



Councillor Bill Bentley  
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Dear Councillor Bentley

**Proposed Precept 2021/22**

Thank you for your letter dated 2 February 2021.

I am grateful that the Sussex Police & Crime Panel supported, by a majority of votes, the proposed increase in the precept to £214.91 on a Band D property.

I have worked closely with Chief Constable Shiner and her senior team to understand in detail the operational needs of Sussex Police for 2021/22. This additional funding will be used to meet the demands on local policing, investigations and the need for even more tougher enforcement to reduce criminality through investment in the following areas:

- ✓ Continued increase to the policing presence in our towns and villages
- ✓ Further investment into the Rural Crime Team and the Roads Policing Unit
- ✓ More detectives and investigators
- ✓ A Public Confidence Team to resolve issues swiftly
- ✓ Better use of data and intelligence to identify and catch criminals
- ✓ Joint operations with other police force areas (including the Metropolitan Police Service) to tackle drugs and shut down county lines activity
- ✓ More officers to manage the highest harm perpetrators
- ✓ Expand local investigation and resolution centres to work closely with victims
- ✓ A Digital Investigation Programme to improve the capture of online evidence

It remains vital to ensure the Force is supported and that residents continue to receive the best possible policing service in Sussex. Following the support of the Panel, further investments can now be made to provide increased enforcement, more investigation and the introduction of efficient technological advances that will save operational policing time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katy Bourne'.

Katy Bourne OBE  
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner