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the long term.

- (iii) **Would formally report to the Commissioner by 8 February 2024, noting its concerns and reasons for Panel members not supporting the proposed precept.**

In reaching its position, Panel members noted the following:

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Force, to make the improvements required by the latest HMICFRS Inspection and to secure the future financial sustainability of the force.
- x The savings of £3.8m that were required in 2024/25 and the estimated further savings of £14m that would be needed over the remainder of the medium-term financial period.
- x That an extensive transformation and efficiency programme was underway to reduce costs including through redesign of enabling services such as HR and Estates plus tactical savings initiatives which had already delivered cost reductions in light and heating bills, fuel and IT licences.
- x 7KH OLPLWDWLRQV RQ WKH)RUFH ¶V DELOLW\ WR RsiRDNH VDYL
Officer numbers are ringfenced by central Government.

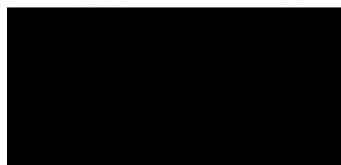
However, Panel members also noted:

- x The cost-of-living crisis and pressure on residents, with taxes rising in all areas.
- x That the Force was predicted to be underspent at the end of 2023/24, as it had been in previous years, and that this was in part due to income which was not factored into the 2024/5 budget but was likely.
- x The results of the public consultation on the precept which showed that 59% of residents wanted the precept increase to be set at £12 or less.

All Panel members were agreed that Surrey Police is uniquely disadvantaged by the current funding formula, being the only force in England where the contribution from council taxpayers exceeds that from Government and that a revised funding formula, rather than an increased precept, was D P R U H D S S U R S U L D W H Z D \ W R P H H W 6 X U U H \ ¶ V Q

Thank you for your engagement with the precept scrutiny process and for the clear and insightful briefings which staff from your Office and Surrey Police provided to the Police and & U L P H 3 D Q H O ¶ V - G r o u p D Q F H 6 X E

Yours sincerely,



Councillor John Robini, Chairman of Surrey Police and Crime Panel