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Date: 24 February 2021

Freedom of Information request: reference SCO/FOI/09/2021, first notified to us by email on the 4 February 2021.

Staffordshire Commissioner's Office response to your enquiry is as follows:

I can confirm that the Staffordshire Commissioner's Office does hold the requested information.

What were the results of the recent public consultation on increasing the council tax precept, I note that the increase seems to have been rubber stamped (again) , I would like to know how many people replied and how many agreed/ disagreed with an increase.

The resident's survey/public consultation generated 2,258 responses. 22% of individuals favoured a freeze in council tax, 21% favoured a proposal of a 4.99% increase with 57% favouring the maximum increase in precept.

This information can also be found in the Police and Crime Budget report for 2021/22 which, was presented to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel on the 1st February 2021 and I have documented the link below.

<http://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/documents/b37949/Supplementary%20agenda%201st-Feb-2021%2014.00%20Staffordshire%20Police%20Fire%20and%20Crime%20Panel.pdf?T=9>

I would also refer you to the Staffordshire Commissioners website where Mr Ellis has done a specific piece around this year's precept. I have documented the link below should you wish to read this article.

<https://staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/about/commissioner/precept/>

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this email and should be addressed to:

Compliance Manager
Staffordshire Commissioner's Office
Block 9, Staffordshire Police HQ
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Or emailed to: FOI.PFCC@staffordshire-pfcc.pnn.gov.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Decision Maker

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