

Meeting	Police and Crime Panel
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Report Title	Additional Analysis on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Consultation on the Policing Precept for 2020/21
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## 1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

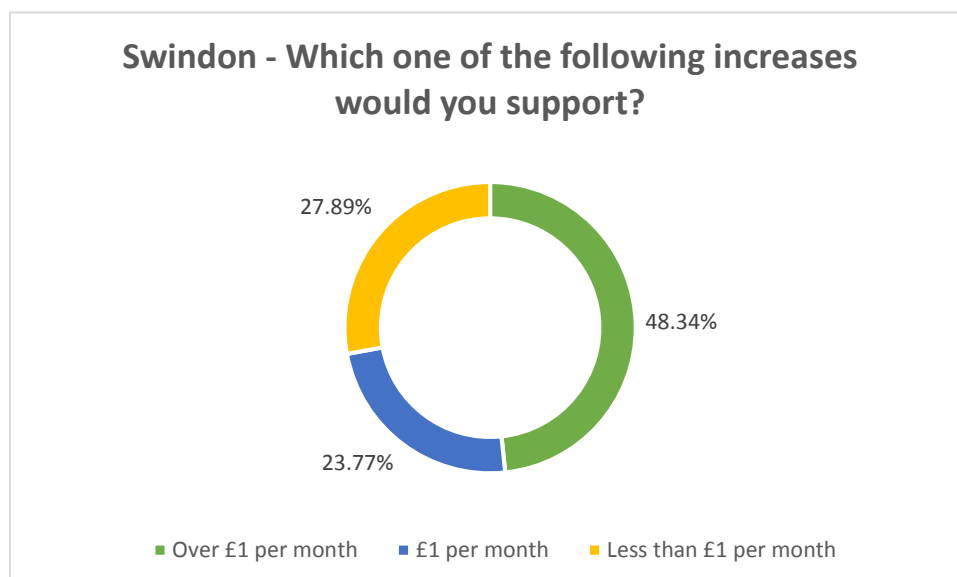
1.1 To provide additional analysis to the panel on the PCCs 2020 policing precept consultation. This is an addendum to the report presented at the panel on Thursday 6 February 2020.

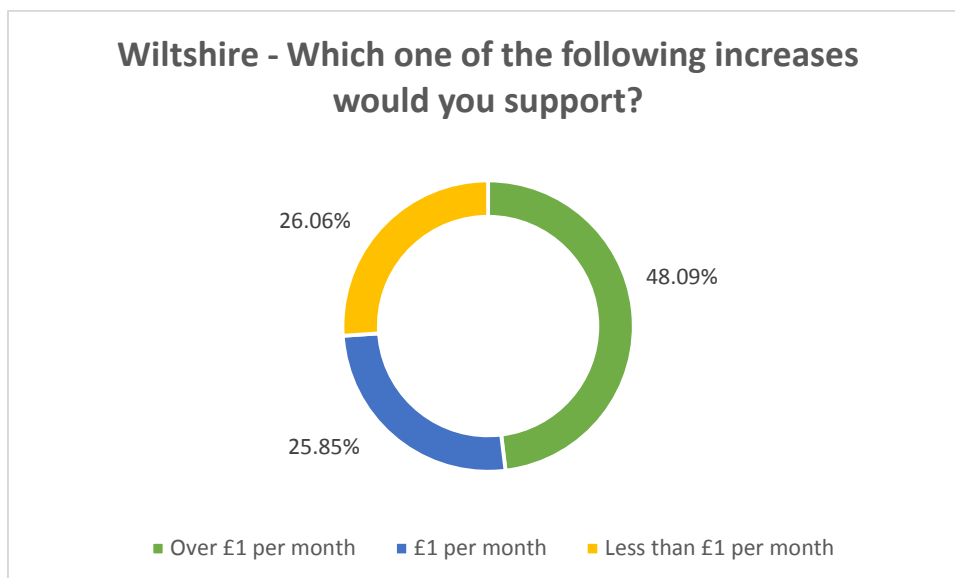
1.2 Sample size: 2542

## 2.0 **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF SUPPORT FOR OVER £1, EXACTLY £1 OR LESS THAN £1 PER MONTH**

2.1 As outlined within the Wiltshire PCP Precept Consultation Report in February 2020. 73.52% of respondents were supportive of the proposed increase of at least £1 per month in the policing precept.

2.2 72.11% (455 of 631) of Swindon respondents and 73.94% (1413 of 1911) of Wiltshire respondents were supportive of an increase of at least £1 per month in the policing precept.





2.3 When examining at sector level, there are no significant outliers deviating from the overall 73.52%. Within Salisbury, 72.56% of respondents were supportive of an increase of at least £1 per month; although marginally lower than the Wiltshire average, it is still not significant.

### **3.0 INSIGHT FROM FREE TEXT RESPONSES**

3.1 The survey asked two free text questions, which allows greater insight into the reason respondents are supportive or not of the proposed increase. These were:

3.2 “Which one of the following increases would you support?”

3.3 “Is there anything else you would like to add about policing in Wiltshire and Swindon?”

3.4 Key theme within these comments, regardless of respondent supporting or rejecting increase, was the request that there was an increase in police officer numbers and visibility be increased (788 respondents, 51.5%).

3.5 Of those respondents rejecting the proposal, the strongest running themes within the comments were the same in both Swindon and Wiltshire. 674 (176 in Swindon and 498 in Wiltshire) respondents stated they would only support an increase of less than £1 per month. Of those, 468 (115 in Swindon and 353 in Wiltshire) provided additional comments which fell into the following themes:

3.6 Precept is raised every year and respondents specifically mention that seeing an officer in their town is still non-existent (152 respondents)

3.7 An acknowledgement that Wiltshire Police, particularly the frontline, do a great job in difficult circumstances (115 respondents)

3.8 The government need to provide more funding, it should not be down to the public to supply this. Also mentions that the PCC should do more to get more funding from the government (96 respondents)

- 3.9 The PCC needs to stop asking for more money and the Force should just deal with the resources and funding already available to them (72 respondents).

#### **4.0 Summary**

- 4.1 Responses are consistent across Wiltshire and Swindon with no significant geographical outliers
- 4.2 Respondents expect/request there is more visible policing in their neighbourhoods
- 4.3 Respondents state that there is an increase in the precept year-on-year and they see little difference in terms of policing in their area
- 4.4 There is also an expectation from respondents that the government start to play their part in funding Wiltshire Police fairly, not from local precept.

#### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 The Panel is asked to note the additional information as well as the precept report submitted at the 6 February 2020 meeting.