



COMMISSIONER CAROLINE HENRY

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Chair of the Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Panel

Letter sent via email to:
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Dear Chair

Response to Panel report and recommendations on proposed precept in accordance with para 5 (2) (b), Schedule 5, Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

I write to acknowledge receipt of the outcome of the Police and Crime panel's consideration of my proposed precept at the Panel meeting on 8 February 2022.

I thank you for your comments in respect of the substantial efforts made by my Office, and particularly my Interim Chief Finance Officer, Mark Kimberley, to provide a written response, in advance of Tuesday's meeting, to the thirty-five questions that were received by us late last week.

I confirm that I will advise the Panel at an appropriate point when the restructure of my Office is completed; unfortunately, it has not been possible to provide this information to the Panel at this time as a result of the restructure staff consultation process that is presently ongoing, which will conclude on 18 February 2022. It is anticipated that the new structure will be in place mid-April 2022, and I am happy for my Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) to provide a formal report on how that will achieve an efficient and effective OPCC to the Panel at the meeting that is scheduled to take place on 28 March 2022.

I note your comments in respect of the pressures upon local households due to increases in cost of living and would reiterate that this proposal has been carefully considered in view of those pressures. However, failure to increase the precept now would result in failure of services to our communities and vulnerable residents over the coming year, and that is likely to have an adverse compound impact in future years.

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Additionally, the burden upon local taxpayers is a matter raised regularly by myself and other PCC colleagues with the Home Office, along with need to review the funding formula which influences the police and crime fund settlement within our police force area.

I would like to record my thanks to the Panel for their support and scrutiny of my proposed precept, and I am pleased that the proposed increase received majority support, which will enable my Police and Crime Plan ambitions to be delivered over the next year.

Yours sincerely



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