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Mr Simon Foster, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner  
c.c. Jonathan Jardine, Chief Executive OPCC  
Jane Heppel, Chief Finance Officer OPCC

4 February 2026

Dear Commissioner

**West Midlands Police and Crime Panel Review of Proposed Precept 2026/27**

In accordance with Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I am writing to confirm the West Midlands Police and Crime Panel decision following its review of your proposed 2026/27 precept on 2 February 2026.

Thank you for attending with Acting Chief Constable Scott Green to outline your proposed precept, revenue budget, capital programme, MTFP and the details of the final police finance settlement, and for responding to questions from Members.

The Panel is also very grateful for the preliminary briefing provided by Jane Heppel, Chief Finance Officer to help Members prepare for its scrutiny role.

**I can confirm that the Panel unanimously supported your proposed precept for 2026/27 of £244.50 per annum for a Band D property, an increase of £15 compared to 2025/26, without further recommendations.**

As is required by the legislation, this letter confirming the Panel's decision will be published by placing it on the Panel's website [www.westmidlandspcp.org.uk](http://www.westmidlandspcp.org.uk). I look forward to receiving your response to the Panel's decision.

Yours sincerely



**Councillor Suky Samra**  
**Chair, West Midlands Police & Crime Panel**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Councillor Samra,

Thank you for your letter dated 4 February, confirming your support for my proposed precept of £244.50, for a Band D property for 2026/27.

I note that the Panel have made no recommendations.

I am grateful for the Panel's careful and thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Foster  
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner