

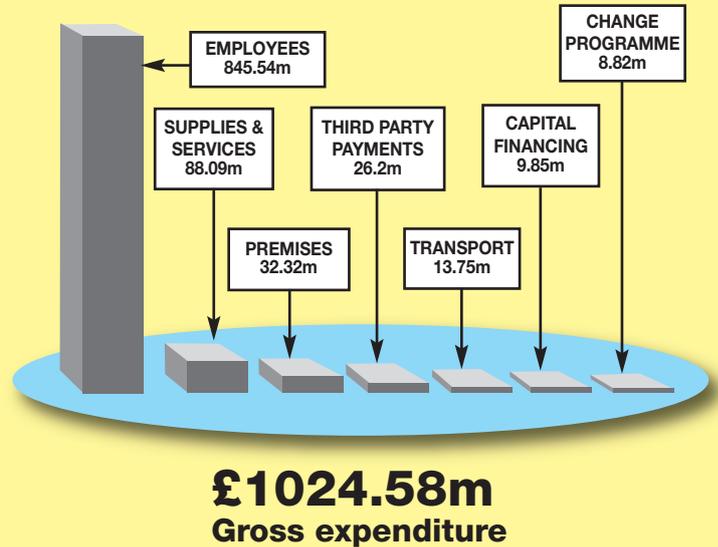


The tables below show how the net budget of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (£860.59m) is funded from Central Government, business payers and the precept on council taxpayers. This is compared with the previous year (£835.32m) with the main changes shown separately below.

How the money is spent

Revenue Expenditure Budget 2026-27

Revenue Expenditure 2026-27	2025-26 £m	2026-27 £m	
Employees	809.38	845.54	36.16
Premises	33.03	32.32	(0.71)
Transport	12.74	13.75	1.01
Supplies and Services	81.29	88.09	6.80
Third Party Payments	25.96	26.20	0.24
Capital Financing	16.09	9.85	(6.24)
Change Programme	6.28	8.82	2.5
Gross Expenditure	984.78	1024.58	39.80
Income	(146.87)	(159.22)	(12.36)
Police Force Net Expenditure	837.91	865.36	27.45
Office of the Police Crime Commissioner	3.74	3.99	0.26
Community Safety	3.52	3.62	0.10
Helping Communities	0.40	0.41	0.01
External Commissioning	2.68	3.01	0.33
Victims Services	6.70	7.07	0.37
Violence Reduction Unit Expenditure	5.91	5.48	(0.43)
Victim Support Expenditure, Reducing Crime Grants & Governance	22.94	23.59	0.65
Restorative Justice & Victim Support Income	(6.05)	(6.17)	(0.12)
Violence Reduction Unit Income	(5.59)	(5.12)	0.47
Total Net Expenditure	849.22	877.67	28.45
Use of Reserves	(13.90)	(17.07)	(3.17)
Net Budget Requirement	835.32	860.59	25.27



Where the money comes from

	2025-26 £m	2026-27 £m
Net Budget Requirement	835.32	860.59
Less:		
Police Grant inc. DCLG	(640.28)	(653.8)
Council Tax Support Grant	(19.03)	(19.03)
Gross Precept	176.02	187.76
Collection Fund Surplus/(Deficit)	(0.59)	0.94
Council Tax Requirement	175.43	188.70
Resident Population	2,980,936	3,036,605
Source: ONS Population Data		55,669 1.9%

Revenue Budget Movement

	Revenue Budget £m	Reserve £m	Net Budget £m
2025/26 Budget	849.2	(13.9)	835.3
Inflation			
Cost of living pay awards 2025 and estimated 2026 incremental pay banding increases	33.8	0.0	33.8
Non Pay Inflation / Contract Changes	7.7	0.6	8.3
Other Budget Movements			
Net Movement in Reserves	1.9	(2.9)	(1.0)
Additional Income Generation	(0.8)	(2.4)	(3.2)
Movement in Change Programme Profile	(2.0)	1.9	(0.1)
Change in Capital Spend Profile	0.6	1.0	1.6
New Costs			
Change in Demand	7.8	(1.0)	6.8
Approved investments	2.6	0.0	2.6
Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee			
Increase in NPG Grant (£3.0m additional, £7.1m transferred from PUP Grant (included in Government Grants below the line	(10.1)	0.0	(10.1)
Additional Expenditure to fund 107 year 2 officers, plus full year impact of y1 officers / PCSOs	10.1	0.0	10.1
Changes in Serious Violence Funding and Re-distribution of Officer Top Up Grant			
Net Movement in Local Grant Income	2.5	0.0	2.5
Savings			
Savings	(13.2)	0.0	(13.2)
PCC Budget Reduction	0.0	(0.4)	(0.4)
Reduction in Police Staff Pension rate from 19.8% to 14.3%	(8.6)	0.0	(8.6)
Repayment of Dudley Debt, a PWLB loan and updated MRP profile plus additional interest receivable based on 2025/26 forecasts	(3.8)	0.0	(3.8)
2026/27 Provisional Budget	877.7	(17.1)	860.6

What will you pay for policing in West Midlands in 2026/27

COUNCIL TAX BAND	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£163.00	£190.17	£217.33	£244.50	£298.83	£353.17	£407.50	£489.00
Yearly amount per band								COST

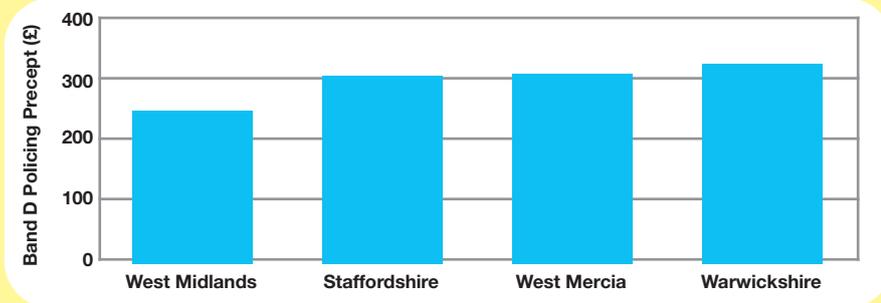
Savings Details

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Holding vacancies open for longer	6.0
Police Staff savings identified	1.3
Reduction in Home Office ICT Charges	1.1
Benefits associated with the disposal of our estate	0.9
Reduction in cost of partnership working	0.8
Reduce overtime	0.7
Savings on uniform & equipment costs	0.5
Reduction in number of student officers in training and other external training requirements	0.5
Contractual savings in utility costs	0.4
Overtime, training and supplies & services savings based on current demand	0.2
Decommissioning of old IT systems	0.2
Reduction in external recruitment costs	0.2
Savings linked to doing more forensic analysis in house	0.2
Waste Management contract saving	0.1
Other	0.2
Total Savings Priority Based Budgeting	13.2

Spend on policing per head of population in 2026/27

Council Tax	£62.14
Police Grant inc. DCLG	£215.31
Council Tax Support Grant	£6.27
Equivalent to an Average Cost per Person of	£283.72

Policing Precepts 2026/27



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West Midlands	£244.50
Staffordshire	£302.57
West Mercia	£306.50
Warwickshire	£318.71



*Police and Crime Commissioner
Simon Foster*

This year I will be investing a record £187.8 million into policing for the West Midlands. The total net revenue budget for West Midlands Police, including national police grant, will amount to £860.6 million. As your democratically elected Police and Crime Commissioner, my duty is to secure the maintenance of the police force

and secure that it is efficient and effective.

In return for that investment, I will be holding West Midlands Police to account and working with the Acting Chief Constable, to ensure 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.

This investment will enable WMP to maintain police officer numbers during 26/27 and fund the police officer pay award for last year. That is welcome. However, the West Midlands Police budget remains under severe pressure.

For far too long, central government has failed to provide the police officers and investment that West Midlands Police needs. That is why we still have 520 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.

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 our police force 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 £15.00 per annum per Band D property in 26/27 – an amount that equates to £1.25 per month.

It is important to understand, 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 is the second lowest in the country at £229.50. It will remain the second lowest, following the rise in precept, at £244.50.

I would rather 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, families, businesses and local communities safe and secure.

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 and communities of the West Midlands safe and secure.

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