

# Agenda item 5

## Police and Crime Panel

31 January 2017

### Covering Report – The PCC's Proposed Precept for 2017/18

#### Summary

1. The Panel will consider the PCC's proposed 2017/18 precept for policing in Suffolk, and will respond and report in accordance with the Act and the Regulations, including the Panel's power of veto.

#### Focus of the agenda item

2. Specific areas of focus by the Panel include items identified by members of the Panel at an informal workshop on 6 December 2016. These are:
  - (i) A 2% increase in precept is anticipated; on what aspects of crime and disorder reduction will this additional money be targeted by the PCC?
  - (ii) What funding is required for further changes to the new policing model?
  - (iii) What increase/decrease in funding is planned for roads policing?
  - (iv) How have warranted officers been deployed in practice, and how will they be deployed in future, to address the PCC's priority areas (eg. Hidden Harm)
  - (v) Are there any costs/savings associated with the proposed transfer of parking enforcement responsibility to the local Councils?

#### Recommendations

3. The Panel is recommended to:
  - a) Review the PCC's proposed precept, having regard to all the information in this covering Report and Evidence Sets.
  - b) Ask questions of the PCC, and make any recommendations to the PCC, in relation to the PCC's proposed precept.
  - c) Make any resolutions, or identify any further actions required, in relation to the PCC's proposed precept and responses to questions made at the meeting, noting that the Panel has a right to veto the proposed precept.
  - d) Agree that the Panel Chairman make a formal report, on behalf of the Panel, on the PCC's precept, by the statutory deadline of 8 Feb 2017.

## Background

4. Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ('The Act') specifies that the PCC must notify the Police and Crime Panel of the proposed precept. The Act, and Part 2 of the Police and Crime panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012 ('the Regulations') sets out the Panel's responsibilities with regard to the proposed precept. The Panel has a statutory responsibility to review, and the right to veto, the PCC's proposed precept. There is a statutory deadline of 1 Feb for the PCC to notify the Panel of the proposed precept, and 8 Feb for the Panel's review and report to the PCC. In the event of Panel veto, a further meeting would be required after 15 Feb.
5. The PCC's proposed precept for 2017/18 is attached as Evidence Set 1. The associated PCC's Medium Term Financial Plan is attached, in part, as Evidence Set 2.

## Supporting Information (attached)

Evidence Set 1 - Proposed Precept Level and Council Tax Requirement 2017-18, PCC Decision 4 – 2017. *[This is also available online on the [PCC's website](#) ]*

- a) Proposed Precept Level and Council Tax Requirement 2017-18 *[4 pages]*
- b) Appendix 1 – Scrutiny of Precept Guidance *[3 pages]*
- c) Appendices A(i) and A(ii) - SUFFOLK MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN - 4 YEAR OVERVIEW *[2 pages]*
- d) *Appendix E - Savings to be identified under alternative precept strategies [1 page]*
- e) Appendix G - COUNCIL TAX and BUDGET OPTIONS 2017/18 *[1 page]*

Evidence Set 2 - Medium Term Financial Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21, PCC Decision 3 – 2017 – Main Report only. *[This is also available in full online on the [PCC's website](#) ]*

- a) Medium Term Financial Plan 2017-18 to 2020-21 – Decision paper *[4 pages]*
- b) Medium Term Financial Plan - Appendix 1 *[16 pages]*

*[NB. The full detail of the PCC's Medium Term Financial Plan can be viewed online]*

## Background Information (available online)

- (i) Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents>
- (ii) Part 2 of the Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/2271/contents/made>
- (iii) Home Office guidelines, "Police and Crime Panels – Scrutiny of Precepts": <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/publications/police/pcc/scrutiny-of-precept-guidance>
- (iv) Outcomes of Consideration of the PCC's Proposed Policing Precept for 2016/17, 2 Feb 2016 - <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/assets/community-and-safety/crime-and-public-safety/police-and-crime-panel/Suffolk-PCP-Report-Proposed-Precept-2016.pdf>
- (v) PCC Decisions webpage: <http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/decisions>

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