

SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

Purpose: Commissioner Decision – Ref. DLI211

Timing: Routine

Title: 2021/22 Police Precept Council Tax Leaflet Distribution

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Finance

Executive Summary:

Police and Crime Commissioner, Dafydd Llywelyn, is responsible for setting the level of the Police Precept for the Dyfed-Powys area. The Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2013, removed the legal obligation to include a paper copy of the Council Tax booklet and Police leaflet with the annual Council Tax Demands. The current requirement is to direct the public to the website where the booklet/leaflet can be obtained, and only to supply a hard copy if requested by the customer.

The OPCC have previously distributed paper copies of the Police Precept Council Tax Leaflet to residents across Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys, to inform them of the reasoning behind the Police and Crime Commissioner's annual decision in setting the precept level.

In planning for the 2021/22 leaflet, the Commissioner's Office (OPCC) liaised with colleagues in Gwent, North Wales and South Wales OPCCs; all of whom confirmed they no longer print hard copies of their leaflets.

Mr Llywelyn initially took the decision to continue with the distribution of hard copies of the leaflet to residents across Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire and Powys, but intended to trial a digital approach in Carmarthenshire, where residents would not receive a hard copy through the post, unless specifically requested. The link to the leaflet would have been shared on Carmarthenshire County Council's website, the OPCC's website and through our social media platforms.

The above decision was made on 26/01/2021. The OPCC sought guidance from the Police Area Returning Officer (PARO) as to the content of the Leaflet, and on 11/02/2021, the PARO directed the OPCC as to the content of the leaflet, but also that a hard copy of the leaflet should be posted to all residents across the Dyfed-Powys area.

Recommendation:

That the Police Precept Council Tax Leaflet is distributed through the post to residents of all four counties across the Dyfed-Powys area.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above request has my approval.

Signature:

Date: 11.02.21

