

Decision Note – PRECEPT 2023/24



REQUEST FOR DECISION BY THE STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

	Policing:	Crime:	Fire & Rescue:
This decision relates to:	X	X	X

APPROVAL (for completion by Staffordshire Commissioner only)

Rationale for approval

STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

Signature

Date 21 February 2023

Date decision required by: 28 February 2023

If an urgent approval is required, please state reasons:

For completion by Staffordshire Commissioner's Office only:-

Decision Number: SCPF/D/202324/001

Date Received: 21 February 2023

	Yes	No
Has the required decision been considered under the guidance of the Staffordshire Commissioner's Decision Making Policy?	X	
Has the required decision been deemed to be a Key Decision as defined within the Staffordshire Commissioner's Decision Making Policy?	X	
Who is empowered to make the required decision?		

Title	Precept (Council Tax) levels for 2023/24 and Commissioner's Budget
Summary:	
<p>The Commissioner is required to set the precept for Police and Crime, and Fire and Rescue before the start of the new financial year to the timetable set by the relevant legislation and regulations. In doing so he puts forward proposals to the Police Fire and Crime Panel which they are required to consider, and either support or not.</p> <p>The Police Fire and Crime Panel registered their support for the Police and Crime precept on 6th February 2023 and for the Fire and Rescue precept on 13th February 2023. They wrote to the Staffordshire Commissioner in support of the Policing and the Fire Precept increases. The Commissioner wrote back on both occasions noting the comments made by the Panel. The challenging financial position and the uncertainty around future funding and costs that exists currently was recognised by the Panel.</p>	
Recommendation:	
<p>That the Police and Crime precept is set as £260.57 for a Band D property from 1 April 2023.</p> <p>That the Fire and Rescue precept is set as £84.25 for a Band D property from 1 April 2023.</p>	
Chief Executive	
I hereby approve the recommendation for consideration.	
Signature	Date 21 February 2023
	

REPORT AND ADVICE TO THE STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

1. Introduction and background

It is a legal requirement to set the precept in good time to issue council tax leaflets and bills for the forthcoming financial year, and in doing so to fully consider the needs and demands being placed on services and the totality of the funding available with which to provide them.

The precept has been set as follows:

	Fire and Rescue £000	Police and Crime £000
Net Budget requirement	46,465	242,902
Less: Central Government Funding	15,704	147,749
Collection Fund Surplus	405	1,270
Council Tax Requirement	30,356	93,883
Taxbase	360,299	
Band D Council Tax	£84.25	£260.57

2. Issues for consideration

The issues are all explored in the documents which were laid before the Police Fire and Crime Panel on the 6th February 2023 and 13th February 2023. See link to papers in background/supporting paper section 6 and 7 below.

3. What other options have been considered?

4. Consultation and Engagement undertaken

A budget consultation was undertaken with Staffordshire residents, the results are included within the budget papers.

Report Implications

Monitoring Officer comments:

Signature		Date	21 February 2023
Section 151 Officer comments:			
In overall terms when considering the degree of review and scrutiny that has already taken place and the mitigating actions and controls referred to within the budget report for 2023/24, which also includes the overall reserves position and capital strategy, the Section 151 Officer, has given the reassurances required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003.			
Signature		Date	21/02/2023 (for Policing and Crime)
Signature		Date	21/02/2023 (for Fire and Rescue)
			Yes
			No
Has legal advice (outside of that provided by the Monitoring Officer) been sought on the content of this report?			N/A
Legal Comments:			
5. Equality Comments:			
6. Background/supporting paper See section 7 below			
7. Public access to information, Full access to meeting papers is available on the Modern Gov website – see link https://moderngov.staffordshire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=1150&Year=0			
8. Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No			
9. If the report is for publication, is redaction required?			
			Yes
			No
Of the Decision Note?			X
Of the Appendix?			X

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

Author	David Greensmith
Signed	
Date	21 February 2023