

Your Council Tax

2025 – 2026

Making the most
of your money



STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER
Police | Fire and Rescue | Crime



Both Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire Fire & Rescue services made significant steps forward again this year. Helped by additional real terms funding from the previous government and local residents and businesses, I was able to continue to invest in officers, firefighters and staff, strengthen relationships with our community safety partners and provide the services with the technology and training they need to stay safe while protecting us. This progress was recognised by HMICFRS in their inspections, while crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) fell and our Fire service responded to more incidents even more quickly.

I know from my council tax consultation that residents want their services to keep improving, to further increase officer numbers and to evolve so they can address local priorities such as vehicle crime, rural crime and ASB, and work with other agencies to keep people safe. Regrettably, next year, central government grants will not cover increases in pay, national insurance and inflation – cutting total funding in cash terms.

Both services are exploring every opportunity to improve efficiency through technology, streamlining support functions and sharing buildings, and are bringing forward difficult saving options. I am acutely aware that household budgets are tight. Nevertheless, to protect the progress made, limit the impact on service levels and to continue to prepare for an uncertain future, I need to increase the council tax precepts by the maximum allowable.

Not to take these measures now will mean bigger cuts in service and potentially bigger council tax increases in the future. Together, they should put Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire Fire & Rescue in the best possible position to continue to keep us safe.

- **5.12% increase for Police & Crime (an extra £14 per year for a band D property)**
- **5.8% increase for Fire & Rescue (an extra £5 per year for a band D property)**

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Delivering on our plan to keep Staffordshire safe

Staffordshire Police (to end January 2025)



1,992 officers within Staffordshire Police – up from 1,700 in 2019/20 with plans to recruit 66 officers by 31 March 2025



Productivity of local policing teams is increasing, with arrest rates up **12%** and stop and search up **13%**



Staffordshire Fire & Rescue (to end January 2025)



8,286 incidents attended, with **80%** within the target time

1,164 call-outs to vulnerable people who had fallen in their homes

1,601 call-outs to support patients to return home from hospital

416 fire safety audits completed, identifying those most at risk



Staffordshire Commissioner's Office

Over 66,000 referrals into the Victim Gateway and Restorative Justice Service in 2024 to support victims of ASB and crime, including domestic abuse

Almost £5m funding won since 2020 to improve safety for women and girls, and reduce ASB, violence and acquisitive crime



£924,750 provided to councils in 2023/24 to prevent crime and reduce ASB





How we plan to invest in your services

Police & Crime

Income

● Government Funding	£171.6m
● Council Tax	£106.0m
Total	£277.6m

Expenditure

● Police Officer Pay	£146.2m
● Police Staff Pay	£78.1m
● Premises, Transport and Other Services	£24.0m
● PCSO Pay	£8.1m
● Capital Financing Costs	£8.6m
● Commissioned Services	£7.0m
● Other Pay Costs	£4.1m
● Commissioner's Office	£1.5m
Total	£277.6m

Fire & Rescue

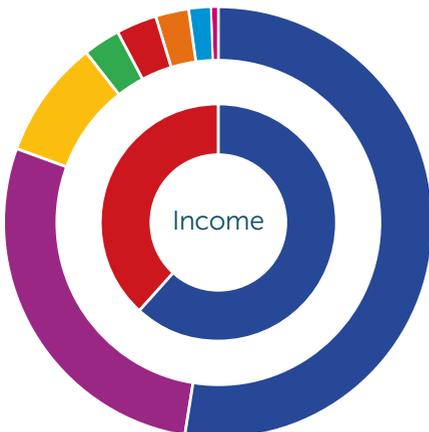
Income

● Council Tax	£33.8m
● Business Rates	£10.6m
● Revenue Support Grant	£7.6m
Total	£52.0m

Expenditure

● Wholetime Firefighters Pay	£19.9m
● Premises, Transport and Other Services	£10.2m
● Capital Financing Costs	£6.6m
● Fire Staff Pay	£6.2m
● On-Call Firefighters Pay	£6.4m
● Other Pay Costs	£2.7m
Total	£52.0m

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