

Councillor Carl Les Chair Police, Fire & Crime Panel for North Yorkshire

12th February 2019

Dear Carl

Fire Precept Proposals for 2019/20

Thank you for your report of the 7<sup>th</sup> February, which referred, amongst other items, to my proposed Fire precept for 2019/20. I would like to thank both you and the Members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel for your support of my proposal to set the Band D Fire Element of the Council Tax, within North Yorkshire, for 2019/20, at £71.27. This is an increase of 2.99% or £2.07 over the 2018/19 level.

As you know, both the challenging financial position I inherited this year in taking on the Governance of the Fire Service and the public consultation played a large part in my decision. With consultation showing that the North Yorkshire public were in favour of raising the precept (with 75% of over 2,700 residents wanting an increase of at least 2.99%), I was therefore comfortable proposing a precept increase to the Panel.

Having received your report it is now my intention to proceed with the proposed increase and issue this as my precept for 2019/20. The issuing of this letter, in response to your report, concludes the scrutiny process for the 2019/20 precept and I will issue the precept under section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Yours sincerely

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