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To:
Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales
Police Forces in Wales

Copies to:
Chief Finance Officers of Police and Crime Commissioners, Wales
Chief Constables of Police Forces in Wales
Chief Finance Officers of Police Forces in Wales

14 December 2023

Dear Commissioners,

Provisional Police Settlement 2024-25

Following the announcement today by the Home Office of its Provisional Settlement for Policing in England and Wales, I am writing to provide details of the Welsh Government's component of the Provisional Police Settlement for police forces in Wales for 2024-25.

The Home Office announcement set out that taking together the Home Office and Welsh Government components, all Welsh police forces will receive an increase of 2.054% in core funding in 2024-25.

Annex A contains details of the Provisional Settlement for each police force in Wales.

The period of formal consultation on the amount and distribution begins today and closes on 10 January 2024. Responses should be sent to:

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Comments are invited about the effects (whether positive or adverse) the proposed settlement would have on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. In addition, we invite comments on whether the proposed settlement could be formulated or revised to have positive effects, or decreased adverse effects, on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Copies of responses may be placed in the Welsh Government's library. If you wish your comments to remain confidential, please make this clear in your reply. This will be considered in light of our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act. The Welsh Government will consider all responses received by the due date before the final determination is made and published.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Police and Crime Commissioners are reminded of the requirement to comply with the general equality duties set out in the Equality Act 2010, and also the specific equality duties where applicable. The equality impacts of budgetary options should be assessed and inform any final decisions.

I will consider all consultation responses before making a final determination and publishing the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2024-25 (Police and Crime Commissioners). This report is due to be debated in the Senedd in March 2024.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Rebecca Evans AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a Llywodraeth Leol
Minister for Finance and Local Government

Annex A: Provisional Police Settlement for Wales, 2024-25

Table 1a: Standard Spending Assessments (£m)¹

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Dyfed-Powys	36.618	37.049	37.492	33.904	34.368	34.936
Gwent	54.593	55.236	55.896	50.547	51.239	51.996
North Wales	52.743	53.377	54.012	48.845	49.530	50.387
South Wales	127.269	128.757	130.295	117.826	119.425	120.772
Total	271.223	274.419	277.694	251.122	254.563	258.090

Table 1b: Aggregate External Finance (RSG+NNDR, £m)¹

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Dyfed-Powys	13.355	13.150	13.030	8.667	8.492	8.413
Gwent	31.701	31.790	31.857	25.939	26.069	26.196
North Wales	22.496	22.614	22.523	16.513	16.334	16.361
South Wales	75.848	75.845	75.989	62.352	62.575	62.501
Total	143.400	143.400	143.400	113.470	113.470	113.470

Table 1c: Police Grant and Floor Funding (£m)^{1,2,3,4}

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Dyfed-Powys	36.993	40.967	44.497	52.272	54.996	56.379
Gwent	41.287	46.660	51.539	62.401	65.967	67.730
North Wales	50.738	56.101	61.153	72.125	76.011	77.882
South Wales	84.864	96.895	107.639	132.165	140.078	144.315
Total	213.882	240.622	264.828	318.964	337.052	346.307

Table 1d: Total Central Support (£m)^{1,2,3,4}

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Dyfed-Powys	50.348	54.116	57.528	60.939	63.488	64.792
Gwent	72.988	78.451	83.396	88.341	92.036	93.926
North Wales	73.234	78.715	83.677	88.638	92.346	94.243
South Wales	160.712	172.740	183.629	194.517	202.653	206.816
Total	357.282	384.022	408.228	432.434	450.522	459.777

Table 1e: Change in Total Central Support since the previous year (%)^{1,2,3,4}

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Dyfed-Powys	2.100%	7.484%	6.304%	5.929%	4.183%	2.054%
Gwent	2.100%	7.484%	6.304%	5.929%	4.183%	2.054%
North Wales	2.100%	7.484%	6.304%	5.929%	4.183%	2.054%
South Wales	2.100%	7.484%	6.304%	5.929%	4.183%	2.054%
Total	2.100%	7.484%	6.304%	5.929%	4.183%	2.054%

Notes:

1. Following the 2015 Comprehensive Spending Review, the Home Office made an annual transfer of funding to the Welsh Government in order for the Welsh Government to deliver its agreed contribution to police funding in Wales. From 2022-23 onwards, this additional funding is no longer transferred and is instead delivered by the Home Office through the Police Grant and Top Up Grant. This resulted in the Welsh Government contribution to policing reducing by £29.93m in 2022-23 and subsequent years. This is purely an administrative change and does not result in any change in overall funding for any Police Force.
2. This is the amount of police grant set out in section 3 of the Police Grant Report which includes the allocation under 'Principal Formula' and 'Add Rule 1' (columns a and b) plus the amount 'floor funding' that the Home Office has made available.
3. Figures for 2024-25 are shown before the adjustment made for the transfer of Special Branch funding, as outlined in paragraph 4.8 of the Police Grant Report.
4. Figures for 2023-24 have been restated to include the in-year funding awarded to forces for the 2023-24 pay deal.