



BOARD REPORT

Bedfordshire Police & Crime Panel – 5 February 2019

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To notify the Bedfordshire Police & Crime Panel of the proposed budget and precept for the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner for 2019/20 and to enable the Panel to review the proposed precept.

2. Background

- 2.1 Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Police & Crime Panel's (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012, the Commissioner must notify the Panel of the precept which the Commissioner is proposing to issue for the financial year by 1 February and the Panel must review the proposed precept notified to it by 8 February.

3. General Considerations

- 3.1 The Commissioner supports the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police by ensuring the Force has the necessary resources to maintain and enhance effective policing across Bedfordshire. The Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan incorporates priorities that will enable her to build better policing for Bedfordshire.
- 3.2 The 2019/20 revenue budget has been built around the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan and has been considered by the Commissioner and Chief Constable both in the short and longer term. It has been developed to ensure that;

- It demonstrates the strongest possible management of available finances
- While savings plans need to be developed further it will deliver a balanced budget to 2021/22.
- Is able to protect and enhance front line officer numbers and local policing capability.

3.3 The proposed budget the Commissioner is presenting to the Panel for 2019/20 equates to a budget requirement of **£113.421M** with no contribution to or from reserves. This would result in the policing element of an average Council Tax at Band D of **£202.09**, an increase of **£24** or **13.5%** compared to 2018/19. The full report at Appendix A explains how this was arrived at, the growth and savings plan of the Force and the medium term financial projections.

4. Contribution to the Police and Crime Plan

4.1 The recommendations arising from this report and the subsequent report from the Police and Crime Panel will determine the budget available to deliver substantial elements of the Commissioner's Police & Crime Plan for Bedfordshire.

5. Appendices or enclosures

5.1 Appendix A – Revenue Budget Report 2019/20 (PCC Strategic Board, 28 Jan 2019)

6. Background papers

6.1 Home Office Provisional Grant Report, December 2018

7. Recommendations

7.1 The Panel is recommended to review and make a report to the Commissioner on the proposed precept for 2019/20.