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Dear Mr Nundy

**Police Precept Proposal for 2020/2021**

Thank you for your e-mail of 8th February 2020 enclosing a copy of the Panel's statutory report following the meeting on Thursday of last week.

Once again, I very much welcome the fact that the Panel unanimously agreed to my proposal to increase the precept by £4.91 for a band D property. This represents a 2.2% increase and is inside the maximum amount permissible set by Government.

As I explained in the meeting my rationale for the increase is based on linking it to the December 2019 Retail Price Index (RPI) measure of inflation which was 2.2%,

The 2.2% increase allows me to sustain the service that we provide to our communities as set out in the medium-term resource strategy (MTRS) 2020/2021 to 2024/2025 that was presented at the meeting.

There remains some significant uncertainty over police funding in the medium-term, from issues such as the Comprehensive Spending Review, the review of the Police Allocation Formula and funding for the National Operation Uplift which it is stated, will increase police officer numbers by 20,000 by March 2023.

I will keep the issues under close review and inform the 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 2.2% 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 6 February 2020, I can now formally confirm that I have determined that the precept for 2020/21 will be £228.22



per annum for a Band D property. This represents an increase of £4.91 or 2.2% on the precept for the current financial year.

Yours sincerely

Keith Hunter  
Police and Crime Commissioner

