

SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

Purpose: Commissioner Decision – Ref. DLl238

Timing: Routine

Title: 2022/23 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 Commissioner's Office (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 2022/23 leaflet, the 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.

The OPCC also contacted all Local Authorities to ensure they would be agreeable in directing their residents to the online Police Precept Council Tax leaflet. The link to the leaflet will be shared on the Local Authorities' websites and/or the paper copies of the Council Tax booklet, as well as through our website and social media.

Electronic publication would also allow the OPCC to realise a substantial annual saving in printing and distribution costs.

Recommendation:

That the 2022-23 Police Precept Council Tax Leaflet is published and distributed electronically, with hard copies available on request.

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.

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Signature: Date: 21.10.21