

**Report of the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel
To the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner**

5 February 2018

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL REPORT ON THE PROPOSED PRECEPT
2018/2019**

1. Introduction

In accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Panel must review the proposed precept and make a report to the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner.

On 5 February 2018, the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel considered the Commissioner's proposed precept for 2018/19.

2. Commissioner's Proposed Precept 2018/19

The Police and Crime Commissioner proposed that subject to confirmation of the final grant figures and the surpluses and deficits on collection funds, the Band D precept for 2018/19 should be set at **£128.55**, an increase of £12 compared to 2017/18.

3. Panel Members Present

Cllr Sean Coughlan – Walsall (Chair)
Cllr Ken Hawkins – Solihull (Vice Chair)
Cllr Jayne Francis – Birmingham
Cllr John O'Shea – Birmingham
Cllr Peter Douglas Osborn – Birmingham
Cllr Pervez Akhtar – Coventry
Cllr Cathryn Bayton – Dudley
Cllr Elaine Costigan – Sandwell
Cllr David Hosell – Sandwell
Cllr Andy Mackiewicz – Solihull
Cllr Paul Sweet – Wolverhampton

4. Panel Decision

The Police and Crime Panel agreed to support the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposal that the Band D precept for 2018/19 should be set at **£128.55**, an increase of £12 compared to 2017/18. The vote was 11 to 0 in support.

The Panel further noted the negative effect that dampening has had on the West Midlands police budget. The Panel also agreed that Government should move to three year settlements for grant funding, to allow for sustainable, longer-term, planning.

5. Next Steps

The Panel will publish this report on its website: www.westmidlandspcp.co.uk

The Panel looks forward to the Police and Crime Commissioner's consideration and response to this report.