

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

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

DATE: 3rd February 2021

PURPOSE: For Noting

1.	<p><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></p> <p>That the Police and Crime Panel considers the attached Police Precept Consultation Public Survey results report conducted at the end of 2020 as required by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, to support the Commissioners proposed precept.</p>
2.	<p><u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>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.</p>
3.	<p><u>SUMMARY FOR CONSIDERATION</u></p> <p>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 2021/22, the Commissioner launched a public consultation survey in Autumn 2020.</p> <p>The consultation commenced on Tuesday 10th November 2020 and ran for a four-week period, closing on Tuesday 8th 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.</p> <p>A number of channels were utilised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online consultation• 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• Face-to-face engagement was not possible due to COVID restrictions. <p>To increase the reach of the survey, the Commissioner’s team collaborated with a number of stakeholders such as voluntary councils, business improvement districts, local authorities and third-sector organisations. Working in partnership to promote the survey enabled the Commissioner’s</p>

	<p>team to extend the reach of the survey and increase participation from residents who may not have engaged with us otherwise.</p> <p>Summary of the key findings: 1001 residents responded</p> <p>69% residents said they were willing to pay more each month towards policing 46.5% said they were willing to pay more than £2 per month</p> <p>The top 5 community concerns identified were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drugs and substance misuse 2. Speeding and dangerous driving 3. Burglary and theft 4. Alcohol related crime and disorder 5. Mental health related crime and anti-social behaviour <p>Top 3 policing priorities identified were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving the Polcing response to victims of crime 2. Increasing the engagement with children and young people 3. Making 101 and other non-emergency contact more accessible. <p>The report illustrates the highest number of responses were from Swansea (19.9%), Cardiff (18.8%) and Bridgend (17.7%). Merthyr Tydfil had the lowest number of responses with 42 responses (4.2%).</p>
<p>4.</p>	<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>
<p>5.</p>	<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>
<p>6.</p>	<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>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Producing the report particularly in the light of: (i) any report or recommendations made by the police and crime panel; and</p>

	<p>(ii) any changes in the strategic policing requirement</p> <p>(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>