



Bedford Borough Council and Central
Bedfordshire and Luton Borough Council

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel

Clerk: P. J. Simpkins

The Police and Crime
Commissioner for Bedfordshire

(by email)

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Our ref:
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Dear Commissioner

Proposed precept and budget for the Bedfordshire Police for 2020-2021

On behalf of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel may I thank you and your staff for attending the Panel's meeting at the offices of Central Bedfordshire Council on 4 February 2020 to present your proposed precept for 2020 - 2021, and for responding to Panel Members' questions.

Following due consideration the Panel voted to approve your proposal to increase the Police element of the Council Tax by £10.00 per annum (for a Band D property) being the maximum allowed without invoking a referendum and to accept your proposed precept as set out in your budget report as below:

- "5.1 Subject to any variations agree that:
- I. The net revenue budget (budget requirement) for 2020/21 is set at £120.485M, providing the Force with the finances to recruit 156 officers in 2020/21
 - II. The proposed savings plan at Appendix B is implemented
 - III. The band D council tax is set at £212.09 (This would result in the policing element of an average Council Tax at Band D of £212.09 per annum, an increase of £10per annum / 83p per month or 4.95% compared to 2019/20. The full report at Appendix A explains how this was arrived at, the growth and savings plan of the Force and the medium term financial projections.)
 - IV. This report is presented to the Police & Crime Panel on 4 February 2020 as an appendix to an accompanying report requesting that the Panel review and report back to the Commissioner on the proposed precept."

In accordance with the requirements of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, please accept this letter as the Panel's formal report.

Yours sincerely

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