

Mayor of South Yorkshire Decision Form

Subject Matter	Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept for 2025/26
Name of Proposer (eg Chief Executive, Chief Constable, Director of Finance)	Gareth Sutton Executive Director Resources & Investment
Name of Decision Form Author	Mike Thomas Assistant Director Strategic Finance
Date of Request	14 February 2025
Previous Related Decisions	Not applicable

Private / Exemption - Yes / No	No
If Yes, reason why (eg Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, Freedom of Information Act 2000)	
Urgent (if Yes, why and by when?)	Yes – to meet statutory requirements, the decision needs to be published by 28 February 2025

Is Additional Funding Required?	No
If Yes, please specify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the reason why, • how much, and • whether this is capital or revenue 	
Please identify the budget the funding is coming from and whether there is capacity to absorb the spending identified	Not applicable

Decision Requested	To approve an increase in 2025/26 in the mayoral police and crime commissioner precept of £14.00 for a Band D property
Executive Summary of Request	<p>The Mayor is asked to approve a proposed annual increase in the mayoral police and crime commissioner precept for 2025/26 of £14.00 for a Band D property. This is an increase of 5.58%.</p> <p>To note that most properties in South Yorkshire are in Band A (57%) where the increase would 18p per week. The proposed precept by council tax band is shown in the table below.</p> <p>The draft budget report submitted to the Police & Crime Panel on 3 February 2025 sets out the significant financial challenges facing South Yorkshire Police and Mayoral Combined Authority Police and Reform, and it further recommends that a precept increase of £14 is agreed in order to meet balanced budget requirements.</p> <p>Members of the Police & Crime Panel unanimously supported the proposed precept without any recommendations.</p> <p>To note that the final budget report for South Yorkshire Police and Mayoral Combined Authority Police and Reform will be published</p>

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as part of the MCA's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme, which will be presented to the MCA Board on 18 March 2025.

	Proposed Precept 25/26
	£
Band A	176.69
Band B	206.14
Band C	235.59
Band D	265.04
Band E	323.94
Band F	382.84
Band G	441.73
Band H	530.08

Supporting Report attached?

Yes – the report to Police & Crime Panel on 3 February 2025: <https://syjagu.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s8076/Item%2011%20-%20Budget%20and%20precept%20report%202025-26.pdf?zTS=B>

The letter from the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel on 5 February 2025 is also attached.

Approval by proposer (SCT lead / OPCC SLT lead) and confirmation request is ready for the Mayor's consideration

Signed:

Date:

Approval by Director of Finance (SYP Only)

Signed:

Date:

Considerations (Mandatory, please complete)

Evidence of information or advice gathered or discussion / consultation conducted

Public and / or Partners

An online public consultation exercise was launched on 15 January and closed on 3 February 2025. At the time of writing the budget report for the Police & Crime Panel, 1,065 responses had been received. Overall, the respondents were

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	supportive of the proposed £14 increase. Of the 1,065 responses 647 (61 per cent) indicated they were supportive, and 418 (39 per cent) were not supportive.
Impact on Service	Proceeding with an annual increase of £14 in the precept will allow the MCA and the Force sufficient time to finalise and deliver the recovery plan and to continue the savings programme in a properly considered fashion.
Financial	The financial implications are set out in detail in the budget report presented to the Police & Crime Panel on 3 February 2025. The Panel met informally on 30 January 2025 for a budget familiarisation session. Approval of the precept will meet the need to set a balanced budget for 2025/26.
Legal	<p>Legislation requires that the precept for 2025/26 be set before 1 March 2025, before which the Mayor is required to inform the Police & Crime Panel of the proposed precept by 1 February 2025. This latter requirement was met, as the draft budget report was issued prior to that date.</p> <p>At £14, the proposed increase does not exceed the threshold set by the Home Office, and above which a referendum would be required.</p>
HR	There are no HR implications arising from this report.
T/Unions / Staff Assoc.	Not applicable.
Equality & Diversity (Public Sector Equality Duty)	Not applicable.
Risks / Opportunities	Risks are considered in detail in the attached budget report.
Sustainability	There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Not applicable
Other (specify)	None
How has all this evidence impacted on overall proposals?	The outcome of the public consultation has confirmed that the majority of respondents support the proposed increase in the precept.

Views of Executive Director Resources and Investment:

Signature: 

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Views of Director Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer):

Signature:



Date: 17/02/25

Views of Executive Director Policy and Strategic Development:

Signature:



Date: 26/02/25

Mayor of South Yorkshire's Decision and Rationale:

Signature:



Date: 27.2.25