

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR
WEST MERCIA**



RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: Setting the 2021-22 Precept

Ref: PCC/D/2021/05

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commissioner must set an annual precept for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 in compliance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Police and Crime Panel (Precept and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2013 made thereunder.

The Commissioner has proposed a 6.66% increase in the precept to be set for 2020/21 (previous Decision Record PCC/D/2021/02) which has been considered by the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel and supported by them (response to proposal attached marked 'A').

The Commissioner has had regard to the Budget Report of the Chief Finance Officer (attached marked 'B').

The Commissioner has responded to the Panel by letter dated 9th February 2021 (attached marked 'C').

This decision record is accompanied by a Part 1 report. There is no Part 2 report.

PROPOSAL

The Commissioner is recommended to approve:

- a) A Net Revenue Budget after savings of £244.838m
- b) A contribution £0.201m is made to reserves
- c) A net budget requirement of £245 039m
- d) A Council Tax for a Band D property at £240 19
- e) A Council Tax for a Band D property calculated as follows:

	£'m
Budget Requirement	245.039
Less: Police Grant	77 029
Less. Revenue Support Grant	49.198
Less: Council Tax Support Grant	9 199
Less: Council Tax Freeze Grant	
2013/14	0.800
2011/12	1.976
Sub Total	106.837
Less: Collection Fund Surplus/(deficit)	-0.444
Amount to be raised by Council Tax	107.281
Divided by Aggregate Council Tax Base	446,649.07
Basic Amount of Council Tax at Band D	£240.19

- f) The consequential Council Tax for each property band will be as follows.

Band A (6/9th)	£160.126667
Band B (7/9th)	£186.814444
Band C (8/9th)	£213.502222
Band D	£240.190000
Band E (11/9th)	£293.565556
Band F (13/9th)	£346.941111
Band G (15/9th)	£400 316667
Band H (18/9 th)	£480 380000

- g) That the Chief Executive to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia be authorised to issue Precepts Notices on the West Mercia billing authorities as follows:

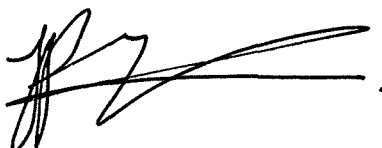
Bromsgrove District Council	£8,931,837.44
Herefordshire Council	£16,418,240.29
Malvern Hills District Council	£7,511,250.50
Redditch Borough Council	£6,282,921.24
Shropshire Council	£27,306,958.52
Telford and Wrekin Council	£12,580,671.82
Worcester City Council	£7,715,359.16
Wychavon District Council	£12,419,782.95
Wyre Forest Council	£8,113,618.20
TOTAL	£107,280,640.12

- h) The reserve strategy set out in section 7.
i) The outline capital budget in section 8.
j) All Officers be instructed to exercise tight budgetary control. No over-spending of any 2021/22 departmental budget will be authorised and caution will be exercised in entering into expenditure which creates additional commitments in future years. The PCC will be kept fully informed of the financial position throughout the year.
k) The prudential indicators at Appendix D
l) In approving the budget, the PCC notes the Treasurer's comments in section 9 in respect of the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves.
m) That the Medium Term Financial Plan be reviewed and revised by 30th September 2021. As part of this, the Business Planning and Budget Setting Process will be reviewed and improved

**APPROVAL OF
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed



PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES

SUPPORTING REPORT

By virtue of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Police and Crime Panel (Precept and chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2013 the Commissioner is obliged to issue a Police and Crime precept for the year commencing April 2021

The Commissioner recommended a 6.66% increase in precept to the Police and Crime Panel (Decision record PCC/2021/02).

On the 4th February 2021, the Police and Crime Panel met to consider the Commissioner’s proposed precept.

On the 8^h February 2021, the Police and Crime Panel formally published their response to the Commissioner’s proposed precept confirming their support for the proposal (attached marked A)

The Chief Finance Officer’s Budget Report (attached marked B) has been considered by the Commissioner.

On 9^h February 2021 the Commissioner issued a response to the PCP as required by Schedule 5 to the 2011 Act (attached marked C)

The Budget Report prepared by the Treasurer is attached.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

This decision supports the following element(s) of the Safer West Mercia Plan:

- Putting Victims and Survivors First
- Building a More Secure West Mercia
- Reforming West Mercia
- Reassuring West Mercia’s Communities

The decision supports this/ these objective(s) through the following:

- By setting the precept , and thus raising funds to support policing services
- By setting budgets, and identifying and allocating resources to support both the priorities set out in the Safer West Mercia Plan and to ensure the delivery of statutory responsibilities

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

All financial comments are included within the Chief Finance Officer’s budget report to the Commissioner (copy attached marked B)

TREASURER COMMENTS

The Treasurer has prepared the attached budget report (copy attached marked B)

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS


By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land)

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OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive Officer

Signature 

Date 10th February 2021