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Police and Crime  
Commissioner  
for Warwickshire

## Decision Application – Setting the 2021/22 Precept

<b>Application Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Sara Ansell, Treasurer
<b>Application Decision Reference: WPCC20164</b>			
<b>1. Summary of the application</b>			
<p>The Commissioner must set an annual precept for the financial year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 in compliance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Police and Crime Panel (Precept and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2013 made thereunder.</p> <p>The Commissioner has proposed a £14.99 or 6.3% increase in the precept (on a band D equivalent property) to be set for 2021/22 (previous Decision Record WPCC200163) which has been considered by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Panel and supported by them (response to proposal attached marked 'A').</p> <p>The Commissioner has had regard to the Budget Report of the Chief Finance Officer (attached marked 'B').</p> <p>The Commissioner has responded to the Panel by letter dated 8th February 2021 (attached marked 'C').</p> <p>This decision record is accompanied by these supporting documents.</p>			
<b>2. Background information:</b>			
<p><i>The Commissioner is recommended to approve:</i></p> <p>a) A Net Revenue Budget after savings of <b>£114.233m</b></p> <p>b) <b>£1.117m</b> contribution to reserves to fund the spreading of council tax deficits over a three year period and to manage future risks of the costs of the ongoing transition process.</p> <p>c) A net budget requirement of <b>£115.350m</b></p> <p>d) A Council Tax for a Band D property at <b>£252.96</b></p> <p>e) A Council Tax for a Band D property calculated as follows:</p>			
			£'m
Budget Requirement			<b>115.350</b>
Less Police Grant			<b>36.032</b>

<i>Less Revenue Support Grant</i>	<i>19.711</i>
<i>Less Council Tax Support Grant</i>	<i>3.910</i>
<i>Less Council Tax Freeze Grant:</i>	
<i>2013/14</i>	<i>0.368</i>
<i>2011/12</i>	<i>0.877</i>
<i>Less Local Council Tax Support Grant 2021/22</i>	<i>0.781</i>
<i>Less Local Tax Income Guarantee 2020/21</i>	<i>0.509</i>
<b><i>Sub Total</i></b>	<b><i>53.162</i></b>
<i>Less: Collection Fund Surplus/(Deficit) (2021/22 share)</i>	<i>(0.230)</i>
<b><i>Amount to be raised by Council Tax</i></b>	<b><i>53.392</i></b>
<i>Divided by Aggregate Council Tax Base</i>	<i>211,067.82</i>
<i>Basic Amount of Council Tax at Band D</i>	<i>£252.96</i>
f) <i>The consequential Council Tax for each property band will be as follows:</i>	
<i>Band A (6/9th)</i>	<i>£168.639847</i>
<i>Band B (7/9th)</i>	<i>£196.746488</i>
<i>Band C (8/9th)</i>	<i>£224.853129</i>
<i>Band D</i>	<i>£252.959770</i>
<i>Band E (11/9th)</i>	<i>£309.173052</i>
<i>Band F (13/9th)</i>	<i>£365.386335</i>
<i>Band G (15/9th)</i>	<i>£421.599617</i>
<i>Band H (18/9th)</i>	<i>£505.919540</i>
g) <i>That the Chief Executive to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire be authorised to issue Precept Notices on the Warwickshire billing authorities as shown below.</i>	
<i>North Warwickshire Borough Council</i>	<i>£5,330,133</i>
	<i>£9,715,704</i>

*Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council*

*Rugby Borough Council* £9,798,518

*Stratford Upon Avon District Council* £14,402,624

*Warwick District Council* £14,144,688

**TOTAL** £53,391,667

- h) The reserve strategy set out in section 7 of the budget report*
- i) The outline capital budget in section 8 the budget report*
- j) All Officers and staff be instructed to exercise tight budgetary control. Over-spending of 2021/22 departmental budgets must be avoided and the utmost caution must be exercised in entering into expenditure which creates additional commitments in future years. The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) will be kept fully informed of the financial position throughout the year, through tight budgetary control and monitoring, reported to him on a regular basis.*
- k) The prudential indicators at appendix D of the budget report*
- l) In approving the budget, the PCC notes the Treasurer's comments in section 9 of the budget report in respect of the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves.*

**3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application**

**YES**

**List of additional information/report**

- a) Police and Crime Panel letter to the PCC on the precept proposal.
- b) 2021/22 Budget report and Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/22 – 2025/26
- c) Response from the PCC to the Police and Crime Panel letter

**4. Expected benefits (non financial)**

The budget provides the funding for all of the activities and responsibilities falling within the remit of the Commissioner and outlines the resources available to address that level of activity. The Medium Term Financial plan provides a guide to the longer term sustainability of the Commissioner's plans. It also includes information in relation to the level of reserves and their usage by the Commissioner, in addition to detail on the planned capital investment of the medium term period and how that will be financed.

All the expected specific benefits arising from this budget are included within the attached report as presented to the Police and Crime Panel on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

#### **5. Impact of not approving the application**

The Commissioner will not fulfil his obligations under the Police & Crime Panels (Precept and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012.

#### **6. Costs**

**Revenue:** Contained within the attached budget report

**Capital:** Contained within the attached budget report

#### **7. Savings:**

The attached budget report clearly outlines the savings as part of the 2021/22 budget, in addition to the savings plan for Warwickshire over the medium term. These will be delivered via the Evolve 3 programme and will be monitored by the Chief Constable and PCC.

#### **8. Equality and Diversity Implications:**

All Warwickshire's policies on equality and diversity apply to the Commissioners proposed budget and precept

#### **9. Treasurer's comments**

This decision will finalise the process for setting the precept for 2021/22 which is required to support the Commissioner's budget for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022.

#### **10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments**

The recommendation and the supporting information comply with the statutory requirements of the Police and Crime Commissioner in respect of his precept setting responsibilities.

#### **Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

The PCC proposes a precept for 2021/22 of £252.96 for a band D property, and all the other accompanying recommendations as outlined in the background section of this decision notice and as per the attached final budget report.

**PCC Signature:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Jervis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'J'.

**Date of Decision:** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021