



Precept Consultation 2020/21

Preliminary results as at 29th January 2020

On the 17th of January, the PCC opened a public consultation on his proposals for the Council Tax police precept for 2020/21. Residents have been invited to respond to the proposal of a 4.99% increase, corresponding to 18 pence per week for a Band D property.

Due to the delayed Government spending announcement, the consultation is open for a two week window, with a closing date of January 31st. Previously we were able to run the precept consultation over several weeks between November and December 2018.

The consultation was promoted online through the PCC's Twitter and Facebook accounts and circulated by partners to help to reach a wider audience. The consultation was also promoted through local media (notably in Bradford and Kirklees). In addition, 9,000 households selected at random were invited to respond to the consultation via the PCC's usual monthly residents survey ('Your Views').

As of the 29th January, over 1,200 responses have been received, with 67% using the online option.

Key results are:

Residents were asked a) whether they supported the Commissioner's aim to 'rebuild visible frontline policing', and b) whether they were happy to contribute the associated increase to their Council Tax to help 'strengthen frontline policing'.

- **95% supported the Commissioner in continuing recruitment to rebuild frontline policing (92% last year).**
- **79% of respondents supported the proposal to increase the precept by 4.99% in 2020/21.** In comparison, 72% supported last year's precept increase.
- The most frequent respondents were from Band A, B, or D households, who accounted for 57% of responses. For both Bands A and D, 79% supported the proposal, as did 77% of Band B householders.

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Results tables:

	Yes	No	Respondents
Q: Do you support the Commissioner in continuing recruitment to rebuild frontline policing from previous cuts?	95%	5%	1286

Q: Are you willing to contribute the associated increase for your tax band to help strengthen frontline policing?	79%	21%	1249
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Q: Respondents' Council Tax Band	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
A	17%	212	79%
B	17%	206	77%
C	15%	179	82%
D	23%	278	79%
E	7%	83	80%
F	2%	30	80%
G	1%	18	94%
H	0%	6	n/a
Don't know	18%	225	78%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>1237</i>	<i>79%</i>

Q: Respondents' status	No.	%
West Yorkshire resident	1300	100%
Business owner in West Yorkshire	55	4%
Working in West Yorkshire	397	31%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1300</i>	<i>100%</i>