



west midlands police and crime commissioner

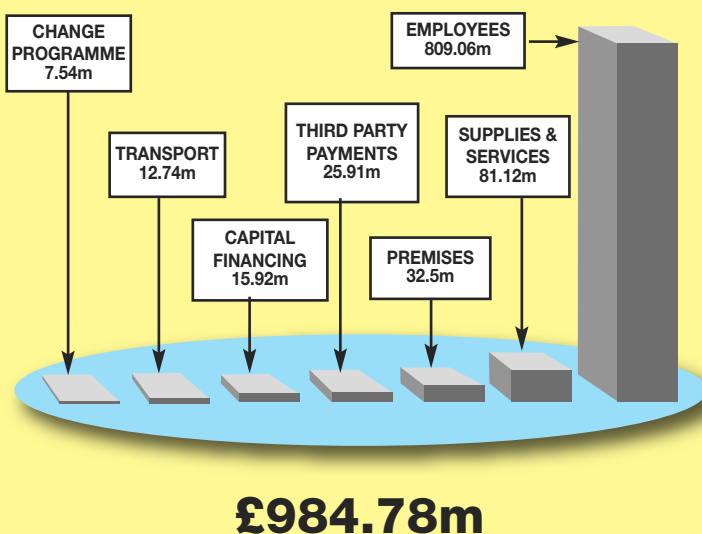
FINANCES 2025-2026

The tables below show how the net budget of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands (£787.92m) is funded from Central Government and the precept on council taxpayers. This is compared with the previous year (£757.36m) with the main changes shown separately below.

How the money is spent

Revenue Expenditure Budget 2025-26

Revenue Expenditure 2025-26	2024-25 £m	2025-26 £m	
Employees	744.74	809.06	64.32
Premises	35.42	32.50	-2.92
Transport	12.59	12.74	0.15
Supplies and Services	70.82	81.12	10.30
Third Party Payments	23.64	25.91	2.27
Capital Financing	17.90	15.92	-1.98
Change Programme	9.60	7.54	-2.06
Gross Expenditure	914.71	984.78	70.07
Income	-167.34	-208.09	-40.75
Police Force Net Expenditure	747.37	776.69	29.32
Office of the Police Crime Commissioner	3.16	3.74	0.58
Police Grant - Community Safety	3.86	3.52	-0.34
Helping Communities	0.40	0.40	0.00
External Commissioning	1.97	2.60	0.63
Victims Services	6.50	6.70	0.20
Violence Reduction Unit Expenditure	4.89	5.84	0.95
Victim Support Expenditure, Reducing Crime Grants & Governance	20.78	22.79	2.01
Restorative Justice & Victim Support Income	-6.19	-6.05	0.14
Violence Reduction Unit Income	-4.60	-5.52	-0.92
Total Net Expenditure	757.36	787.92	30.56
Use of Reserves	-13.98	-13.82	0.16
Net Budget Requirement	743.38	774.10	30.71



Where the money comes from

	2024-25 £m	2025-26 £m
Net Budget Requirement	743.38	774.10
Less:		
Police Grant inc. DCLG	-563.16	-579.05
Council Tax Support Grant	-19.03	-19.03
Gross Precept	161.20	176.02
Collection Fund Surplus/(Deficit)	-0.06	-0.59
Council Tax Requirement	161.14	175.42
Resident Population	2,953,816	2,980,936
Source: ONS Population Data		27,120 0.9%

Revenue Budget Movement

	£m
2024/25 Budget	757.4
Cost of living Pay Awards 2024 and (estimated) 2025	30.3
Incremental Pay Banding Increases	7.5
Non-Pay Inflation	10.0
Policing additional bank holiday	0.6
New Costs / Grants	
Cost of National Insurance Changes	11.9
National Insurance Grant from HO	-11.6
Cost of delivering Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee	12.2
Neighbourhood Policing Grant from HO	-12.2
Movement in Grant Income	
Police Grant - PUP Ringfenced Grant	4.6
Police Grant - Additional Recruitment Top Up	-9.6
Police Grant - Pensions Grant (CTU Top slice)	0.9
Other Budget Movements	
Approved Investment Requests	5.6
Approved Savings (a combination of savings in year and through budget setting)	-24.5
RCCO increase in line with capital programme (included one off cost of connect replacement)	4.3
Operation Fearless Funded from POCA reserve	0.5
2025/26 Budget	787.9

Savings

	2025/26 £m
Savings from People's services Review	-4.9
Utility and fuel price movements	-5.7
IT savings through contract negotiations	-2.4
Bringing student officer training in house	-0.9
Other	-2.4
Additional interest receivable	-1.5
Reduction in interest payable - early repayment of 2 loans	-0.9
Reduction in insurance premiums	-0.8
ARV vehicles	-0.6
Additional income generation	-3.0
Forensic review savings	-1.2
OPCC Savings	-0.2
TOTAL SAVINGS	-24.5

What will you pay for policing in West Midlands in 2025/26

COUNCIL TAX BAND	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£153.00	£178.50	£204.00	£229.50	£280.50	£331.50	£382.50	£459.00
	COST							

Yearly amount per property

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Spend on policing per head of population in 2025/26

Council Tax	£58.85
Police Grant inc. DCLG	£194.25
Council Tax Support Grant	£6.38
Equivalent to an Average Cost per Person of	£259.48

Policing Precepts 2025/26



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West Midlands	£229.50
Staffordshire	£287.57
West Mercia	£291.50
Warwickshire	£303.71



*Police and Crime Commissioner
Simon Foster*

This year I will be investing a record £175 million into policing for the West Midlands.

This will mean that the total net revenue budget for West Midlands Police, including national police grant, will amount to £788 million, following my public engagement survey and my attendance before the Police and Crime Panel. Both

my public engagement survey and the Panel supported my proposals, for additional investment in policing.

I am doing this because, as your democratically elected Police and Crime Commissioner, my top priority is to provide West Midlands Police with the resources it needs to prevent and tackle crime, promote community safety and keep the people of the West Midlands safe and secure. This investment will enable WMP to maintain police officer numbers during 25/26, fund the police officer pay award and increase in pension contributions. That is welcome.

The West Midlands Police budget remains under severe pressure, but in return for that investment, I will be holding West Midlands Police to account and working with the Chief Constable, to ensure that the Force does all within its power, to prevent and tackle crime, promote community safety and keep the people of the West Midlands safe and secure.

For far too long, central government has failed to provide the police officers and investment that West Midlands Police needs. That is why we have had 800 fewer police officers and 500 fewer PCSOs than in 2010, while forces in other, lower crime parts of the country, have more police officers than ever before in their history. In addition, we also have a national police funding formula, that is unfit for purpose and disproportionately disadvantages West Midlands Police.

I am committed to doing all within my power to ensure that West Midlands Police has the investment and resources it needs, to prevent and tackle crime, promote community safety and keep the people of the West Midlands safe and secure.

This year's settlement includes the opportunity for PCC's to raise their police precept by up to £14.00 per year per Band D property in 25/26. I have decided to raise the police precept by £13.95 per year per Band D property – an amount that equates to £1.16 per month. This will generate an additional income of £10.627 million. It is important to understand, that the government's funding settlement assumes that every Force will increase its precept, in accordance with the maximum flexibility.

The precept in the West Midlands will remain the second lowest in the country at £229.50 and is significantly lower than neighbouring or similar forces - Warwickshire (£303.71), Staffordshire (£287.57), West Mercia (£291.50) and Greater Manchester Police (£270.30).

I would much rather that the government had fully funded this increase, rather than effectively mandating it and imposing the burden onto local taxpayers. However, I was elected on a clear mandate to continue to re-build community policing and that is exactly what I am doing. People want accessible, reassuring and visible policing, out on the streets, keeping people, their families, businesses and local communities safe and secure.



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