

Wiltshire and Swindon



Precept Consultation January 2021

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What is my role?

Voice

- Voice of the people of Wiltshire and Swindon

Accountable

- Hold the Chief Constable and Force to account

Deliver

- Cut crime and deliver effective and efficient policing

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What has been delivered this year?

Rural Crime

- We were able to establish the new rural crime team
- Made up of one sergeant, three constables and 35 community policing team officers who work as Wildlife and Heritage Crime Officers. An Inspector acts as a tactical lead in addition to members of our Special Constabulary who are used on pre-planned operations.

Officers

- We are on track to recruit this year's target of an additional 65 police officers to the ranks in Wiltshire by March 2021
- This will take our officer numbers from 934 at its lowest to 1,050, the highest number of Wiltshire Police officers in six years. The additional 46 officers in 2021/22 would see officer numbers rise to 1,096 by March 2022.

Cyber-Crime

- We invested further into the Digital Investigations and Intelligence Unit to counter cyber-crime.

What am I proposing?

- Last month, the Government announced that it would deliver 6,000 new officers nationally in 2021/22 as part of its plan to increase officer numbers by 20,000. It also announced that I can raise the policing part of the council tax next April by 6.9%, equivalent of up to £15 per year for an average band D household, to help fund the increase in officers
- I'm therefore asking all residents to support a £15 per household, a year, rise on a band D property in the policing part of council tax for 2021/22. This equates to an extra £1.25 a month.
- I know that in normal times an increase in contributions will be felt by our communities but after this year, I realise this increase will be felt more keenly than ever before.
- Even with the £15 increase, we will still be asking for a lower precept contribution than any other Force in the South West.

What will the increase deliver?

AN EXTRA £1.25 A MONTH WOULD DELIVER...



We will be able to support the recruitment of 46 additional officers for Wiltshire in 2021/22



Further investment of officers in to the frontline - further protecting rural communities



Bolstering of our Community Policing teams, using community intelligence to target the issues that matter to you



Dealing with issues of vulnerability and tackling highest harm offences



Maintaining other essential services and continuation of the delivery of service you demand from your local police force

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Have your say – Survey!



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