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Dear Mr Nundy

Police Precept Proposal for 2022-23

Thank you for your e-mail of 8 February 2022 enclosing a copy of the Panel's statutory report following the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on Thursday 3 February 2022. Under Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, this letter is my response to the Panel's report and will be published on my website.

I welcome the fact that the Police and Crime Panel unanimously agreed without qualification or comment on my proposal to increase the precept by £9.99 for a Band D property. This represents a 4.1% increase and is inside the maximum amount permissible set by Government.

As explained in the meeting, I issued a Funding Survey and Council Tax Precept consultation which asked for views via social media and other platforms. The results, covering respondents from every postcode area in the Humber region, showed strong support of 73.2% for an increase of £9.99 or above on a Band D property. The most important areas that the public wanted focus on were neighbourhood policing, 999 response patrol, and serious and organised crime.

The increase allows me to set out a sustainable financial position over the medium-term and sustain investment in and support for local policing services. This is set out in the Medium-Term Resource Strategy (MTRS) for 2022-23 to 2026-27, presented at the meeting. This describes the financial direction and outlines financial pressures including pay and price increases, budget pressures, revenue implications of the capital programme, and other issues including the implications of Covid-19. I will of course keep all issues under close review and inform the Police and Crime Panel of any significant developments as they arise.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Panel for allowing me to explain my reasons for recommending the 4.1% increase and giving me the opportunity to answer questions and explain the proposal in more detail.

In closing, having considered the Panel's report and observations following the discussions on 3 February 2022, I can now formally confirm that I have determined that the precept for 2022-23 will be £253.20 per annum for a Band D property. This represents an increase of £9.99 or 4.1% on the precept for the 2022-23 financial year.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Evison
Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside