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Re: Proposed Precept 2025/26

Dear Commissioner Bourne,

The proposed policing precept for 2025/26 was considered at a meeting of Sussex Police and Crime Panel on 31 January 2025.

I am writing to confirm that the Panel supported, by a majority of votes, the proposed increased precept of £266.91 (on a Band D property), an increase of £14 (equivalent to a 5.5% increase).

However, citing concerns raised by the Working Group, the Panel wishes to flag that the maximum allowable precept increase appears to have become the default proposal in Sussex, and Panel members question how the cycle of always raising the precept by the maximum amount can be broken.

As I wrote to you last year, I encourage you to continue to lobby government for a funding formula which is fairer for Sussex residents, advocating where possible to the Home Secretary and Minister for Policing the need for reform to the Police Allocation Formula, to ensure that Sussex Police receives the funding necessary to carry out the demands on its services.

We look forward to receiving your response in due course.

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