



Mr John Dwyer  
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By email

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Dear Mr Dwyer,

**PRECEPT FOR 2022/23**

I am writing as the Panel's Chair to confirm formally that the Panel, at its meeting this morning voted to support your proposed precept.

The Panel, mindful of the burgeoning cost of living for families across Cheshire, especially the escalating cost of energy and negative wage growth for most of those in employment, would ask that at each Panel meeting during the coming year you clearly outline how the increase in the precept is impacting on the ability of the Police to protect the Cheshire community. The Panel would particularly request performance data on those areas that you identify as priorities in your letter. Such an approach will enable the public to determine whether they view the increase in the Policing element of their Council Tax as delivering value for money.

The Panel notes that in your letter to the Chairman outlining the proposed precept, you indicated that during 2022/23 there would be an increase in Police numbers by 120 and an additional 82 Police staff. The Panel asks that Police and staff numbers are reported by you to the Panel at each meeting.

Yours sincerely.

**Evan Morris MBE**  
**Chair of the Cheshire Police and Crime Panel**