

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
WEST MERCIA**



**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE:** Proposal for setting the Precept 2023-2024

**Ref:** PCC/D/2023/03

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To confirm the precept proposal for the financial year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 the Commissioner is required to notify the Police & Crime Panel of the proposed precept to the Police & Crime Panel by no later than 1 February before the start of the relevant financial year. The Commissioner is required to conform with the Police & Crime Panels (Precept and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012.

When setting a budget requirement, the Commissioner must have regard to representations received and any reports of the Police and Crime Panel.

The final precept must be determined by 1 March 2023.

**PROPOSAL**

That the Commissioner propose a precept increase of £14.84 (5.94%) for 2023/24 for a band D property.

**APPROVAL OF  
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed

## **PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES**

### **SUPPORTING REPORT**

To assist the Commissioner to determine a proposed precept level, the Commissioner's Treasurer has prepared the accompanying draft Budget Report (Appendix 1).

In setting the proposed precept the Commissioner has had regard to public responses and those of ratepayer representatives. These have been summarised (Appendix 2).

### **STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

This decision supports the following element(s) of the Safer West Mercia Plan:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Putting Victims and Survivors First | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building a More Secure West Mercia   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reforming West Mercia               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reassuring West Mercia's Communities |

The decision supports this/ these objective(s) through the following:

- By providing resources to ensure these aims and objectives are achieved
- By funding the Force to deliver effective policing within West Mercia
- By investing in the ICT and Estates infrastructure to ensure it is up to date and fit for purpose
- By supporting local partners, whether in the public, voluntary and private sector to undertake preventative programmes and initiatives to reduce crime in West Mercia

### **BENEFITS AND THEIR REALISATION**

Monitored through Money Matters, Holding to Account arrangements, and activity reporting to the Police and Crime Panel.

### **AUTHOR**

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Date 23/01/23

### **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER COMMENTS**

To assist the Commissioner in determine a proposed precept level a Budget Report accompanies this Decision Notice. (see Appendix 1)

The report sets out the funding implications from the proposed Council Tax Precept, the proposed Net Revenue Budget for 2023/24 which the precept will support, and details of what the investment will mean for the communities of West Mercia.

The report provides the Commissioner with the Treasurers view on the soundness of the budget and the adequacy of reserves.

**Treasurer**



Signature

Date 20/01/2023

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

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### **OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive Officer**



Signature

Date 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023