



## **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 2022-23**

I would like to thank the Panel for its report dated 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 which sets out the results of its review of my proposed precept for 2022-23

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 immensely grateful for the Panel's support for our lobbying for a fairer funding settlement for our Fire and Rescue Service. The government has listened and has provided the lowest eight precepting Fire services with an option to levy a £5 precept flexibility. This will provide an additional base budget increase of almost £1m which will help to deliver a much brighter financial future for Fire and Rescue in Northamptonshire.

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

Following publication of this response I shall approve and issue the precept based on a Band D Council Tax of £68.20.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Mold". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" and the last name "Mold" clearly legible.

Stephen Mold  
Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2022