



South Wales Police and Crime Panel

REPORT ON THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR SOUTH WALES' PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2022/23

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 2022 of the Precept Proposal for 2022/23.

The SWPCP met on Thursday the 3rd February 2022 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/s56658/Appendix%201.pdf?LLL=0>

Report

The South Wales Police & Crime Panel considered the Precept proposal and resolved to support the proposed Precept increase of 5% which is £302.11 and an increase of £14.40 per year or £1.20 per month for a Band D property.

The Panel made the following recommendations-

1. That any future precept report or appendix from the Commissioner must make it clear on the front page a clear breakdown of the precept sought in particular it should highlight any percentage increase/decrease.
2. A further a request be made by the Commissioner to Central Government to secure Capital City uplift.

3. That the Commissioner has cognisance of the fact that any increase in the precept places a greater burden on the council taxpayer when the cost of living, as is the case today, is high.

The Panel also repeated its previous comments that (1) it was disappointed that 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 and (2) that once again cuts from Central Government continue to shift the burden of police funding to the council taxpayer which in the Panel's view was unacceptable.

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Signed:

Chair of the South Wales Police & Crime Panel

Dated: 3rd February 2022