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*Sent by email*

Dear Cllr Robini,

### **Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner Precept for 2023/24**

Pursuant to Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012, I am writing to you to formally respond to your letter from the Police and Crime Panel dated the 8<sup>th</sup> February in respect of my proposed precept for 2023/24.

I note that at the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 the panel agreed the following recommendation:

*That the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner Precept for a Band D property be increased by £15, from £295.57 to £310.57, in 2023/24.*

As my recommendation has been agreed I am writing to inform you that I intend to issue the required precept notices reflecting my proposed precept in due course.

I am pleased to note that the panel understands the challenging financial constraints that we are currently under and that it found the briefings and papers useful. As you know Surrey receives the lowest level of grant per head in the country and so I will be looking for the panel's support in the forthcoming funding formula grant consultation to push for a fairer deal for Surrey's residents.

Surrey is taking part in a national program to re-vet all officers and staff and indeed the DPCC along with myself and my office have also put themselves forward for this process. We will have to wait and see what the results of this are. However, I have been assured by the Chief Constable that the Force has a robust vetting service in place even though this can lead to delays in recruitment leaving posts unfilled.

Finally, the new financial year will bring challenges but also opportunities, not least of which will be a new Chief Constable, and I look forward to working together with you and the Panel for the benefit of all the residents of Surrey.

Yours sincerely,



Lisa Townsend.

**Lisa Townsend**  
Police and Crime Commissioner

