

**DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
FRIDAY 07 FEBRUARY 2020**

To: The Police and Crime Commissioner of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Dated: 7 February 2020

**REPORT OF THE DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AND CRIME
PANEL**

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to set out the Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel's formal response to items considered at its meeting held on 07 February 2020.

The Police and Crime Commissioner had a statutory requirement to set an annual Police and Crime budget and, as part of that process, to consult with the Police and Crime Panel regarding any proposals in relation to the council tax precept.

At the meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 7 February 2020, the Commissioner set out her proposed Police precept for 2020/21 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2020/21 to 2022/24.

2. 2020/21 Precept Notification

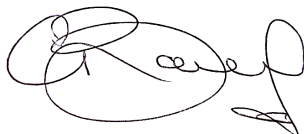
The Panel took a vote to exercise its power of veto with ten votes for, two against and one abstention – the veto was therefore not exercised as the threshold of two thirds of the total membership of the panel required to exercise a power of veto was not reached.

The majority of the panel members present were not satisfied with:

- The manner in which the budget was presented to the panel;
- The lack of evidence of consultation with the public on the specific matters required by law;
- The degree of misrepresentation in the number of extra police officers reported (176) during this term of office;
- The high level of financial risk associated with the reduction in the reserves;
- The reduction in the number of Police Community Support Officers, which is of concern to the Panel and the Public;
- That full powers to increase the precept had not been exercised by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the contrary position this takes to the Summer Policing Bid.

3. Publication

In accordance with statutory provisions the report should be considered in conjunction with the minutes of the meeting which will be available shortly via the following link:
<http://tinyurl.com/zwhqfub>

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Batters', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Councillor Chris Batters
Chair
Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Panel

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