

CONSULTATION ON A POSSIBLE INCREASE IN THE POLICE PRECEPT ELEMENT OF THE COUNCIL TAX TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS POLICE FUNDING

The Police and Crimes Commissioner is responsible for setting the amount of money residents contribute to local policing through the precept. The Government determines the maximum amount by which PCCs can increase the precept each year.

Our current financial planning assumes the precept will be increased by £10 next year. Even with this assumed increase, savings still need to be made. The size of the savings needed will likely result in about 250 staff roles being cut across the next few years. These cuts will have an impact on front line services such as visible policing and the ability to investigate crime.

We know that, with cost-of-living crisis continuing, this is a big ask from residents. Therefore, we want to hear what local people think about this via the below survey link:

The survey and information about the precept can be found here: <https://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/working-for-you/precept/>

If you would like the survey in a different format i.e. a paper copy please write to:

Avon and Somerset Police and Crimes Commissioner,
Avon and Somerset Police Headquarters,
Valley Road Portishead,
Bristol
BS20 8JJ
Telephone – 01278 646188

Please do not comment on this notice as this is out of the control of the Parish Council, any responses should be addressed via the survey.

Could we also please ask that, if any of your friends and neighbours do not have internet access, you pass on the address and telephone number as there will not be a newsletter between now and the deadline.

Thank you.

The deadline for responses is **22nd January 2024**.