

Report to the Police and Crime Panel

2nd February 2018

Council Tax Precept 2018/19

Purpose of Report

1. To notify the Police and Crime Panel of my proposed council tax precept for 2018/19.
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 23rd January 2018.

Decisions Required

3. The Panel is asked to receive my proposed precept for 2018/19 and note:
 - That, subject to final taxbase notifications, the council tax requirement for 2018/19 be set at £162.164m
 - That the police element of the council tax for 2018/19 be set at £182.28 for properties in Band D, with the charge for other bands as set out in below. This represents an increase in the band D precept of £12, or 7%

Council tax 2018/19

Property Band	Relevant Proportion	PCC Element of the Council Tax £
A	6/9	121.52
B	7/9	141.77
C	8/9	162.03
D	9/9	182.28
E	11/9	222.79
F	13/9	263.29
G	15/9	303.80
H	18/9	364.56

Conclusions

4. The revenue budget is fully balanced in all 2018/19 with a 7% (£12m for band D) increase in council tax. This is in-line with my Annual Financial Strategy for 2018/19.
5. On 22nd December I launched a short public consultation on the proposed increase in council tax for 2018/19. The response deadline was 11th January 2018. In order to reach as many people as possible, it was sent to:
 - All users of TVP Alert – at least 80,000 residents

- All town and parish councils
 - All councillors from county, unitary and district councils
 - All media in the TVP area via a press release
 - Regular social media updates via Twitter
6. In total, 5,600 people voted, of which 4723 or 84.3% voted yes
 7. The medium term financial plan is balanced in all three years (2018/19 to 2020/21) It provides for inflationary increases, limited growth to mitigate increasing demand and complexity in priority areas, as well as essential investment in technology to support transforming service delivery to meet future expectations. This supports the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and the Force Commitment.
 8. The Force continues to prioritise its work on the Productivity Strategy to ensure resources are directed to priority areas and that services are delivered in the most effective and efficient manner. This work focuses the drive for continuous improvement, improved efficiency and alignment of resources with demand. It will continue to release savings in future years in order to address future unquantified demands and provide additional resource to reinvest in priority policing areas.
 9. The medium term financial plan requires revenue savings of at least £14.3m over the next three years. This is over and above the £99m of cash savings already removed from the base budget in the last seven years (i.e. 2011/12 to 2017/18) meaning that, over the ten year period 2011/12 to 2020/21, in excess of £113m will have been taken out of the base revenue budget.

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