

## Report to the Police and Crime Panel

3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

### Council Tax Precept 2017/18

#### Purpose of Report

1. To notify the Police and Crime Panel of my proposed council tax precept for 2017/18.
2. Full supporting documentation is provided in the attached Revenue Estimates report which was presented to and agreed at my Policy, Planning and Performance meeting with the Chief Constable on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

#### Decisions Required

3. The Panel is asked to receive my proposed precept for 2017/18 and note:
  - That, subject to final taxbase notifications, the council tax requirement for 2017/18 be set at £149.212m
  - That the police element of the council tax for 2017/18 be set at £170.28 for properties in Band D, with the charge for other bands as set out below. This represents an annual increase of 1.99%

#### Council tax 2017/18

Property Band	Relevant Proportion	PCC Element of the Council Tax £
A	$\frac{6}{9}$	113.52
B	$\frac{7}{9}$	132.44
C	$\frac{8}{9}$	151.36
<b>D</b>	<b><math>\frac{9}{9}</math></b>	<b>170.28</b>
E	$\frac{11}{9}$	208.13
F	$\frac{13}{9}$	245.97
G	$\frac{15}{9}$	283.81
H	$\frac{18}{9}$	340.57

#### Conclusions

4. The revenue budget is fully balanced in 2017/18 with a 1.99% increase in council tax. This is in-line with my Annual Financial Strategy for 2017/18.
5. The budget for 2017/18 protects and provides some increases, for priority service areas and specialist capabilities in response to the increasing level of complex crime and the current threat levels. This supports the delivery of my Police and Crime Plan and the Force Commitment.
6. The medium term financial plan (MTFP) is balanced in all three years. This has only been possible through the identification of £21.5m of budget cuts.
7. The Force will continue working on its Productivity Strategy, to ensure resources are directed to priority areas and that services are delivered in the most effective manner. This work will continue to release savings in future years in order to balance the budget and provide additional resource to reinvest in priority policing areas.
8. As shown above the current MTFP requires revenue savings of at least £21.5m over the next three years, with £10.5m in 2017/18. This is over and above the £87m of cash savings already removed from the base budget in the last six years (i.e. 2011/12 to 2016/17) meaning that, over the nine year period 2011/12 to 2019/20, in excess of £108m will have been taken out of the base revenue budget.
9. The impact on police officer and staff numbers next year (2017/18) is a net reduction of 59 FTE police officer posts and an increase of 22 FTE police staff/PCSO posts

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