



The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Formal Response to the Report of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel on its Review of the Commissioner's proposed Fire and Rescue Precept for 2020-21

I would like to thank the Panel for its report dated 7th February 2020 which sets out the results of its review of my proposed precept for 2020-21

This report is the response I am required to give to the Panel in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011. This response is required to be published in a manner which is to be determined by the Police, Fire and Crime Panel in accordance with schedule 5, paragraph 5(4).

I am grateful to the Panel for its support for my proposal for an increase in the Council Tax precept Band D level to £61.97 for 2020-21. This represents an increase of 1.99% or £1.21 on the precept for the Fire and Rescue Service.

I note the points the Panel made at its meeting; summarised in section 3 of the Panel's report and welcome its support in relation to the possible flexibility in terms of the potential of increasing the precept by £5.

However, since the date of the panel meeting, the final local government settlement has been issued with a 2% referendum limit for Fire. Therefore; following publication of this response I shall approve and issue the precept based on a Band D Council Tax of £61.97p.

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10^h February 2020