

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

REF: 003 / 2021

DATE: 27 JANUARY 2021

<b>SUBJECT</b>		<b>POLICE PRECEPT 2021/22</b>
REPORT BY	<b>CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER</b>	
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<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>		
<p>The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 [Schedule 5 s.2] requires the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) to notify the Police and Crime Panel of the Precept and Council Tax Requirement which he is proposing to issue for 2021-22.</p> <p>The report attached at Appendix 1 presents the proposed Precept and Council Tax Requirement 2021-22 for consideration by the Commissioner.</p>		
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<i>That the draft report at Appendix 1 be agreed.</i>	

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE**

**I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.**

**Signature:**  **Date: 27 January 2021**

**A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC**

**1. PROPOSED PRECEPT AND COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT 2021-22**

Statutory Requirements

- 1.1 Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 sets out the process for issuing a Precept, including the Police and Crime Panel’s role in reviewing the proposed Precept, its power to veto the Precept and the steps to be taken in the event of the proposed Precept being vetoed.
- 1.2 Attached at Appendix 2 is a detailed guidance note issued by the Home Office which supports the process described above and includes reporting requirements

together with the process for Police and Crime Panel scrutiny of the proposed Precept.

### Summary of Precept and Council Tax Requirements

- 1.3 A detailed summary of the Commissioner's proposed Precept and Council Tax Requirement for 2021-22 is set out in the report attached at Appendix 1. The government has set the threshold for council tax increases, above which a local referendum would be triggered, at £15 per annum for a band D property. The Commissioner is committed to maximising service availability whilst continuing to invest in the right tools for the job to improve efficiency and is therefore proposing an increase in the police precept of £14.94 for 2021-22.
- 1.4 Plans for investment in service developments in 2021/22 include:
- Additional recruitment of 60 Officers to start training in 2021 almost doubling the total of new recruits to 114.
  - Creation of a dedicated roads policing team to create a visible police presence on the county's roads. The team will be tasked with denying criminals the use of our roads as well as preventing so many tragic deaths and serious injuries across Lincolnshire.
  - Establishment of specialist enforcement teams to drive down community crime in both urban and rural areas. The new dedicated teams will tackle crimes that can blight our communities such as burglary and vehicle crime. Issues such as ATM thefts, robbery, drug offences, specialist rural equipment thefts and the stealing of lead from our historic churches will all be tackled.
  - Equipping officers to tackle violent crime and criminals. More officers will be provided with tasers and the number of firearms response teams will be increased to better respond to serious incidents that pose the highest risks to our communities.
  - Improving intelligence gathering from the people who know their communities best – the public. Money will be invested in new technology which will give the public easier and simpler access to the police to report crime and answer questions.
  - Investment in raising awareness of and tackling scams and frauds which are the scourge of modern society. The scamsters are constantly finding new ways to part residents from their hard earned money and often their life savings. More will be done to tackle this challenging phenomenon.
- 1.5 The Police and Crime Commissioner's share of council tax is shown in the table below. This illustrates the impact of a £14.94 increase. The additional cost to the majority of Lincolnshire council tax payers would be 26 pence per week or less.

BAND	Proportion of Band D	2020/21 Council Tax £	£14.94 Increase to a Band D £ p.a.	2021/22 Council Tax £	£14.94 Increase to a Band D £ per week	% of Taxbase Cumulative
A	6/9	167.58	9.96	177.54	0.19	25.7%
B	7/9	195.51	11.62	207.13	0.22	46.0%
C	8/9	223.44	13.28	236.72	0.26	68.8%
D	9/9	251.37	14.94	266.31	0.29	83.6%
E	11/9	307.23	18.26	325.49	0.35	93.2%
F	13/9	363.09	21.58	384.67	0.42	97.9%
G	15/9	418.95	24.90	443.85	0.48	99.8%
H	18/9	502.74	29.88	532.62	0.57	100.0%

## **B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

These are detailed in the report enclosed at Appendix 1.

## **C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**

These are set out in the main body of the report.

## **D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES**

There are no direct personnel and equalities implications arising from consideration of this report.

## **E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

The Commissioner's proposed precept will be reviewed following consideration of the Police and Crime Panel's response to his proposal.

## **F. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The risk of a shortfall in funding resulting in service degradation is highlighted in both the Police and Crime Commissioner and Force Risk Registers.

## **G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

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**If Yes, for what reason:**

**Until what date:**

Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate part 2 form.

**Is there a part 2 form? No**

**If Yes, for what reason:**

### **ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION**

	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: The Chief Finance Officer recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	JF
Financial advice: The CC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	SC
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	MB
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	CCH

### **OFFICER APPROVAL**

***Chief Executive***

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

**Signature:**



**Date:** 27 January 2021