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COMMUNITY SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Police and Crime Panel
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	6th February 2024

BRIEF REPORT

Following a motion passed by Gloucester County council members, representatives from other councils from the county were invite to attend the meeting.

Proposed Gloucestershire Police Precept 2024/35

The Commissioner inviting the Chief Constable to provide a rundown of the achievements of the last year, which included getting out of 'Engaged status, increase in officers, much improved 999 response rates and improvement in 101 responses in recent months. Compliance rates have improved to the level that Gloucestershire now has the highest compliance level in the country. Crime solving rate improved to 14% and there were over 10,000 arrests last year He also outlined the many challenges the police continue to have and the level of scrutiny they continue to be placed under from multiple reviews and audits.

The Gloucestershire Constabulary have prepared a budget of £158.3M, a budget increase of £8.6% on 22/23 budget, this requires a rise in the precept of £13/year for a band D household. This is net of a small contribution from reserves of £0.5M and savings needing to be achieved of £2.5m in the year, which are yet to be all identified.

The Medium financial planning (to 27/28) is based on a 3% budget uplift for each year, however a large saving is identified in 25/6 of £5.2M. The 24/5 Capital of £17.9m will largely be financing through borrowing £11.7m and £5m from reserves. In 2024/5 the main areas of capital expenditure will be in the investment in the new records management system £4.4m, Business Cases in development £5.5m, and ongoing replacement of the vehicles fleet £2.5m.

A number of questions were raised on the budget particularly around the use of reserves and where the savings will come from. It was agreed that the CFO will provide an update to a future panel. The budget was approved.

Perceptions of Crime Survey 2023:

1,847 residents contributed to the survey, 52% agreed or strongly agreed that anti-social behaviour was being dealt with by councils and police. 46% of residents had witnessed some form of anti-social behaviour in the last 12mths. Most residents feel safe in their local area at night, but only 60% in another area.

But residents' top areas they wish the police and other agencies do more was anti-social behaviour, dangerous driving and speeding, followed by drug use and burglary.

There were differences in how residents from different councils areas perceive crime.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Martin Percy
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