borough Council)  
Mr Gareth Chapman (Co-opted Member)  
Ms Sarah James (Co-opted Member)

The South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner recommended an 7.37% increase in the 2025/26 precept.

### **Report**

The SWPCP considered the Precept proposal and after questioning the Commissioner, the Chief Constable and members of the Commissioner's team and following a full debate, resolved to approve the proposed Precept. The Commissioner is therefore permitted to implement her proposed increase which provides for a 2025/26 revenue budget of £410,124,245 with total precept income of £195,892,474 which gives an annual Band D Precept of £378.67.

### **Recommendations**

In the first instance the SWPCP once again expressed its disappointed that the financial burden of paying for an effective police force is being gradually transferred from central government to the council tax paying public via the Precept and the SWPCP feels strongly that this should not continue.

To assist the SWPCP in its scrutiny of the Commissioner's budget in the level of detail that is required, it is recommended that a Sub-Group of members be constituted to lead on the financial aspects of the SWPCP's role. The sub-group will consist of SWPCP members and members of the Commissioner's finance team.

That the Commissioner provides an update to the SWPCP at a future meeting on how any additional Home Office monies received by South Wales Police from the £100 million allocated for neighbourhood policing in England & Wales and announced on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 will be allocated and the impact this will have on policing in South Wales.



Signed: .....

Chair of the South Wales Police & Crime Panel

Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025