



# SUSSEX POLICE & CRIME PANEL

## Sussex Police and Crime Panel

**31 January 2025**

**Proposed Precept 2025/2026**

**Report by The Clerk to Sussex Police and Crime Panel**

### Focus for Scrutiny

- The Panel is invited to review and make recommendations on the proposed precept for 2025/2026, informed by the recommendations of the Budget and Precept Working Group.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner has a duty to notify the Panel of the proposed precept by 1 February of the relevant financial year.
- 1.2 The Panel has a duty to review the Commissioner's proposed precept for the next financial year, and make reports and recommendations, by 8 February.
- 1.3 The Panel has three options in respect of the proposed precept – to support, not support, or to veto. The Panel may wish to include commentary as part of its recommendation, including a recommendation on what it feels the precept should be.
- 1.4 The power of veto is provided under Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and in Regulations. The veto can only be exercised with a two thirds or greater majority - i.e. 14 members or more voting in favour of a veto (the current Panel membership being 20). In the event of a veto, a provisional meeting date of Monday 17 February has been arranged for the Panel to meet to consider a revised precept and make reports to the Commissioner if required. The Panel does not have the power of veto over a revised precept.
- 1.5 Following today's meeting, the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, will write to the Commissioner, setting out the Panel's agreed recommendation. The letter will be published on the Panel's website. The Commissioner's response will be also published on the website, and with the papers for the Panel's next meeting.

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