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Precept Consultation 2023/24
Final Results

Our public consultation on the Mayor's proposal for the Council Tax police precept ran between the 16th of December 2022 and 16th of January 2023.
Residents were invited to respond to the proposal of a 6.78% increase, corresponding to 29 pence per week extra for a Band D property.

The consultation was promoted extensively online through the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's Twitter and Facebook accounts, through the Combined Authority's 'Your Voice' consultation platform, and also circulated to our partners to help reach a wider audience. This year we also extended our engagement through a postal survey (contacting a randomly selected sample of West Yorkshire addresses), and by face-to-face engagement through focus group events.

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime also promoted the consultation during her appearance on the 'Message the Mayor' feature on BBC Radio Leeds on 8th December, and the opportunity for residents to feedback was also highlighted by the *South Leeds Life* website.

Residents were asked:

- Whether they supported the Mayor's proposal to increase the Council Tax police precept to seek the funding required to help West Yorkshire Police keep our neighbourhoods and communities safe; and,
- Whether they were willing to pay the associated increase to their Council Tax to help protect frontline policing across West Yorkshire.

By the close of the survey 1,700 residents had responded to the consultation.

<u>Headline results:</u>

- **69% of respondents supported the Mayor in seeking the funding required to help West Yorkshire Police keep our neighbourhoods and communities safe.**
- **67% of respondents supported the proposal to increase the precept in 2023/24**
- 50% of respondents were from Band A to C households, with Band D households the most frequent (22% of the total).
- 66% of residents in Bands A to C supported the precept increase; the figure was 68% for those in Band D and above.

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Results tables:

	Yes	No	Respondents
Q1. Do you support the proposal to increase the Council Tax police precept to seek the funding required to help West Yorkshire Police keep our neighbourhoods and communities safe?	69%	31%	1700

Q2. Are you willing to pay the associated increase to your council tax (e.g. 19p - 26p per week for Band A, B or C properties) to help protect frontline policing across West Yorkshire?	67%	33%	1666

Q: Respondents' Council Tax Band	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
A	16%	275	62%
B	15%	247	65%
C	19%	316	71%
D	22%	368	69%
E	10%	162	62%
F	5%	78	75%
G	3%	47	74%
H	0%	7	29%
Don't know / not specified	10%	177	74%
Total	100%	*1677*	67%

Q: Respondents' status*	No.	%
West Yorkshire resident	1686	99%
Business owner in West Yorkshire	72	4%
Working in West Yorkshire	252	15%
Total	*1699*	100%

**Note: respondents could select more than one option.*
A small number of people did not describe themselves as WY residents, but later recorded that they lived in one of the WY districts.

Respondents' District	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
Bradford	22%	372	65%
Calderdale	11%	182	69%
Kirklees	16%	266	72%
Leeds	32%	538	70%
Wakefield	19%	333	62%
West Yorkshire	100%	1691	67%