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**NOTICE OF DECISIONS AGREED
ON MONDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

- 1. DECISION NOTICE MAYOR - GMCA MAYORAL POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER PRECEPT 2022/23**

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Decision Notice (Mayor)

Subject:

**Greater Manchester Combined Authority Mayoral Police
and Crime Commissioner Precept 2022/23**

Police Fund 2022/23 Revenue Budget

Police Fund 2022/23 Capital Budget

Type of decision:

Mayor's Decision

Date decision published:

28 February 2022

Date decision will come into force:

1 April 2022

The decision is that:

- The 2022/23 Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner precept is set at £228.30 for a Band D property.
- Issues an appropriate overall precept requirement of £177,732,258 on the ten billing authorities in the Greater Manchester area, to be incorporated as part of the Council Tax for the purposes of Police and Crime for the financial year beginning 1 April 2022 and ending 31 March 2023 (Appendix 1).
- The 2022/23 Police Fund revenue budget of £718.512m is approved (Appendix 2).
- The 2022/23 Police Fund capital budget of £17.013m is approved (Appendix 3).
- Note that the borrowing requirement is £16.391m for 2022/23.

The reasons for the decision are:

The Mayor in his capacity as Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has a statutory duty and electoral mandate to ensure an efficient and effective police service and to hold the police to account on behalf of the public.

The Mayor is the recipient of funding relating to policing and crime reduction, including government grants, the council tax precept and other sources of income. How this money is allocated is a matter for the Mayor in consultation with the Chief Constable, or in accordance with any grant terms.

The provisions of Section 32 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 require the Mayor to set a balanced PCC budget.

In addition, Section 26 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 establishes the PCC as a precepting authority for the purposes of the 1992 Act. Which means the PCC decides how much local people pay for policing through their council tax. The Mayor exercises this function through the GMCA as the precepting authority for Greater Manchester

In the 2022/23 government settlement the Home Secretary announced a maximum police precept increase of £10 per year for a Band D property.

In accordance with Part 2 of the Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012 an initial Mayoral PCC precept proposal of £10 was submitted to the Police and Crime Panel on 31 January 2022.

The 2022/23 provisional settlement for Police was received from the Government on 16 December 2021. This included an increase in the Police Core Grant of 6% to continue to recruit additional officers. The Government has given Police and Crime Commissioners the ability to raise the police element of council tax by up to £0.83 a month – £10 a year for an average Band D property and £7.77 a year for an average Band B property. The consultation asked the extent to which the public agree, in principle, to an increase of up to £0.83 per month for the average Band D household.

A consultation was carried out via an online survey, hosted on www.gmconsult.org. The consultation was open from 17 January to 27 January 2022 and was widely publicised in the local press, on social media and via GMCA newsletters. A total of 1096 responses were received with 23.2% supporting a precept increase of £10 per year or more, 29.7% supporting a freeze in the precept, 43.6% expressing preference for a reduction in the precept and 3.5% did not know or provide a response. All qualitative responses received are available on our consultation platform, [GM Consult](#).

Following the result of the consultation, a precept increase of £10 to the current band D precept was proposed at the meeting and supported. This means that I am determining my Band D Mayoral PCC precept to be £228.30.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The decision to increase the precept by £10 was not taken lightly due to the impact it has on local taxpayers. The increase in precept funding is critical to the delivery of the improvements described below which together with the central Government grant will deliver:

- The transformation of the GMP contact centre for 999 and 101 calls – increasing staffing levels and flexibility to ensure calls are answered quickly and police officers are sent to those in need immediately.
- 438 additional police officers, with 60 of them dedicated to road safety which will allow travel safe officers to focus on other policing such as public transport safety.
- Continuation of the new Operation Avro days of action. These days which will take place in each area of Greater Manchester will see a surge of officers and specially trained teams dealing with issues communities tell GMP they want to see dealt with.
- A community messaging system that Neighbourhood Policing Teams will use to inform local communities about what they are doing and that the public can use to get more involved in working with local police officers to identify issues of concern within the locality.

Following this increase the Greater Manchester police and crime precept will remain one of the 10 lowest out of the 42 police and crime areas of England. It is important to note that Greater Manchester is more dependent than other areas on changes to Government grant funding due to the lower council tax base in the region. The nationally £10 maximum increase will therefore raise significantly less funds for GM per head of population than in many other areas of the country.

Advice sought:

Financial/Legal

The precept level is within the referendum levels set for Police & Crime Commissioners.

The Police and Crime Panel were consulted in accordance with Part 2 of the Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012.

In accordance with Section 32 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 the Mayor has set a balanced Mayoral PCC budget.

Risk Assessment:

The risks that the budget is not balanced, and the precept level is outside of referendum limits have been mitigated by the Mayor (PCC) complying with the legal requirements as set out in this notice.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

N/A

Signed by the Mayor of Greater Manchester

Andy Burnham

28th February 2022



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Appendix 1

FORMAL RESOLUTION

MAYORAL POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER PRECEPT 2020/21

Council tax base for the year 2023/23, item T in the formula in Section 42B of the Local Government Finance Act, as amended (the Act), being the aggregate of the tax bases calculated by the billing authorities totals £778,503.1.

Council Tax requirement for 2022/23 be set at £177,732,258.

In accordance with Sections 42A and 42B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the Act) the amounts for 2022/23 have been calculated as follows:

- £940,914,002 - being the aggregate of the amounts which I estimate for the items set out in Section 42A 2 (a) to (d) of the Act.
- £763,181,744 - being the aggregate of the amounts which I estimate for the items set out in Section 42A 3 (a) and (b) of the Act.
- £177,732,258- being the amount by which the aggregate at 4(a) above and the aggregate at 4(b) above, in accordance with Section 42A 4 of the Act, as my council tax requirement for the year.
- £228.30 - being the amount at 4(c) above, item R in the formula in Section 42B of the Act, divided by item T (paragraph 2 above), in accordance with Section 42B of the Act, as the basic amount of my Council Tax for the year.
- Valuation bands:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
152.20	177.56	202.93	228.30	279.03	329.76	380.50	456.60

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4(d) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Mayor, in accordance with Section 47(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- The amounts payable (precepts) by each billing authority are set out below, calculated as being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at 4(e) by the tax bases calculated by Districts in accordance with Section 44(1) of the Act.

Amount payable by each billing authority in accordance with Section 48 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

Amount payable = C x T

Where C = basic amount of Council Tax

T = individual billing Mayor's tax base

District	(T) Tax Base	(C) Basic Tax Amount £	Amount Payable £	Surplus on the Collection Fund 2022/23 £	Total amount payable £
Bolton	77,795.00	228.30	17,760,598.50	629,275.00	18,389,874.00
Bury	55,611.00	228.30	12,695,991.30	585,124.00	13,281,115.00
Manchester	127,620.00	228.30	29,135,646.00	1,788,074.00	30,923,720.00
Oldham	57,450.00	228.30	13,115,835.00	(421,120.00)	12,694,715.00
Rochdale	56,232.00	228.30	12,837,765.60	149,794.00	12,987,560.00
Salford	71,905.00	228.30	16,415,911.50	93,981.00	16,509,893.00
Stockport	96,883.10	228.30	22,118,411.73	(177,770.00)	21,940,642.00
Tameside	63,306.00	228.30	14,452,759.80	413,000.00	14,865,760.00
Trafford	77,601.00	228.30	17,716,308.30	321,627.00	18,037,935.00
Wigan	94,100.00	228.30	21,483,030.00	48,765.00	21,531,795.00
TOTAL	778,503.10		177,732,257.73	3,430,750.00	181,163,009.00

Appendix 2

2022/23 Police Fund Revenue Budget

Item	2022/23 £m
Employee Related	642.917
Pensions	116.135
Premises Related	35.822
Supplies & Services	102.840
Agency Payments	18.400
Transport Related	9.759
Capital Financing	20.154
Transfer to reserves	0.000
New officer infrastructure	(5.112)
Transfer from Reserves	(11.281)
Specific Grants	(174.597)
Income & Sponsorship	(36.523)
Net Budget Requirement	718.512
Home Office Grants	(537.349)
Precept	(177.732)
Collection Fund Surplus	(3.431)
Total Funding	(718.512)
Surplus / Shortfall	(£0)

Appendix 3

2022/23 Police Fund Capital Budget

Branch	2022/23
	£m
Business Support - Estates	1.500
Business Support – Fleet	4.905
Information Services	2.644
Plan on a Page / Other	7.964
Grand Total	17.013

Funded by	2022/23
	£m
General Capital Grant	(0.622)
Borrowing - Balance	(16.391)
Total funding	(17.013)

Schedule of Precept Payment Dates 2022/23
Greater Manchester Combined Authority

Month	Precept Date	Day
Apr-22	20/04/2022	Wednesday
May-22	20/05/2022	Friday
Jun-22	20/06/2022	Monday
Jul-22	20/07/2022	Wednesday
Aug-22	22/08/2022	Monday (weekend)
Sep-22	20/09/2022	Tuesday
Oct-22	20/10/2022	Thursday
Nov-22	21/11/2022	Monday (weekend)
Dec-22	20/12/2022	Tuesday
Jan-23	20/01/2023	Friday
Feb-23	20/02/2023	Monday
Mar-23	20/03/2023	Monday