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**HAMPSHIRE &
ISLE OF WIGHT
POLICE & CRIME PANEL**

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Dear Donna,

Outcome of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Panel's consideration of your proposed precept.

At our recent meeting, on 27 January 2023, Members of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Panel (the Panel), considered your proposed precept for 2023/24.

I can confirm that the Panel resolved the following:

The Panel supports the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed precept increase of £15 per annum for Band D properties, which is the equivalent of £1.25 per month, or 29p per week. The Panel notes this increase is required to fund 50 additional police officers to enhance policing visibility, in addition to the 600 officers committed to within the Police and Crime Plan. To enable the Panel to fulfil its scrutiny responsibilities and to support the Commissioner in demonstrating value for money to residents, it requests that the Commissioner monitors the impact from the increase in police officer numbers on policing visibility and provides regular written update to future meetings of the full Panel.

Further the Panel noted:

- That the precept referendum limit has been amended for 2023/24 only from £10 to £15; the additional £5 flexibility will be used to deliver an increase of 50 new police officers, and to support inflation pressures.
- The recommendations from the Chief Constable to the PCC on her operational requirements for 2023/24 onwards, and her support for a precept increase of £15 to enable a further increase in police officer numbers and the delivery of her operational requirements, as set out in Appendix A.
- That 61% of households across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are in properties in Council Tax bands A-C (see paragraph 4.19), and would therefore see a precept increase of less than £15 per annum if the above recommendation is supported.
- That the precept increase will support the delivery of the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 'More Police, Safer Streets'.
- The proposals in this report which will ensure that for 2023/24 there will be significant investment to enable 'More Police, Safer Streets', which includes delivering a further increase in police officer numbers by 50 above the existing

budgeted establishment (which are in addition to the existing over achievement of officer numbers against the national uplift programme).

- That the total uplift in police officer numbers in Hampshire Constabulary over the three-year period 2020/21 – 2022/23 delivered through the Government's Uplift programme is 498, but that with support from the PCC, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary (HIWC) is on track to actually deliver 600 new officers in total by April 2023; the 50 new officers funded through the 2023/24 precept increase will be in addition to the 600, taking the total uplift in officer numbers to 650 by March 2024.

The Panel looks forward to receiving updates from yourself and your team over the forthcoming year demonstrating progress against the budget and the outcomes to be expected as a result of the precept increase.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below if you have queries or comments in relation to our resolutions above.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Stewart', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Dave Stewart
Vice-Chairman, Hampshire Police and Crime Panel