

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

REF: 01 / 2023

DATE: 26 JANUARY 2023

SUBJECT		POLICE PRECEPT 2023/24
REPORT BY	CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER	
CONTACT OFFICER	Julie Flint, Chief Finance Officer 01522 947222	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
<p>The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 [Schedule 5 s.2] requires the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) to notify the Police and Crime Panel of the Precept and Council Tax Requirement which they are proposing to issue for 2023/24.</p> <p>The report attached at Appendix 1 presents the proposed Precept and Council Tax Requirement 2023/24 for consideration by the Commissioner.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	<i>That the draft report at Appendix 1 be agreed.</i>	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

Signature:



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A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

1. PROPOSED PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2023/24

Statutory Requirements

- 1.1 Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 sets out the process for issuing a Precept, including the Police and Crime Panel’s role in reviewing the proposed Precept, its power to veto the Precept and the steps to be taken in the event of the proposed Precept being vetoed.
- 1.2 Attached at Appendix 2 is a detailed guidance note issued by the Home Office which supports the process described above and includes reporting requirements

together with the process for Police and Crime Panel scrutiny of the proposed Precept.

Summary of Precept and Council Tax Requirements

- 1.3 A detailed summary of the Commissioner's proposed Precept and Council Tax Requirement for 2023/24 is set out in the report attached at Appendix 1. The government has set the threshold for council tax increases, above which a local referendum would be triggered, at £15 per annum for a band D property. The Commissioner is committed to maximising service availability whilst continuing to invest in the right tools for the job to improve efficiency and is therefore proposing an increase in the police precept of £14.94 for 2023/24.
- 1.4 In 2021, the government had set the threshold for council tax increases for a three-year period, i.e. for 2022/23 to 2024/25, at £10 per annum for a band D property. Although the government has subsequently increased the threshold for 2023/24, the threshold for 2024/25 remains unchanged. Recognising the benefits of being able to plan for the medium term, the Commissioner is reflecting the government's precept strategy in setting an indicative precept rise for 2024/25 at £9.99 per annum per band D property.
- 1.5 Following an extensive Priority Based Budgeting review undertaken during 2022, plans for investment in service developments in 2023/24 include:
- Maintaining police officer numbers at the uplift target of 1,186;
 - Investing 9 police staff in the Safeguarding Hub to ensure effective safeguarding, management of the Domestic Violence disclosure scheme, information sharing with relevant partners and swift referrals into the Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP) Unit;
 - Investing 12 additional detectives in the PVP unit to protect the most vulnerable children and adults in our communities;
 - Investing 15 call takers into the Force Control Room to improve call response times;
 - Investing in the Serious Collisions Investigation Unit to improve the safety of Lincolnshire's roads;
 - Investing both 3 additional officers and 2 police staff in the Professional Standards Department to increase community confidence;
 - Investing in Learning & Development to ensure our officers and staff are equipped with the skills needed to deliver high quality services to our communities;
 - Following a review of the Officer Deployment Model, investment in a revised model to place more officers on duty in peak demand periods thereby improving incident response times.
- 1.6 Alongside the investments outlined above, the Force is developing a Savings Plan aimed at delivering £2m annual savings in 2023/24 rising to £3m pa by 2025/26.
- 1.7 The Police and Crime Commissioner's share of council tax is shown in the table below. This illustrates the impact of a £14.94 (5.41%) increase. The additional

cost to the majority of Lincolnshire council tax payers would be 26 pence per week or less.

BAND	Proportion of Band D	2022/23 Council Tax £	£14.94 Increase to a Band D £ p.a.	2023/24 Council Tax £	£14.94 Increase to a Band D £ per week	% of Taxbase Cumulative
A	6/9	184.20	9.96	194.16	0.19	25.7%
B	7/9	214.90	11.62	226.52	0.22	45.9%
C	8/9	245.60	13.28	258.88	0.26	68.4%
D	9/9	276.30	14.94	291.24	0.29	83.3%
E	11/9	337.70	18.26	355.96	0.35	93.1%
F	13/9	399.10	21.58	420.68	0.42	97.9%
G	15/9	460.50	24.90	485.40	0.48	99.8%
H	18/9	552.60	29.88	582.48	0.57	100.0%

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

These are detailed in the report enclosed at Appendix 1.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

These are set out in the main body of the report.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

There are no direct personnel and equalities implications arising from consideration of this report.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Commissioner's proposed precept will be reviewed following consideration of the Police and Crime Panel's response to his proposal.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The risk of a shortfall in funding resulting in service degradation is highlighted in both the Police and Crime Commissioner and Force Risk Registers.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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Is there a part 2 form? No

If Yes, for what reason:

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	JF
Financial advice: The CC's Director of Finance & Corporate Services (S151) has been consulted on this proposal.	SC
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	MB
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	CH

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

Signature:



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