



Precept Consultation 2021/22 Final Results

On the 23rd December 2020, the PCC opened a public consultation on his proposals for the Council Tax police precept for 2021/22. Residents were invited to respond to the proposal for the PCC to exercise the £15 flexibility set out by Government of a 7.64% increase, corresponding to 29 pence per week for a Band D property.

The consultation ran until January 15th 2021, and attracted 1,909 responses. Just over 50 of these respondents were not residents of West Yorkshire, and their results have been excluded from the results below.

The consultation was promoted extensively online through the PCC's Twitter and Facebook accounts, and circulated to partners to help to reach a wider audience. The PCC also recorded a short video clip to explain the importance of gathering residents' views, which was promoted via Facebook. The consultation was also picked-up by local media, with press in Bradford and Keighley promoting the survey to their readership.

For the first time, we were able to reach subscribers to the PCC's Community Alert notification system, whilst the consultation was also promoted by the PCC through local radio networks (BRB, Pulse 1, Greatest Hits Radio) in interviews held during January.

Key results:

Residents were asked:

- whether they supported the Commissioner in continuing to secure the extra policing investment required in West Yorkshire Police to help make sure communities are safe and feel safe; and,
- whether they were happy to contribute the associated increase to their Council Tax.

- **88% supported the Commissioner in continuing to secure the extra policing investment required in West Yorkshire Police to help make sure communities are safe and feel safe.**
- **80% of respondents supported the proposal to increase the precept by 7.64% in 2021/22.** (79% supported last year's precept increase.)
- 45% of respondents were from Band A to C households, with Band D households the most frequent (24% of the total).
- 80% of those in Bands A to C supported the precept increase, with 81% supporting the increase in Band D and above.

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Results tables:

	Yes	No	Respondents
Q1. Do you support the Police and Crime Commissioner in continuing to secure the extra policing investment required in West Yorkshire Police to help make sure communities are safe and feel safe?	88%	12%	1842

Q2. Are you willing to contribute the associated increase to your council tax (e.g. 29 pence per week for a Band D property) to help protect frontline policing?*	80%	20%	1804
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* Figure calculated from the responses of those who said they pay Council Tax in West Yorkshire.

Q: Respondents' Council Tax Band	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
A	15%	281	81%
B	13%	241	76%
C	16%	303	82%
D	23%	434	80%
E	9%	162	81%
F	5%	86	85%
G	3%	50	84%
H	1%	13	85%
Don't know / not specified	15%	283	79%
<i>Total</i>	100%	1853	80%

Q: Respondents' status*	No.	%
West Yorkshire resident	1853	100%
Business owner in West Yorkshire	83	5%
Working in West Yorkshire	321	17%
<i>Total</i>	1853	100%

*Note: respondents could select more than one option.

Respondents' District	% of all respondents	No. of respondents	% supporting precept increase
Bradford	24%	443	85%
Calderdale	9%	171	82%
Kirklees	14%	265	79%
Leeds	34%	622	79%
Wakefield	19%	343	77%
Not specified	0%	9	-
<i>West Yorkshire</i>	100%	1853	80%