

Report of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel

To: The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 7 February 2022

## **WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PRECEPT 2022/2023**

### **1) Introduction**

On 31 January 2022, the Police and Crime Panel reviewed the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed precept for 2022/2023. We would like to thank the Commissioner and OPCC Officers for presenting the report and responding to our questions.

In accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, this report sets out the Police and Crime Panel's decision and recommendations.

### **2) Police and Crime Commissioner's Proposed Precept 2022/2023**

The Police and Crime Commissioner proposed a Band D precept for 2022/2023 of £187.55, an increase of £10 compared to 2021/2022.

### **3) Panel Members Present**

Cllr Suky Samra (Chair) Walsall  
Cllr Alex Aitken – Birmingham  
Cllr Paul Bradley – Dudley  
Cllr Yvonne Clements - Solihull  
Cllr Daniel Gibbin – Solihull  
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal – Wolverhampton  
Kristina Murphy – Independent Member  
Cllr Waheed Rasab - Walsall  
Cllr Zee Russell – Wolverhampton  
Cllr Kindy Sandhu - Coventry  
Cllr Saima Suleman – Birmingham  
Lionel Walker – Independent Member

### **4) Panel Decision**

The Police and Crime Panel supports the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed Band D precept for 2022/2023 of £187.55, an increase of £10 compared to 2021/2022.

### **5) Panel Recommendations**

In addition to supporting the proposed precept, the Panel made the following recommendations for the Commissioner: -

- I. The Commissioner presents his Medium-Term Financial Plan to the Panel in September 2022 to provide members with greater details of the budget.
- II. The Commissioner expands the content of the usual council tax leaflet, and wider publicity on the precept, to provide the public with contextual information explaining the reasons for the precept increase.
- III. The Commissioner compares the budgets of the most similar forces and feedbacks to the Panel.

#### **6) Next Steps**

The Panel will publish this report on its website: [www.westmidlandspcp.co.uk](http://www.westmidlandspcp.co.uk)

The Panel looks forward to the Police and Crime Commissioner's consideration and response to this report.