

Report of the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel (The Panel)

to the

Police, Fire and
Crime
Commissioner for Staffordshire (PFCC)

With regard to:

**The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire's
Policing Service Budget and Precept 2026/27**

As required under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 this is the formal report by the Panel on their consideration of, and decision on your proposed Policing Services Budget/Precept for 2026/27. The legislation gives us the power to veto your Precept if we consider it to be too low or too high and sets out the procedures to be followed both by the Panel and yourself in the event of the veto being exercised.

The Panel met on Monday 2 February 2026. You attended, accompanied by your Deputy, your Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Resources (S151 Officer) for Staffordshire Police.

The Panel received your proposed budget and precept proposals for the Police and Crime element of your portfolio for 2026/27. You reported that the proposed budget/precept showed a total net revenue budget requirement of £287.810m for 2026/27.

You proposed to part fund this from Council Tax funding of £112.750m with an increase of 5.22% per annum (an increase of £15 per annum) increasing the Council tax to £302.57 for a Band D property.

The Panel, during their discussions, also considered the following information:

1. Budget Report 2026/27 including Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)
2. Treasury Management Strategy
3. Reserves Strategy update
4. Capital Strategy
5. A summary of the results of the public and stakeholder engagement survey.

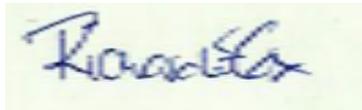
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The Panels principle questioning was around efficiency, value for money and performance.

At the conclusion of discussions on your proposal, the panel resolved to support your precept increase of 5.22% and Revenue Budget for 2026/27.

The Panel feel that the public needed to be able to see the benefits of the increase and requested that the Commissioner continue to report to the panel on budget variations and investments.

Councillor R Cox

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Cox', is displayed on a light green rectangular background.

Chair

On behalf of the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel.

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