

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

4 FEBRUARY 2020

REPORT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

COVER REPORT - SCRUTINY OF THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) AND PROPOSED PRECEPT

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner is required under Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to inform the Police and Crime Panel of the proposed police precept in order for the PCP to carry out their role in scrutiny of the precept decision in accordance with the process and statutory timescales detailed in Schedule 5.
- 1.2 The PCP has been kept informed and consulted throughout the budget setting process, with an informal budget briefing held on 8 October 2019 and the draft Medium Term Financial Plan presented to the Panel following their meeting on 11 December 2019.
- 1.3 Members will be aware of the challenge presented by timings with respect to the budget setting process for 2020/21 with the General Election held in December delaying Government announcements on departmental grant settlements. PCCs have maintained close engagement with the Home Office throughout this period to seek urgent clarification in relation to the grant and precept flexibility in order to meet statutory timescales set out in Schedule 5 of the Police Crime and Social Responsibility Act 2011. In view of the timing of the Home Office Grant Settlement announcement, the substantive report setting out proposals for consideration by the Panel will be finalised and circulated to Panel Members as soon as practicable in advance of the Panel meeting.

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