

**Gwent Police
and Crime Panel**

**Panel Heddlu
a Throseddu Gwent**

REPORT ON THE GWENT POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR 2014/15

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 17th January 2014 of his proposed Police and Crime Budget and Precept for 2014/15.

The Panel considered a detailed report outlining the proposed precept for 2014/15 at their meeting held at Monmouthshire County Hall, Rhadyr, Usk on 24th January 2014.

The following Members of the Panel were present:

Cllr John Guy, Chair (Newport City Council)
Cllr Frances Taylor, Vice Chair (Monmouthshire County Borough Council)
Cllr Peter Clarke (Monmouthshire County Borough Council)
Cllr Colin Mann (Caerphilly County Borough Council)
Cllr Gaynor Oliver (Caerphilly County Borough Council)
Cllr Lewis Jones (Torfaen County Borough Council)
Mr Peter Nuttall (Co-opted Member)

The Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner recommended an increase in the 2014/15 precept of 2.99%. The Panel debated the proposed increase in light of; the provisional Home Office and Welsh Government grant settlements, service pressures and areas of proposed budget growth, required savings for 2014/15 and beyond and, the impact of any increase in the precept.

During the course of the meeting the Panel challenged a number of estimates included within the forecast budget for 2014/15. The Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner reflected on the Panel's comments and, in recognition of the financial hardship being experienced by communities and businesses within

the Gwent Police Force area, revised his proposed precept to 2.66% for 2014/15.

Recommendation

Following a full debate on the revised proposed precept the Panel voted unanimously to endorse a precept of 2.66% for 2014/15.

3rd February 2014