

**Gwent Police
and Crime Panel**

**Panel Heddlu
a Throseddu Gwent**

REPORT ON THE GWENT POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2015/16

Background

This report is made in accordance with the Gwent Police and Crime Panel's statutory duty contained in Paragraph 3(2), Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

Review of Proposed Precept

The Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner notified the Panel on 15th January 2015 of his proposed Police and Crime Budget and Precept for 2015/16.

The Panel considered a detailed report outlining the proposed precept for 2015/16 at their meeting held in Newport Civic Centre on 23rd January 2015.

The following Members of the Panel were present:

Cllr John Guy, Chair (Newport City Council)
Cllr Omar Ali (Newport City Council)
Cllr David Williams (Newport City Council)
Cllr Frances Taylor, Vice Chair (Monmouthshire County Borough Council)
Cllr Peter Clarke (Monmouthshire County Borough Council)
Cllr Gaynor Oliver (Caerphilly County Borough Council)
Cllr Christine Forehead (Caerphilly County Borough Council)
Cllr Lewis Jones (Torfaen County Borough Council)
Cllr Phil Seabourne (Torfaen County Borough Council)
Cllr Mostyn Lewis (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council)
Cllr John Morgan (Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council)
Ms Joanne Smith (Co-opted Member)

The Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner recommended a 3.99% increase in the 2015/16 precept. The Panel debated the proposed increase and, in particular, considered the impact of the reduced Home Office funding for

police and crime in Gwent. The Panel concluded that a combination of efficiency savings, reserve utilisation and an increase in the policing precept was needed to address the reduced Home Office funding. Following a detailed discussion with the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Finance Officer, the Panel voted to endorse the Commissioner's proposed precept of 3.99% for 2015/16.

The Panel wished to place on record their thanks to Mr Darren Garwood-Pask, Chief Finance Officer, for engaging the Panel in early discussions about the Commissioner's Medium Term Financial Plan and the detailed budget and precept report.

Recommendation

Following a full debate on the proposed precept the Panel voted to endorse the proposed precept of 3.99% for 2015/16.

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