

PRECEPT PROPOSAL 2013/14

1. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION OF THE PRECEPT PROPOSAL

- 1.1 The Commissioner is required under Schedule 5 to the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and associated regulations to notify the Police and Crime Panel of his proposed precept for 2013/14 by 1 February 2013.
- 1.2 The Panel must review the proposed precept by 8 February and make a report to the Commissioner. The Panel has a right to veto the proposed precept if at least two thirds of the persons who are members of the Panel at the time when the decision is made vote in favour of making that decision.
- 1.3 The Commissioner must have regard to and give the Panel a response to their report. Where no veto is exercised the Commissioner may issue the precept. If the Commissioner's proposal is vetoed by the Panel, a revised proposal must be notified to the Panel by 15 February.
- 1.4 The Panel must review the revised proposal and make a report to the Commissioner by 22 February. The Commissioner must respond to the report and issue his precept by 1 March.
- 1.5 Rejection by the Panel of the revised precept does not prevent the Commissioner issuing it as his precept for the forthcoming financial year.
- 1.6 The Commissioner has a statutory duty to set a balanced budget and calculate the Council Tax Requirement for the forthcoming financial year. The budget report including the statutory calculations will be considered by the Commissioner once the Panel has reached the end of its scrutiny process.

2. ANALYSIS OF THE PROVISIONAL POLICE GRANT SETTLEMENT 2013/14

Key Points

- 1.6% reduction in core funding, as set out in the Spending Review 2010.
- Protection by the Home Office from the 1% additional reduction announced in the Autumn Statement, and the pay restraint reduction announced in 2011.
- Damping to be unchanged in 2013/14 and 2014/15.
- No figures published for 2014/15 pending review of Home Office budgets.

- Fundamental review of the Funding Formula in time for the next Spending Review.

Funding Formula

	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
Relative Need	76,557	76,731
Relative Resource	-1,535	-2,554
Central Allocation	75,870	72,986
Damping	-9,698	-5,417
Police Grant	179,315	187,770
Total Formula Funding	320,509	329,516

- 2013/14 includes the Neighbourhood Policing Fund (£14.3m), which was paid as a specific grant in 2012/13.
- The like for like comparison is therefore with £334.841m in 2012/13, a reduction of 1.6% or £5.3m to £329.516m.
- Population projections used in the formula have been updated to incorporate 2011 Census data.
- As much of the formula is driven by population, changes can result in significant variations. The resident population for West Yorkshire has reduced by 1.1% in comparison with the national average increase of 2.1%.
- This reduces the raw formula allocation and as a result the amount lost through damping has reduced from £9.7m to £5.4m.

Core Funding

	2012/13 £000	2013/14 £000
DCLG	141,194	141,746
Home Office	179,315	187,770
NPF	14,332	Included in HO
Total Formula Funding	334,841	329,516

Other Grants

- Counter Terrorism - quantum unchanged, allocations still to be notified.
- Community Safety Fund – drugs, crime and community safety funding streams amalgamated into a single Community Safety Fund for use by Commissioners. National reduction from £120m to £90m. West Yorkshire allocation of £5.292m.

- Capital Grant – unchanged from Written Ministerial Statement January 2012 –West Yorkshire allocation £4.169m.
- Council Tax Support – paid directly to local policing bodies to reflect Government contribution to Council Tax Support. National reduction of 10% as compared with 2012/13. Impact will depend on schemes adopted locally by the Billing Authorities. West Yorkshire allocation £14.422m.
- Council Tax Freeze – offer of grant equivalent to 1% on Band D using unreduced taxbase (i.e. comparable with the offer in previous years). Indicative allocation for West Yorkshire of £0.902m.
- The Council Tax Freeze Grant for 2011/12 continues to be paid for 2013/14 and 2014/15. This equates to £2.225m.

Referendum Limit

- The excessiveness criteria set at 2% other than for those local policing bodies in the bottom quartile for Band D council tax, where the limit is £5 in cash terms. A 2% increase is estimated to raise some £1.533m on the reduced taxbase. A £5 (3.8%) increase would raise an estimated £2.936m.

2013/14 Position and Beyond

- The Home Office protection means that the outcome is marginally better than had been anticipated. The budget gap with a 2% precept increase is estimated at £10.3m. £64m of savings have been taken from the budget to date.
- Specific risks for 2014/15 include the reinstatement of the pay restraint clawback and the additional 2% reduction announced in the Autumn Statement.
- Risks in the longer term include the reductions continuing on the same trajectory as the current Spending Review, as announced in the Autumn Statement. It is not yet clear what this means in practice.
- It is also unclear how the Council Tax Support Grant will change over time, and this now forms a significant contribution to the budget.

3. DRAFT BUDGET 2013/14

3.1 The Draft Base Budget for 2013/14 reflects the following key issues and assumptions:

- A pay freeze in 2012 for police officers.
- A pay freeze in 2012 for all police staff earning above £21,000 pa but a pay award of £250 for all those full time employees earning below £21,000 pa.
- A 1% pay award for police officers and police staff in September 2013 and September 2014.
- The full year effect of 2012/13 budget spending pressures.
- Provision for 8 Public Holidays.
- Additional £4.060m for the cost of police officer and police staff increments.
- Winsor 1 savings of £3.707m removed from police officer pay budgets.
- General price increases of 2.0% and larger increases in some specific areas e.g. fuel (10%), energy (5%), rent and rates (3.5%), computer maintenance (3.5%).
- The revenue implications of capital schemes e.g. running costs, maintenance costs etc.
- Provision for the ongoing cost of existing external borrowing.
- Increased charges from the National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) and successor bodies.
- An increased contribution of £0.500m to the Insurance Provision based on claims experience.
- Increased ill health and injury pensions of £0.675m.
- Loss of £0.521m in external funding, subject to review.
- The Organisational Change Fund re-profiled and reduced by £1.850m to £1.150m in 2013/14. Later years have been increased.
- Further use of Reserves and Balances in 2013/14 and beyond.

4. Precept Options considered by the Commissioner

4.1 As part of the budget planning process for 2013/14, three options have been considered:

- 1) Accepting the Government's offer of a precept freeze grant equivalent to a 1% increase in council tax.
- 2) Increasing the council tax by the general referendum limit of 2%.
- 3) Increasing the council tax by the specific referendum limit for West Yorkshire of £5 at Band D.

4.2 A detailed analysis of the budget is shown in Appendix A and is summarised below for Option 2.

Option 2 – 2% Council Tax Increase	2013/14 £000
Gross Expenditure	495,142
Income including specific grants	(68,490)
Contribution to/(from) Reserves and Balances	(6,900)
Total Budget 2013/14	419,752
Funded by	
Home Office Grant	187,770
Department for Communities and Local Government Grant	141,746
Council Tax Freeze Grant 2011/12	2,225
Total Government Core Funding	331,741
Estimated Collection Fund Surplus/(Deficit)	(509)
Precept	78,174
Budget Shortfall prior to savings	10,346

4.3 Using the final notification of the Billing Authorities' taxbases the precept raised with a 2% increase in council tax, taking it from £130.50 to £133.11, is £78.174m. The estimated deficit on Collection Funds is still subject to final confirmation.

4.4 Accepting the precept freeze grant would add some £0.631m to the budget shortfall, taking it to £10.977m.

4.5 Raising the council tax by the £5 at Band D allowed under the Government's excessiveness rules, from £130.50 to £135.50, would add £1.404m to the precept figure of £78.174m, taking it to £79.578m. This could either reduce the budget gap to £8.942m or allow for some recruitment of police officers in 2013/14, which would otherwise be unachievable. £1.404m would fund 44 police officers for a full year.

4.6 Details of the council tax for the three options are given at Appendix E, and the increases for options 2 and 3 are shown below.

COUNCIL TAX BAND	Option 2 Increase £p per annum	Option 3 Increase £p per annum
A	1.74	3.34
B	2.03	3.89
C	2.32	4.45
D	2.61	5.00
E	3.19	6.11
F	3.77	7.23
G	4.35	8.34
H	5.22	10.00

- 4.7 Around 64% of households in West Yorkshire fall in bands A and B, meaning the increase at option 3 is around 1p per day.
- 4.8 It is estimated that 150 police officers and 193 police staff will leave the force during 2013/14 through retirement and natural turnover. Recruitment of 61 specialist police staff and PCSOs is built into the estimates. This is sufficient to balance the budget for 2013/14, as shown below.

5. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

- 5.1 The budget shortfalls prior to savings through estimated natural officer and staff leavers are as follows for the three scenarios detailed below. These assume reductions in government funding as set out at Appendix A, with variations to the precept level illustrated in the table through to 2016/17.

Cumulative Budget Shortfalls	2013/14 £000	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000
Scenario 1 – precept freeze in 2013/14; Illustrates 2% increase thereafter	10,977	38,381	57,599	71,096
Scenario 2 – 2% in 2013/14; Illustrates 2% increase thereafter	10,346	37,720	56,004	69,469
Scenario 3 - £5 in 2013/14* Illustrates £5 increase thereafter	8,942*	34,943*	51,886*	64,041*

*Would depend on utilisation of the additional precept resource.

- 5.2 Total accumulated savings based on estimated police officer leavers with no new recruitment, and police staff leavers net of recruitment to 50 specialist posts are as follows:

Cumulative Total Savings	2013/14 £000	2014/15 £000	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000
Savings from natural leavers net of specialist police staff recruitment	18,554	29,438	41,580	54,434

- 5.3 While 2013/14 is balanced, there are significant shortfalls in future years for all three scenarios, based on current assumptions of future government funding. Additional reductions would therefore be required to balance the budget, through pay and non pay savings including further police staff redundancies.

6. Decision by the Commissioner

6.1 Relevant considerations for the Commissioner in making his decision include:

- The impact on frontline policing;
- The impact on council taxpayers;
- Future financial health, including adequacy of reserves and balances;
- The robustness of financial and organisational management processes in place;
- Levels of demand and force resilience;
- Savings made to date and the capacity for future savings;
- Public views obtained from the Listening to You First survey;

Appendices

- A Medium Term Financial Forecast (Option 2 illustrated)
- B Capital Forecast
- C General Balances
- D Listening to You First Survey Results
- E Council Tax Bands

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST 2012-13 TO 2016-17

	2012/2013 Estimate at Outturn £000	Adjusts £000	Pay and Prices £000	2013/2014 Estimate at Outturn £000	Adjusts £000	Pay and Prices £000	2014/2015 Estimate at Outturn £000	Adjusts £000	Pay and Prices £000	2015/2016 Estimate at Outturn £000	Adjusts £000	Pay and Prices £000	2016/2017 Estimate at Outturn £000
DEVOLVED AND DELEGATED													
Police Pay	254,758	-390	1,482	255,850	1,448	2,579	259,878	2,900	4,173	266,951	2,900	5,423	275,274
Police Allowances	7,098	0	13	7,111	0	65	7,176	0	66	7,242	0	67	7,309
Police Staff Pay and Allowances	110,338	1,183	942	112,463	500	1,132	114,095	800	1,825	116,720	800	2,362	119,882
Police Overtime	9,957	-900	53	9,110	300	94	9,505	600	160	10,265	-2,400	158	8,023
Police Staff Overtime	1,907	16	11	1,934	0	19	1,954	0	31	1,985	0	40	2,024
Sub Total Pay and Overtime	384,059	-91	2,501	386,469	2,248	3,890	392,607	4,300	6,256	403,163	1,300	8,050	412,513
Medical Expenses	4,280	0	86	4,366	0	88	4,453	0	225	4,679	0	237	4,916
Forensic	3,036	0	61	3,096	0	62	3,158	0	63	3,222	0	65	3,287
AFR	262	0	5	267	0	5	273	0	5	278	0	6	284
DNA	270	0	5	276	0	6	281	0	6	287	0	6	292
Clothing	1,353	0	27	1,380	0	28	1,407	0	28	1,436	0	29	1,465
Training	587	0	12	598	0	12	611	0	12	623	0	13	635
Computers and Communications	12,462	250	323	13,034	350	467	13,852	350	496	14,698	500	529	15,727
Buildings Maintenance	3,402	16	81	3,499	0	70	3,569	0	72	3,641	0	73	3,714
Cleaning	2,749	0	55	2,804	0	56	2,860	0	57	2,918	0	59	2,976
Rent and Rates	8,843	0	387	9,229	0	326	9,555	0	337	9,892	0	349	10,241
Energy	4,015	0	412	4,427	0	224	4,652	0	235	4,887	0	247	5,134
Contracted Support Services	307	0	6	313	0	6	319	0	6	326	0	7	332
Car Allowances & Travel	1,702	0	34	1,736	0	35	1,771	0	36	1,807	0	36	1,843
Vehicle Fleet	11,658	0	567	12,226	0	536	12,761	0	605	13,366	0	644	14,010
Internal Printing	222	0	4	226	0	5	231	0	5	235	0	5	240
Training Recharge	646	0	0	646	0	13	658	0	13	672	0	13	685
Advertising	71	0	1	72	0	1	74	0	1	75	0	2	77
Furniture and Fittings	151	0	3	154	0	3	157	0	3	160	0	3	164
Operational and Admin Equipment	2,842	0	57	2,898	0	58	2,957	0	59	3,016	0	61	3,077
Photocopying	1,115	0	22	1,137	0	23	1,160	0	23	1,183	0	24	1,207
Printing Stationery and Publications	720	0	14	734	0	15	749	0	15	764	0	15	779
Postage	382	0	8	390	0	8	398	0	8	406	0	8	414
Divisional Initiatives/Community Safety	645	0	13	658	0	13	672	0	13	685	0	14	699
ID Parades	192	0	4	196	0	4	200	0	4	204	0	4	208
Vehicle Recovery	188	0	4	191	0	4	195	0	4	199	0	4	203
Agency Staff and Professional Services	1,752	-106	33	1,680	-265	31	1,445	0	29	1,474	0	30	1,504
Helicopter	1,244	0	71	1,315	0	67	1,382	0	70	1,452	0	73	1,525
PFI	627	652	24	1,303	2,061	50	3,414	-354	64	3,125	-1,517	45	1,653
Officers From Other Forces	6,510	0	25	6,535	0	131	6,667	0	134	6,801	0	137	6,937
Subsistence Hotel & Hospitality	1,248	0	25	1,272	0	26	1,298	0	26	1,324	0	27	1,351
Other	5,185	19	108	5,312	0	134	5,445	0	137	5,582	0	140	5,722
Income	-49,789	763	-306	-49,332	0	-312	-49,644	0	-318	-49,963	0	-325	-50,287
Sub Total Non Pay	28,874	1,595	2,171	32,640	2,146	2,194	36,980	-4	2,477	39,453	-1,017	2,578	41,015
TOTAL DEVOLVED AND DELEGATED	412,933	1,504	4,672	419,109	4,394	6,084	429,587	4,296	8,733	442,616	283	10,629	453,528

	2012/2013 Estimate at Outturn £000	Adjusts £000	Pay and Prices £000	2013/2014 Estimate at Outturn £000	Adjusts £000	Pay and Prices £000	2014/2015 Estimate at Outturn £000	Adjusts £000	Pay and Prices £000	2015/2016 Estimate at Outturn £000	Adjusts £000	Pay and Prices £000	2016/2017 Estimate at Outturn £000
NON DEVOLVED/ DELEGATED													
Pensions	4,556	675	144	5,375	0	161	5,536	0	166	5,702	0	171	5,873
Capital Financing:													
Debt Charges	10,678	-1,068	0	9,610	321	0	9,931	-373	0	9,558	500	0	10,058
Direct Revenue Support	500	0	0	500	0	0	500	0	0	500	0	0	500
Unfunded Pension Costs	204	0	4	208	0	5	213	0	5	219	0	5	224
Insurance	1,849	500	115	2,464	0	123	2,587	0	129	2,717	0	136	2,853
Prisoner Meals	160	0	3	163	0	3	166	0	3	170	0	3	173
Witness Allowances/Interpreters Fees	789	0	16	805	0	16	821	0	16	837	0	17	854
Legal Fees/Ex Gratia Payments	70	0	1	71	0	1	73	0	1	74	0	1	76
Organisational Change	3,000	-1,850	0	1,150	-50		1,100	70		1,170	50		1,220
Other	9,364	-4,000	16	5,380	0	16	5,395	0	16	5,411	0	16	5,428
PNC	1,586	421	95	2,102	240	70	2,413	0	72	2,485	0	75	2,560
Vehicle Fleet Financing	-2,864	0	0	-2,864	0	0	-2,864	0	0	-2,864	0	0	-2,864
Income General	-25,856	6,735	-37	-19,158	128	-37	-19,067	48	0	-19,019	0	0	-19,019
TOTAL NON DEVOLVED/DELEGATED	4,036	1,413	358	5,807	639	359	6,805	-255	411	6,960	550	425	7,935
TOTAL FORCE BUDGET	416,969	2,917	5,030	424,916	5,033	6,443	436,392	4,041	9,144	449,576	833	11,054	461,463
OFFICE OF THE P.C.C.	1,761	-34	9	1,736	-33	25	1,728	0	26	1,754	0	26	1,780
SAVINGS		0		0			0			0			
TOTAL BASE BUDGET	418,730	2,883	5,039	426,652	5,000	6,468	438,120	4,041	9,169	451,330	833	11,080	463,243
FUNDED BY													
CONTRIBUTION FROM BALANCES	7,000	-100	0	6,900	0	0	6,900	-900	0	6,000	0	0	6,000
EXTERNAL SUPPORT	322,735	9,006		331,741	-17,379		314,362	-5,769		308,593	-3,178		305,415
COLLECTION FUND SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-541	32		-509	-91		-600			-600			-600
COUNCIL TAX FREEZE GRANT	0	0		0			0			0			0
TOTAL FUNDING	329,194	8,938	0	338,132	-17,470	0	320,662	-6,669	0	313,993	-3,178	0	310,815
PRECEPT REQUIREMENT	89,536	-11,362		78,174	1,564		79,738	1,595		81,333	1,626		82,959
SHORTFALL				10,346			37,720			56,004			69,469

**WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE
DRAFT CAPITAL FORECAST 2012/13 TO 2016/17**

APPENDIX B

	BUDGET 2012/13	PROPOSED BUDGET RE-PHASING INTO 2013/14	PROPOSED BUDGET SAVING	PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET 2012/13	ORIGINAL FORECAST 2013/14	PROPOSED RE-PHASING FROM 12/13	PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET 2013/14	FORECAST 2014/15	FORECAST 2015/16	FORECAST 2016/17
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
ESTATES										
CUSTODY EVOLUTION PLAN	310			310			0			
KIRKLEES/DEWSBURY REFURBISHMENT	200	-150		50	3600	150	3750			
HMET RELOCATION	54			54			0			
SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT RELOCATION	1029		-430	599	430		430			
LGC ADAPTATIONS	481			481			0			
PFI / NPT	609	-470		139		470	470			
CARR GATE COMPLEX :-	0			0			0			
LAND PURCHASE	0			0			0			
PFI CAPITAL IMPLICATIONS	0			0	800		800			
MINOR WORKS & HEALTH AND SAFETY	2507	-136		2371	1800	136	1936	1700	1700	1700
ASSET RATIONALISATION WORKS	3101	-690		2411	1400	690	2090	1400	1400	1400
SLIPPAGE B/fwd	0			0	1279		1279	2132	1047	830
Sub Total Buildings Estates Managed	8291	-1446	-430	6415	9309	1446	10755	5232	4147	3930
CTU FIT OUT AND TACT CUSTODY	475	-300		175		300	300			
Sub Total Buildings Non Estates Managed	475	-300	0	175	0	300	300	0	0	0
TOTAL ESTATES	8766	-1746	-430	6590	9309	1746	11055	5232	4147	3930
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY										
MOBILE DATA	600	-350		250	550	350	900	150	150	300
CORVUS	147			147	40		40	40	45	45
NICHE RMS	100	-100		0		100	100		100	
CCTV	100			100	100		100	100	125	125
PC REPLACEMENT	165	-25		140	125	25	150	100	125	125
NETWORK HARDWARE	875	-75		800	800	75	875	850	900	900
CONSOLIDATION	152			152	100		100	100	100	100
DATA INTEGRITY	50			50	55		55	55	55	55
IAM	312			312			0			
AIRWAVE (Replacements)	0			0			0		600	200
INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE	383			383	250		250	250	250	250
STORAGE	500	-120		380	250	120	370	250	250	250
HR SYSTEM	153			153			0			
DIGITAL INTERVIEW RECORDING (CJS)	74			74			0			
GIS	41			41			0			
NPAS	1065			1065			0			
FOREFRONT IDENTITY MANAGER	0			0	200		200			
PACS (Physical Access Control System)	470	-320		150		320	320			
FOLLOW ME PRINTING	0			0			0			
FIRE CONTROL CENTRE	2900	-2900		0		2900	2900			
SLIPPAGE B/fwd	0			0	777		777	1427	664	673
Sub Total IT Managed	8087	-3890	0	4197	3247	3890	7137	3322	3364	3023
FINANCE UPGRADE	178	-100		78		100	100			
IOM SYSTEM REPLACEMENT	27			27			0			
CTU	386			386			0			
OTHER IT SCHEMES	0			0			0			
Sub Total Non IT Managed	591	-100	0	491	0	100	100	0	0	0
TOTAL I.T.	8678	-3990	0	4688	3247	3990	7237	3322	3364	3023
SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT	276		-254	22			0			
3D SCANNER	126			126			0			
EQUIPMENT	750	-40		710		40	40			
VEHICLES	3631	-105		3526	2515	105	2620	2388	2538	2644
TOTAL OTHER PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	4783	-145	-254	4384	2515	145	2660	2388	2538	2644
GRAND TOTAL	22227	-5881	-684	15662	15071	5881	20952	10942	10050	9597
SLIPPAGE										
Additional Estimated Slippage c/fwd - Estates	-1634	269	86	-1279	-1863	-269	-2132	-1047	-830	-787
Additional Estimated Slippage c/fwd - IT	-1555	778	0	-777	-649	-778	-1427	-664	-673	-605
TOTAL ESTIMATED SLIPPAGE	-3189	1047	86	-2056	-2512	-1047	-3559	-1712	-1503	-1392
TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO BE FUNDED	19038	-4834	-598	13606	12559	4834	17393	9231	8547	8206
FINANCING										
CAPITAL GRANT	4600			4600	4169		4169	4300	4500	4500
SPECIFIC GRANT - OTHER	116			116			0			
SPECIFIC GRANT - CTU	553			553			0			
SPECIFIC GRANT - LGC	481			481			0			
PRUDENTIAL BORROWING	8704	-4834	-598	3272	5522	4834	10356	836	187	1456
DIRECT REVENUE SUPPORT	1586			1586	500		500	500	500	500
DIRECT REVENUE SUPPORT NPAS	1065			1065						
CAPITAL RECEIPTS	1933			1933	2368		2368	3595	3360	1750
TOTAL FINANCING	19038	-4834	-598	13606	12559	4834	17393	9231	8547	8206

APPENDIX C**GENERAL BALANCES SUMMARY - 2012/13 TO 2016/17**

	31/03/2012	2012/13	31/03/2013	2013/14	31/03/2014	2014/15	31/03/2015	2015/16	31/03/2016	2016/17	31/03/2017
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
OPENING BALANCE	30,665		36,465		29,565		22,665		16,665		10,665
Planned use in year		-7,000		-6,000		-6,000		-6,000		-6,000	
Transfer from Viper Reserve		1,000									
Forecast underspend 2012/13		10,000									
Capital Financing Reserve *		1,800		-900		-900					
TOTALS	30,665	5,800	36,465	-6,900	29,565	-6,900	22,665	-6,000	16,665	-6,000	10,665

* Use of an additional planned underspending of £1.8m in 2012/13 to create a Capital Financing Reserve

RISK BASED ASSESSMENT**7,343**

Results - Budget and Police and Crime Plan Survey 2013

		All respondents
Q10 Would you be prepared to pay more than 2% extra on your police council tax this year?	Yes	57.4
	No	42.6

Base: 1,982

Significant differences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those with a disability were less likely to say yes Those from a BME background were less likely to say yes

		All respondents
Q11 How much extra would you be prepared to pay for policing next year?	Reduction	0.2
	No increase	26.0
	1%	8.5
	2%	17.9
	3%	13.9
	4%	7.9
	5%	18.3
	Over 5%	2.2
	Other	5.0

Base: 1,939

Significant differences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those who were contacts were less likely to say they would pay 5% more than those who were not Males were less likely to say they would pay 3% extra but more likely to agree to pay 5% extra Those from a BME background were more likely to say they wanted to pay no increase and less likely to say they would pay an extra 3% Younger respondents indicated they were happier to pay 5% or more than those over the age of 55

		Q10 Would you be prepared to pay more than 2% extra on your police council tax this year?	
		Yes	No
Why do you say that?	Policing is important	31.0	-
	To ensure communities are safe	25.2	-
	Small amount to pay	21.8	-
	To increase police officer/staff numbers	9.3	-
	Other - yes	7.1	-
	No reason provided or just caveats given	5.6	-
	Increases are not affordable	-	42.6
	Changes need to be made	-	22.7
	Other - no	-	9.4
	Increase not justified	-	7.8
	Not value for money	-	7.1
	Everyone has to make cuts	-	6.1
	No reason provided	-	4.2

Significant differences - yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Males were more likely to give another reason when saying why they would pay more than 2% while females were more likely to give either no reason or provide caveats attached to the extra increase
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bisexual respondents were more likely to say they would pay extra to increase police officer/staff numbers than heterosexual respondents
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those with a disability were happy to pay extra to ensure communities are safe but less likely to say it was a small amount to pay
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those aged 34 or under were more likely to say it was a small amount to pay than those aged 55 or over

Significant differences - no
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Males were more likely to say they wouldn't pay more than 2% because changes need to be made while females were more likely to say that increases are not affordable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those from a BME background were more likely to say that the police/increases did not provide value for money

Q10 Would you be prepared to pay more than 2% extra on your police council tax this year?

Yes

<p>To increase police officer/staff numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes visibility • PCSOs and staff • Frontline policing
<p>To ensure communities are safe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain law and order • Quality of life
<p>Small amount to pay</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable • Good value • Current rate of inflation
<p>Policing is important</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs funding • Maintain/improve service • To cover inflation • You get what you pay for • Tax hasn't increased for 2 years so needs to • Need to support the police
<p>No reason provided/caveats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E.g. wants proof of where it's being spent, that it's being spent effectively, or providing value for money • 'Only if I could see it making a difference' but not indication of what that difference is
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If it's needed, it's needed • If police are ineffective then why pay at all? • All need to take ownership of our society • No choice/obliged to pay whatever we ask • If we get policing right now, then potentially could reduce the tax in future years

Many comments that people should pay more than others if they earn more or they live in more demanding areas.

No

Increases are not affordable

- Times are tight
- Unemployed
- Reduce pay/pension
- No wage increases
- Other costs increasing

Changes need to be made

- Balance of taxes
- Inefficiencies
- Services offered (e.g. helicopter)

Not value for money

Increase not justified

- Funding received is sufficient
- Pay enough tax already
- Paying for a service never see/use

Everyone has to make cuts

No reason provided

Other

- More funds from Government
- Chase non payers
- Use criminal assets
- Make criminals pay more
- Disagrees in principal with increases
- Stop Government giving money to other countries
- Make changes to local authorities

APPENDIX E**Council Tax Bands**

BAND	Precept Freeze £	2% increase £	£5 increase £
A	87.0017	88.7418	90.3351
B	101.5020	103.5321	105.3909
C	116.0023	118.3224	120.4468
D	130.5026	133.1127	135.5026
E	159.5032	162.6933	165.6143
F	188.5037	192.2739	195.7260
G	217.5043	221.8545	225.8377
H	261.0052	266.2254	271.0052