

West Mercia Police and Crime Panel

Mr John Campion
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner
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13 February 2024

Dear Mr Campion,

PROPOSED PRECEPT

In accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I write to confirm that the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel reviewed your proposed precept on 7 February 2024 in a public meeting at the Civic Centre, Pershore. Thank you for attending and answering questions.

As required in the Act, the Panel must formally make a report to you as Commissioner on your proposed precept; please accept this letter as the formal report of the Panel.

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- Members sought assurance that the proposed increase in precept level would see improvement in some key priority areas, highlighting in particular, the public being able to contact police officers in person and an improved response rate from the 101 service. The Panel obtained your commitment to improvement in this area, for which the Chief Constable had made resources available.
- The support available for victims of crime was raised as a concern. Whilst it was acknowledged that the support you were already providing to support putting victim and survivors first was welcomed by communities, it was questioned what additional support would be provided for victims as a result of the increase in the precept. In response, the Panel received your commitment to drive forward an improved universal offer for the delivery of services and that you were confident that the planned investment would facilitate this.
- It was noted that the increase in precept would allow 10 additional police officers to be assigned to front line policing. This was welcomed by the Panel as was the fact that safer neighbourhood teams would be protected in the year ahead. The Panel was assured that policing resources were deployed to ensure that a universal level of services was provided across West Mercia.

Having considered the reports, the following recommendation as proposed by the Panel's Budget Sub-Group was considered:

That the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel support the PCC's proposssssssssss