

Budget Consultation Responses Received

We have received 12 budget consultation responses from the below:-

Consultation Questions – summarised responses from all 12

What are your views on the need to maintain an effective police service during a period of austerity - in particular, maintaining a strong neighbourhood presence?

- Maintaining a strong Neighbourhood presence is essential.
- The use of PCSO's should be achieved by reductions in fully warranted officers.
- Knowledge in the community and residents is instrumental in excellent information gathering which leads to early intervention and prompt positive action.
- Yes reduces ASB and the fear of crime.
- Consider giving PCSOs more powers
- Invest in recruiting more warranted officers to undertake basic policing.
- Training
- Collaborations with services such as MEND
- Commit to evaluating third party reporting centres and improve provisions for Muslims to report hate crime in their local area.

Are there areas of South Wales Police activity that you would you be happy to see cut?

- No.
- Enforcement of car tax avoidance, this should be a matter for the DVLA to enforce, and also by the use of digital records and other forms of technology.
- Cut vanity projects i.e. those that are mounted for publicity purposes only and which could discredit SWP in the eyes of the public such as the wearing of high heels by officers in Cardiff to promote a campaign against domestic violence.
- Invest in recruiting new police officers but like all public sector organisations, we are under severe financial pressure on budgets so good risk management practices should help prioritise what services need supporting and developing
- to do "more for less" and understand that increasing PCSOs by reducing the number of Police Officers may be a more cost effective way of maintaining a commitment to Community Policing in this time of austerity

What would you consider the right level for the police precept for South Wales for 2018-19?

- The same as the precept for 2017-18.
- It is my firm belief that Policing should be funded by central government and not through the precept. This method also puts a negative light onto the local authority who become the tax collector for this money.
- No more than 5%.
- This is a matter for the PCC in conjunction with the Chief Constable to decide based on their priorities for 2018/2019 period.
- So long as communities will benefit from investment in local policing and that investment can be evidenced, then the precept would seem appropriate

What are your views on capital expenditure plans for next year?

- The plans are well thought out.
- Generally agree
- Crime prevention is under sourced, more expenditure required for reduction plans.
- Police on the beat are the key to a safe and secure city.
- Investment in and promotion of alternative reporting methods such as use of 'whats app', via the webpage may reduce pressures on 101 calls.
- Sell off redundant police stations and reinvest in recruitment of new police officers.
- Improve IT and ability to share information securely with partners.
- Invest in staff.
- Support of the Capital Investment Plan to send £26m on an investment in technology, replacement of Police vehicles and refurbishment of old and expensive parts of the Police estate

Do you think there are areas of the Police service that should be protected from further cuts?

- All areas should be protected.
- Avoid cuts to investigation of crimes which the public are directly affected such as burglary, theft, assault etc. Not dealing with them by way of providing reference numbers for people to claim off their insurance, which just cost all of us more in the long run.
- Front line work.

- Those that serve to deal with the most vulnerable in our society eg child protection domestic violence, hate crime, mental health issues and the elderly
- Neighbourhood policing and the PCSO team
- The Call Centre as there is already a large degree of dissatisfaction with the length of time 101 calls are answered.
- Police officers
- ASB
- Hate crime
- Drug investigations team