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RESPONSE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

I would like to thank members of the Police and Crime Panel for carefully considering my precept proposal on 4 February 2022 and unanimously endorsing an increase of 4.73% so that we can continue to invest in the future of policing and community safety in West Yorkshire and recruit an additional 750 police officers and staff over the next three years.

The proposal was supported by 62% of respondents to my survey and means a £10 a year increase on Band D properties with approximately 81% of Council Taxpayers paying less than 18 pence a week more.

Panel's approval is based on my continuing commitment to:

- Continue to prioritise increased investment into neighbourhood policing, supporting partnership working to tackle ASB and low-level crime and retaining PCSO numbers of 566.
- Continue to ensure that all new recruitment seeks to increase the number of people from under-represented groups to ensure that the Force is truly representative of the communities in West Yorkshire.
- Engage in early discussion (by November at the latest) with the Panel about the content and format of any public budget consultation to ensure it is accessible to all, and that the outcomes are clear and robust.
- Ensure that all decisions and reports on the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan include a statement on the impact and / or benefit on children and young people.

I am pleased to confirm these commitments and will provide the requested information over the course of 2022-23 in line with the work programme for the Police and Crime Panel.

In light of the Panel's support for the proposed precept I confirm my approval of a Band D annual precept of £221.28 which is a £10 increase (4.73%) giving a police precept figure of £147.9m.

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