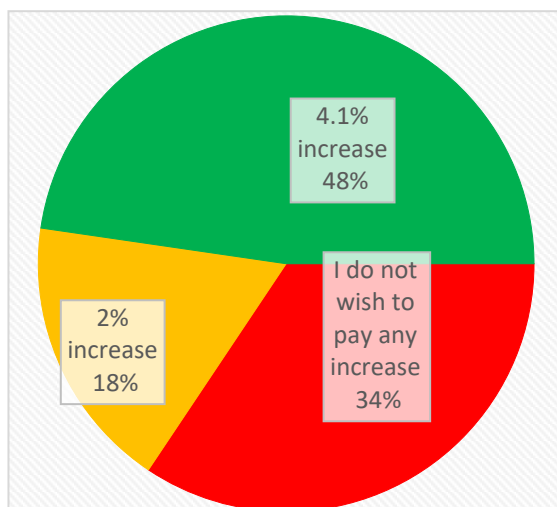


## 2022/23 Precept Survey Analysis – Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner

### Results – precept



We received 6355 survey responses about the proposed precept increase.

A majority of responses are supportive of an increase in the precept.

The individual option with most support is the maximum precept increase.

However, more than a third of responses are not supportive of an increase.

Level	Number of responses	% of all responses	% of respondents with an opinion	% of respondents not employed by the police
I do not wish to pay any increase	2098	33.0	34.4	36.4
2% increase of 40p per month	1094	17.2	17.9	17.2
4.1% increase of 83p per month	2911	45.8	47.7	46.4
Don't know	252	4.0		

Please note all other data is based on the online and postal surveys only as the full dataset for the telephone survey was not available.

After asking the level of precept increase supported, respondents were asked why. They were given 12 options and asked to choose as many as were relevant. The top three reasons are all supportive of an increase. The top 'negative' reason was that people feel they *Already contribute enough* (25.8%).

Reason	Number	%
I am supportive of the police	2804	50.0
Impact of cuts on policing	1927	34.4
The police budget has already been reduced enough	1775	31.7
Already contribute enough	1446	25.8
Should be funded via Central Government	1410	25.2
Concerned by reduction in budget on my safety	1265	22.6
Financial constraints / can't afford to	1047	18.7
Lack confidence in police	840	15.0
Inefficient / do not provide good value for money	828	14.8
Would need more information about spend	652	11.6
The police budget is already increasing enough recently via central government	323	5.8
None of the above	144	2.6

## Results – confidence

Agreement level	I have confidence in the police		I have confidence in the PCC	
Strongly disagree	620	11.1%	663	11.8%
Tend to disagree	1087	19.4%	927	16.5%
Neither disagree nor agree	1129	20.1%	1724	30.8%
Tend to agree	1810	32.3%	1400	25.0%
Strongly agree	867	15.5%	531	9.5%
Don't know	92	1.6%	360	6.4%

47.8% of respondents said they had confidence in the police which is significant lower than the ongoing telephone survey. The two most likely reasons for this difference are the methodology of the surveys and differing sections of the public that are completing the surveys.

For this first time this survey also asked about confidence in the PCC directly: 34.5% of respondents had confidence in the PCC.

## Methodology

Opinions about next year's precept were collected in three different ways. Firstly there was a question in the local Police and Crime Survey which is administered by a third party over the telephone. Although the survey is run every quarter only the quarter three results are relevant as the options available to respondents had to be changed following the Government announcement of the maximum £10 increase (for a band D home).

Secondly an online survey was hosted on the PCC website and promoted by the OPCC. This survey was open for anybody to complete from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

The third method was a postal survey which was dispatched on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Targeting of these surveys was done in two separate ways. A third of the surveys were sent to the five most ethnically diverse LSOAs in Avon and Somerset. The remaining surveys were stratified based on local authority area and the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). Each local authority area received a number of surveys proportionate to its population size. The distribution across IMD was weighted with the most deprived areas receiving the most surveys and the least deprived areas receiving the fewest. Addresses were selected at random.

The online and postal surveys asked two questions about the precept, two confidence questions followed by a number of questions about demographic/household information. They were not part of a broader suite of questions like the telephone survey.

Number of responses by medium	
Telephone	750
Online	4731
Postal	874
Total	6355

This is the single biggest consultation that has been undertaken by this office in relation to the precept for the following year. This shows a growth in overall responses of 75% compared to last year's total of 3635.

## About the respondents

In order to understand the types of people responding to the survey there were a series of demographic or household questions. It should be noted that there were additional questions of this type in the online/postal survey compared to the telephone survey.

Gender identity	Number	%
Female	2358	42.1
Male	2743	48.9
Non-binary	20	0.4
Prefer to self-describe	11	0.2
Prefer not to say	473	8.4

Gender identity the same as sex assigned at birth	Number	%
Yes	5083	90.7
No	24	0.4
Prefer not to say	498	8.9

Age	Number	%
16 - 24	117	2.1
25 - 34	579	10.3
35 - 44	827	14.8
45 - 54	923	16.5
55 - 64	1107	19.8
65 - 74	1098	19.6
75 or above	509	9.1
Prefer not to say	445	7.9

Ethnicity	Number	%
<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Bangladeshi	6	0.1
Chinese	9	0.2
Indian	26	0.5
Pakistani	16	0.3
Any other Asian background	23	0.4
<b>Black or Black British</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1.0</b>
African	19	0.3
Caribbean	31	0.6
Any other Black background	8	0.1
<b>Mixed</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1.1</b>
White and Asian	20	0.4
White and Black African	6	0.1
White and Black Caribbean	14	0.2
Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background	19	0.3
<b>White</b>	<b>4914</b>	<b>87.7</b>
White - British	4653	83.0
White - Irish	56	1.0
White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller	8	0.1
Any other White background	197	3.5
<b>Other</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Other ethnic group - Arab	6	0.1
Any other ethnic group	17	0.3
<b>Prefer not to say</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>8.4</b>

Religion / Faith	Number	%
None	2274	40.6
Buddhism	38	0.7
Christianity	2332	41.6
Hinduism	19	0.3
Islam	25	0.4
Judaism	18	0.3
Sikhism	4	0.1
Other	148	2.6
Prefer not to say	747	13.3

Sexual orientation	Number	%
Bisexual	148	2.6
Gay / lesbian	114	2.0
Heterosexual / straight	4347	77.6
Prefer to self-describe	54	1.0
Prefer not to say	942	16.8

Disability	Number	%
Yes	602	10.7
No	4488	80.1
Prefer not to say	515	9.2

Local Authority	Number	%
BANES	553	9.9
Bristol	1117	19.9
North Somerset	1215	21.7
Somerset	1595	28.5
South Gloucestershire	916	16.3
Prefer not to say	209	3.7

Council tax band	Number	%
A	294	5.2
B	624	11.1
C	650	11.6
D	1478	26.4
E	458	8.2
F	226	4.0
G	180	3.2
H	47	0.8
Don't know	1165	20.8
Prefer not to say	483	8.6

Responsible for paying council tax	Number	%
Yes - jointly	3055	54.5
Yes - solely	2112	37.7
No	168	3.0
Prefer not to say	270	4.8

Household income	Number	%
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Indices of Multiple	Number	%
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Up to £5,199	66	1.2
£5,200 – £10,399	152	2.7
£10,400 – £15,599	287	5.1
£15,600 – £20,799	271	4.8
£20,800 – £25,999	411	7.3
£26,000 – £31,199	358	6.4
£31,200 – £36,399	301	5.4
£36,400 – £51,999	850	15.2
£52,000 or more	1220	21.8
Prefer not to say	1689	30.1

Deprivation Decile		
1	171	6.3
2	208	7.7
3	181	6.7
4	269	9.9
5	283	10.5
6	296	10.9
7	332	12.3
8	307	11.3
9	226	8.4
10	432	16.0

Main source of household income	Number	%
Benefits	95	1.7
Employment or self-employment	3355	59.9
Pension	1558	27.8
Prefer not to say	597	10.7

Employed by the police	Number	%
No	3755	67.0
Yes	1440	25.7
Prefer not to say	410	7.3

Victim of crime	Number	%
No	1629	29.1
Yes	3575	63.8
Prefer not to say	401	7.2

Voted in PCC election	Number	%
No	2190	39.1
Yes	2952	52.7
Prefer not to say	463	8.3