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REPORT ON THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR GWENT'S REVISED COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT PROPOSAL FOR 2022/23

INTRODUCTION

1. This report is made in accordance with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent's (Commissioner) statutory duty contained in Paragraph 6, Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

BACKGROUND

2. The Commissioner notified the Gwent Police and Crime Panel (PCP) on the 20th of January 2022 of his Budget Requirement and Council Tax Precept Proposal for 2022/23. The PCP considered a detailed report, annexe and associated appendices in support of the Proposal at their meeting held at Penallta House, Caerphilly County Borough Council on the 28th of January 2022.
3. Following a full debate regarding the proposed increase, considering both the impact on the residents and communities of Gwent and the needs for Gwent Police to maintain current levels of service, the PCP unanimously resolved to veto an increase of 5% on the Commissioner's Council Tax Precept Proposal for 2022/23. It was within the PCP's gift however, whilst vetoing the Council Tax Precept Proposal increase, to recommend to the Commissioner an alternative increase for his consideration.
4. On the 4th of February 2022, the Commissioner received the formal veto report from the PCP, requesting him to consider the recommendation to increase his Council Tax Precept Proposal to 5.5% for 2022/23.
5. The formal response from the Commissioner to this veto report was received by the PCP on the 11th of February 2022, which set out a revised Council Tax Precept Proposal increase for 2022/23 of 5.5%.
6. The PCP met on the 18th of February 2022 to consider the Commissioner's response and provided their subsequent 'second' veto report to the Commissioner on the 24th of February 2022.

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CONSIDERATION OF THE GWENT POLICE AND CRIME PANEL'S SECOND COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT VETO REPORT

7. The Commissioner welcomed the continued challenge and scrutiny the PCP provided during its meeting of the 18th of February 2022 and also, upon receipt of the PCP's second veto report, that the PCP Members present endorsed the revised Council Tax Precept Proposal increase of 5.5% for 2022/23.

RECOMMENDATION

8. The submission of this report to the PCP (and its subsequent publication) concludes the scrutiny process for the Council Tax Precept for 2022/23.
9. The Commissioner will therefore issue his revised Council Tax Precept of £68,144,822 for 2022/23, equivalent to a Council Tax Band D of £303.80, reflecting an increase of 5.5% or £15.84 per annum.
10. The revised Council Tax Precept of £68,144,822 will be apportioned to each City/County/County Borough Council according to the following table:

Unitary Authorities	£	Tax Base Band D Equivalent
Blaenau Gwent	6,342,390	20,876.86
Caerphilly	18,550,851	61,062.71
Monmouthshire	14,391,857	47,372.80
Newport	18,485,844	60,848.73
Torfaen	<u>10,373,880</u>	<u>34,147.07</u>
Total	68,144,822	224,308.17

11. The Council Tax Precept shown in the above table generates the following amounts of Council Tax Precept for the various bands:

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Council Tax Band	£
A	202.53
B	236.29
C	270.04
D	303.80
E	371.31
F	438.82
G	506.33
H	607.60
I	708.87

12. The Commissioner requests that this report is circulated to PCP Members for their immediate consideration, in order to meet the statutory timetable and to also expedite the next stages in order that the Local Authority Billing Authorities can finalise Council Tax Bills for 2022/23.

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