



WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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Funding Our Policing

1. Purpose

- To update Panel members on the latest results of the Funding Our Police Consultation.

2. Summary

- The consultation opened on the 13th of December 2017, the results in this paper were extracted on the 12th of January 2018 and account for 2,343 responses, of which 2,274 stated that they or somebody in their household pays council tax in West Yorkshire. It is worth noting that as of 19th of January 2018 the sample had only increased by 184 responses, therefore it is unlikely that the overall results will change significantly.
- The results below are based on the sample of council tax payers and answered each question; 78.9% of these respondents stated that they would be willing to pay more on their council tax.

% willing to pay more on their council tax.

Yes	Sample	%
1,795	2,274	78.9%

% willing to pay set suggested amounts. (sample 2,257)

No increase	1% more	2% more	5% more	10% more	More than 10%
462	220	393	679	402	101
20.5%	9.7%	17.4%	30.1%	17.8%	4.5%

Status in West Yorkshire (sample 2,274)

Resident	Business	Works in
2,249	145	405
98.9%	6.4%	17.8%

Willing to pay more by status (sample 2,274)

Resident	Business	Works in
1777	105	331
79.0%	72.4%	81.7%

Respondents by council tax band (sample 1,916 – excludes “don’t knows”)

Band	Respondents	%
A	314	16.4%
B	304	15.9%
C	320	16.7%
D	532	27.8%
E	239	12.5%
F	120	6.3%
G	67	3.5%
H	18	0.9%

Willing to pay by council tax band (sample 1,916)

Band	Respondents	Willing	%
A	314	226	72.0%
B	304	239	78.6%
C	320	260	81.3%
D	532	427	80.3%
E	239	208	87.0%
F	120	93	77.5%
G	67	55	82.1%
H	18	12	66.7%

3. Key points

- 78.9% of respondents were willing to pay more on their council tax for policing.
- 52.4% of respondents would opt to pay at least 5% more.
- When broken down by council tax Band, fewer respondents in Bands A and H were willing to pay more (72% and 67% respectively). Across Bands B-G, between 78%-87% of respondents were willing to pay more.