

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

SOUTH WALES POLICE

TITLE: **Analysis of Comprehensive Spending Review 2021**

DATE: **7th December 2021**

PURPOSE: **For Noting**

1.	<p><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></p> <p>To note the contents of the attached report, which provides a commentary on the Comprehensive Review 2021 announced by the Chancellor in October 2021. The salient points are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional income for the Police Uplift Programme to total £540 million by the 2024/25 financial year• An additional £260 million to be granted to partly cover cost pressures by 2024/25• Overall, the funding will be insufficient to cover core costs, inflation, pay awards, capital and other cost pressures.
	<p><u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u></p> <p>The Chancellor announced a three-year Comprehensive Review during his Autumn Budget on October 27th 2021.</p> <p>This is the first time in a number of years that a three-year direction of travel in terms of Home Office funding, has been announced.</p> <p>The attached report analysis the announcement and covers the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Analysis of Settlement• Efficiencies• Police Uplift Programme• Core Funding / Budget Pressures• Council Tax Receipts

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Police Funding Formula • Government Plan for Health & Social Care • Additional PCSOs • Apprenticeship Levy • Policing Response to Covid-19 • Pensions
4.	<p><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></p> <p>The financial implications are fully articulated within the attached report.</p>
5.	<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 our Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group. The Commissioner and the Chief Constable share a high level of commitment to promoting equalities – most recently working to provide leadership within Policing in Wales and within Criminal Justice in Wales on race equality – and putting principles into practice in South Wales in our internal arrangements, in combatting hate crime of all sorts and in ensuring that resources are deployed to meet these commitments.</p>
6.	<p><u>RISKS</u></p> <p>The analysis undertaken as part of this report assessed all risks, as far as they can be anticipated at this announcement stage. Further risk work will be undertaken once the detailed gant settlement is announced later in December 2021.</p>
7.	<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>
8.	<p><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></p> <p>Peter Curran, Chief Finance Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales.</p>