

Report of North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner's Precept Proposal

1. Introduction

On 29 January the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner formally notified the Police and Crime Panel of her proposed precept for 2013/14. The North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel is required to review the proposed precept by 8 February of the relevant financial year and report to the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Panel met on 4 February 2013; this report records its decision.

2. Proposed Precept

Following a public consultation exercise, two options had been considered by the Commissioner:

Option 1: continuing to freeze the Council grant for a further year from 2014; or

Option 2: increasing the Council Tax by 1.99%

The Commissioner advised that given the short and longer term financial needs of the North Yorkshire Police and the need not to necessarily add to the current financial pressures on taxpayers, she was submitting Option 1 as her precept proposal for 2013/14.

3. The Decision of the Panel

By a majority vote, the Panel decided to support the Commissioner's Option 1 proposal.

4. Recommendation

The Panel recognised that all Home Office funding which currently goes to Community Safety Partnerships will now go directly to the Commissioner. The Panel RECOMMENDED that the Commissioner note the Panel's view that support for community safety structures and initiatives at a local level should remain a priority consideration.

5. Conclusion

Not having not exercised its right to veto, as far as the Panel is concerned, this ends its scrutiny process of the Commissioner's proposed precept for 2013/14.

County Councillor Carl Les
CHAIRMAN
North Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel

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