## Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Budget 2021/2022



## **Dear resident**

It is my responsibility to set the policing element of your council tax. This is one of the most important decisions I take each year and I must balance the Chief Constable's financial requirements for operational policing with affordability for local tax payers. In determining the budget for 2021/22 I have taken into account a robust financial case put forward by the Chief Constable of Gwent Police, and a recommendation from the Gwent Police and Crime Panel to keep costs down for residents on the condition that is

does not affect front line officer and staff numbers. My team also carried out an extensive nineweek programme of public engagement with residents across Gwent to ensure that as many people as possible had an opportunity to share their views. In total 55 per cent of respondents indicated they were content to support a council tax rise of up to £2 per month. Taking all of these factors into account I have decided to increase the precept by 5.49 per cent which will mean that the average household in Gwent (band D properties) will pay £1.25 extra per month for its policing service. I am pleased that I have been able to keep the figure below £2 while at the same time allowing Gwent Police to continue to deliver an efficient and effective service that keeps Gwent as one of the safest places in the UK. It will also enable Gwent Police to recruit 18 more Community Support Officers over the next two years and this is something I very much welcome. These are in addition to the significant investment we have made in about 170 new Police Officer posts since 2016,

which have also been funded through previous Council Tax Precept increases. These will complement the 165 new officers that will join Gwent Police as part of the UK government's Operation Uplift programme. I would like to thank everyone that took the time to share their views and to the Police and Crime Panel for their continued scrutiny and support.

**Jeff Cuthbert** 

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

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Cost of policing and in Gwent			Capital budget			What you will pay	
	2020/21 £'000	2021/22 £'000	2020/21 2021/22 £'000 £'000		Property council tax band		
Gross revenue budget	155,661	163,633	Capital budget	22,507	18,655	Tax band	Cost
Less income	(7,310)	(6,790)	Expenditure incurred in providing buildings and other assets is called capital expenditure			Α	£191.97
Less Home Office & MoJ grant	(3,817)	(4,182)				В	£223.97
Less Welsh Gov grants	(5,543)	(5,106)		-		С	£255.96
Net revenue expenditure	138,991	147,555				D E	£287.96 £351.95
How it's paid for			How it's paid for			F	£415.94
General police	46 660	54 520	Capital grant	120	120	G	£479.93
grant (Home Office)	46,660	51,539		120	120 120	Н	£575.92
Revenue support grant (Welsh Gov)	22,132	21,591	Revenue contribution to capital	10,013	7,725	1	£671.91
National non- domestic rates (Welsh Gov)	9,658	10,266	Contribution from reserves	12,173	10,809	For more information on your complete council tax bill, contact Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport or Torfaen council.	
Council tax precept	60,541	64,159	Capital asset disposal	201	0		
Total revenue	138,991	147,555	Total capital	22,507	18,655		

