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Cllr Simon Ball
Leader of the Opposition

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Question raised at Council – 28th February 2024

Thank you for your question at Council on 28th February, where you asked me the following:

“With the SYP raising its precept up again, how will this affect the residents of Rotherham?”

I can advise that at the Police and Crime Panel meeting held on 5 February 2024, the PCC recommended that the Panel support a proposed annual increase in the policing element of Council Tax (the precept) of 5.46%. For most Rotherham households that amounts to 17 pence per week.

In return for that, South Yorkshire Police will make; specific investment in the areas of economic crime, digital crime, vulnerability and neighbourhood crime, improvements in IT, and continuation of the recruitment of new officers that the Conservative government once championed.

However even with the maximum allowable precept increase, there is still a significant budget gap in the medium term. Although there are £4.7m of savings built into the Medium-Term Resources Strategy (£398k in 24/25) additional savings and some use of reserves will be needed to balance the budget in 2024/25.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rukhsana Haleem'.

Councillor Rukhsana Haleem
Designated Spokesperson on South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel