



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

### **REPORT ON THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTH WALES' PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2019/20**

#### **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 Panel must make a report to the Police and Crime Commissioner on the proposed precept.

#### **Review of Proposed Precept for 2019/20**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales notified the SWPCP on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 of the Precept Proposal for 2019/20.

The SWPCP met on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 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 Precept Report

<http://mtcbcelecreg.merthyr.gov.uk:9070/documents/s43388/Committee%20Report.pdf> report

#### **Report**

The SWPCP considered the Precept proposal and was unable to support the proposal for a 10.28% increase as the panel considered the same to unacceptably high. The Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011 requires a vote from two thirds of the panel membership to veto a precept proposal and this position was not achieved. The commissioner is therefore allowed to implement his proposed increase which provides for a Precept of £126,490,672 which is £257.52 (for a Band D property) for 2019/20 and a 10.28% or £24.00 per annum increase.

In coming to its decision, the SWPCP did however recognise the difficulties faced by South Wales Police (SWP) with regard to the reduced funding imposed upon it by Central Government however it did not consider that it was appropriate to transfer the funding shortfall onto the general public.

In addition to the above, the SWPCP recommended that any financial savings made by SWP during the financial year 2019/20 should not come from front line policing.

Signed: .....

Chair of the South Wales Police & Crime Panel

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019