

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

TITLE: Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales' Police Precept Consultation Public Survey Results

DATE: 30th JANUARY 2020

PURPOSE: For Noting

1.	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u> That the Police and Crime Panel considers the attached Police Precept Consultation Public Survey results report conducted at the end of 2019 as required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, to support the Commissioners proposed precept.
2.	<u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u> The Police and Crime Commissioner has a responsibility under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act to obtain the views of the public on matters relating to policing. This includes consulting with residents in advance of setting the police precept level and allocating the police budget.
3.	<u>SUMMARY FOR CONSIDERATION</u> To ensure the communities of South Wales were provided with an opportunity to share their views on their policing priorities, including how much extra they would be willing to contribute towards policing as part of their council tax for 2020/21, the Commissioner launched a public consultation survey in Autumn 2019. The consultation commenced on Monday 4th November 2019 and ran for a five-week period, closing on Monday 9th December. To coincide with the survey we developed a police precept 'what you need to know' leaflet outlining key information about the police precept, in order to assist residents with making informed and intelligence-led decisions when completing the survey. A number of channels were utilised: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online consultation• Face-to-face engagement• Easy Read - An easy read version of the survey was also produced and shared with disability organisations to increase participation from individuals with learning disabilities• Stakeholder engagement Purdah A General Election was announced at the time that the precept consultation was due to be launched. It was agreed that the precept consultation would be regarded as 'business as usual' during purdah and would continue to be

	<p>launched as planned. The Commissioner’s team took great care to adhere to the purdah guidance during the consultation period, which meant that the Commissioner was unable to promote the survey personally and two ‘community walkabouts’ were cancelled.</p> <p>Summary of the key findings: 1073 residents responded 926 completed the survey online 130 face to face 17 responded to the easy read survey</p> <p>741 residents said they were willing to pay more each month towards policing 506 said they were willing to pay more than £2 per month</p> <p>The top 5 policing priorities identified were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Violent Crime, including knife crime 2. Burglary and theft 3. Anti-social behaviour 4. Drugs and substance misuse 5. Child sexual exploitation and abuse <p>The report illustrates the percentage of respondents that resided in each local authority area. Over a third of responses (36.1%) were from the Cardiff area. Merthyr Tydfil had the lowest number of responses with 25 responses (2.3%).</p>
4.	<p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p> <p>The Police and Crime Panel are required to note as supportive to the wider financial presentation. The report will then be published on the Police and Crime Commissioners website.</p>
5.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>There are financial implications for the delivery of the police and crime plan, which are fully articulated within the Medium Term Financial Plan, which will also been discussed at the panel.</p>
6.	<p><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>The majority of the Policing and Crime Budget covers Police Officer and Police Staff salaries and employer’s contributions. The consultation captures an over view of respondents views on the use a of the policing budget and priorities for policing.</p>
7.	<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Producing the report particularly in the light of:</p> <p>(i) any report or recommendations made by the police and crime panel; and</p>

	<p>(ii) any changes in the strategic policing requirement (iii) statutory responsibilities of the Commissioner under the Police Reform and Social Responsibilities Act 2011.</p> <p>In this case, Purdah was also a consideration as stated above.</p>
8.	<p><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>This proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.</p> <p>In preparing this report, consideration has been given to the requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998.</p> <p>The use of easy read was also trialled to assist those who may have difficulties in responding through the more traditional routes. Of note, all participants who completed the Easy Read survey noted that hate crime was a policing priority for them and suggested that 'mate crime' should also be considered as a stand-alone priority.</p>
9.	<p><u>RISK</u></p> <p>A timely decision will minimise the risk to the non-compliance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.</p>
10.	<p><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></p> <p>This report will be placed on the website of both the Commissioner and the Police and Crime Panel.</p>
11.	<p><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></p> <p>Lee Jones, Chief Executive to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.</p>
12.	<p><u>ANNEXES</u></p> <p>The Annexe to this report is a copy of the precept report for noting.</p>