

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO CLEVELAND
POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

4 FEBRUARY 2016

**REPORT OF CLEVELAND
POLICE AND CRIME PANEL –
TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

REVIEW OF THE OVERALL BUDGET STRATEGY

PURPOSE

This report provides detail of the work undertaken by the annual Scrutiny Task and Finish Group to consider the financial strategy of the Police and Crime Commissioner for 2016/17 and the level of precept required to provide a balanced budget.

DETAIL

The report provides the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel with assurances from the PCP Task and Finish Group of evidence from, and discussion with, the Police and Crime Commissioner and his office when considering the proposed precept.

Following the Autumn Budget statement which stated protection of police funding Government grants were subsequently reduced which requires PCC's to increase council tax levels by the maximum permitted amount if they are to maintain forces' funding at existing levels.

The Task and Finish Group considered the total funding projections and the PCC's priorities to determine the level of precept required for Cleveland.

RECOMMENDATION

The Task and Finish Group support the increase to the PCC precept of 1.99%.

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