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Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel – Press Release

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Panel Support For Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan

The Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel has unanimously supported Police and Crime Commissioner Olly Martin's proposed Police and Crime Plan for Bedfordshire as well as his draft budget and proposed precept for 2013/14.

In endorsing the Police and Crime Plan, the Panel recognised that the Commissioner has had a very short period of time in which to develop it since taking up office in November 2012, and as a result it is less detailed than either the Commissioner or the Panel would normally expect. The Panel therefore welcomed the Commissioner's intention to refresh the Plan which covers the period 2013 -17 in the light of its first year of operation to provide more details and specific objectives for years 2-5 of the Plan. It has also asked the Commissioner to submit the police performance framework which will be used to hold the Chief Constable to account for delivery of the Plan, once this has been finalised for the Panel's consideration.

The Panel was satisfied that the budget and precept proposed by Commissioner Martins, which will result in a Council Tax increase of 2%, would provide the level of funding required to support the commitments set out in the Police and Crime Plan. This includes protecting crucial policing resources such as PCSOs, retaining officer and staff capability, as well as providing for possible budget shortfalls in future years.

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