



South Wales Police and Crime Panel

REPORT ON THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTH WALES' PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2021/22

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 2021/22

The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales notified the SWPCP on the 27th January 2021 of the Precept Proposal for 2021/22.

The SWPCP met on Wednesday the 3rd February 2021 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

<https://democracy.merthyr.gov.uk/documents/s53173/Committee%20Report.pdf?LLL=0>

Report

The South Wales Police & Crime Panel considered the Precept proposal and resolved to support the proposed Precept increase of 5.5% which is £287.72 and an increase of £15 per year for a Band D property.

The Panel commented on the precept stating that it was disappointed that despite repeated requests Central Government had still not allocated additional funding to South Wales Police to assist in the cost of policing Cardiff which is a capital city. In addition, the Panel stated that once again cuts from Central Government grants are steadily shifting the burden of police funding to the council taxpayer which in the Panel's view was unacceptable. The Panel did however support the precept proposal to allow South Wales Police to maintain its current level of service.

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Signed:

Chair of the South Wales Police & Crime Panel

Dated: 3rd February 2021