

9th February 2022

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Dear Councillor Towill,

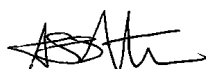
Police and Crime Commissioner's Response to the Panel's Report on the Precept

Thank you for your letter confirming the outcome of the decision in relation to the police precept for 2022/23 made at the Police and Crime Panel on 28th January 2022. I am very grateful for your support and diligence in reviewing my proposals which will now allow Devon and Cornwall Police to maintain their recruitment plans and sustain them over the short and medium term.

I note your comments and will have regard to them in any future decision making. My only observation would be around your comment (f) *That the Commissioner allocates Torbay Council with a fair share of uplifted officer numbers to reflect the increase in crime for the area*. The allocation of officers is the Chief Constable's decision and Mr Sawyer has already committed to ensure that the Basic Command Unit of South Devon will receive a bigger uplift than other areas proportionally due to it not being in receipt of corporate resources in the same way as others. He is already committed to ten new neighbourhood officers for Torbay and reassessing the needs of the BCU to ensure it has parity with other similar geographies. This will include adding a dedicated roads policing team and an armed response team over time.

In pursuance to the legislation I will be publishing this response on the OPCC website today.

Best regards



Alison Hernandez
Police and Crime Commissioner