

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

PANEL MEETING ON 6 FEBRUARY 2024

SUBJECT - PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2024/25

REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE PANEL

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Panel is asked to consider the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) proposed precept for 2024/25.

2. Background

- 2.1 The PCC has provided the attached report setting out her proposed precept for policing in Northumbria for 2024/25.
- 2.2 The Panel must review the proposed precept and make a report to the PCC on the proposed precept by 8 February 2024. The report may include recommendations, including recommendations as to the precept that should be issued for the financial year.

Next steps if there is no veto

- 2.3 If the Panel decides not to veto the precept, then the PCC will:

- have regard to the report referred to in 2.2 above and any recommendations made by the Panel;
- respond to the Panel;
- publish the response; and
- issue the proposed precept or a different precept if this is in accordance with the Panel's recommendation

Next steps if there is a veto

- 2.4 The Panel can only veto the proposed precept if it has the agreement of at least two thirds of the Panel's Members (that is 9 members).
- 2.5 If the precept is vetoed by the Panel, then the PCC cannot issue the precept and by 15 February 2024 will:
- have regard to the report;
 - respond to the Panel with a revised precept; and

- publish the response.

The revised precept must reflect the Panel's recommendation ie if the Panel states that the precept is:

- too high, then the revised precept must be lower; or
- too low, then the revised precept must be higher.

2.6 By 22 February 2024 the Panel must:

- review the revised precept;
- make a second report to the PCC, accepting or rejecting the revised precept (rejection does not prevent the PCC from issuing the revised precept);
- make recommendations, including recommendations as to the precept that should be issued.

Failure to report by this date will end the scrutiny process and the PCC may issue the revised precept.

2.7 By 1 March 2024 the PCC shall:

- have regard to the second report, including any recommendations;
- give the Panel a response to the second report; and
- publish the response.

2.8 The PCC may now issue the revised precept or a different precept. The different precept must still be higher or lower than the vetoed precept as detailed above, unless the second report recommends a different level of precept.

3. Recommendation

3.1 The Panel is asked to

- (i) consider the PCC's proposed 2024/25 precept; and
- (ii) decide whether it wishes to accept or reject the proposed precept and whether it wishes to make any recommendations in its report to the PCC.