

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel

**Statutory Report on the Police and Crime Commissioner's
Proposed Policing Precept 2026/27**

*Issued under Schedule 5 Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the
Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations
2012*

To: The Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

From: Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel

Date of Panel meeting: 4 February 2026

Date of report: 6 February 2026

1) Statutory basis

1. Under Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Panel is required to review the PCC's proposed precept and to make a report, which may include recommendations and, where applicable, a notice of veto (requiring a two-thirds majority of the Panel's total membership).
2. Regulations 3–8 of the Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012 set out the timetable and next steps, including that where the Panel vetoes a precept because it is too low, the PCC's revised precept must be higher than the proposal considered.

2) The PCC's proposal considered by the Panel

The PCC proposed to increase the 2026/27 policing precept by **£11.00** per annum for a Band D property to **£311.2302** (an increase of **3.66%**).

3) Panel decision: Veto (precept too low)

1. **Outcome.** Having reviewed the proposal on 4 February 2026, the Panel resolved to veto the PCC's proposed precept on the grounds that it is too low.
2. **Statutory majority.** A recorded vote was taken. 12 members (being at least two-thirds of the Panel's total membership) voted unanimously FOR the veto; none against. The motion was carried and the proposed precept is vetoed.
3. **Effect of veto.** In consequence, under Regulation 5(3)(b) the PCC must submit a revised precept that is higher than the proposal considered.

4) Reasons for the veto (summary)

- The proposed level would not provide sufficient, sustainable resources to maintain and improve core services (including neighbourhood policing, call handling and safeguarding demand) in line with public expectations and the Police & Crime Plan.
- The proposal would require disproportionate in-year use of reserves and/or service reductions, risking degradation in service quality and public confidence.
- Demand pressures are rising (e.g., 999/101 calls, missing persons, domestic incidents and safeguarding referrals) and are forecast to continue; a higher precept is necessary to ensure operational resilience and value for money across the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).
- The Temporary Chief Constable advised that the gap between an £11 and £15 Band D increase is approximately £1.4m annually, with the MTFP showing a deficit of £9m by 2027/28 and £16.4m within four years; lower precept levels would likely reduce staffing and service levels, pressure the contact centre, and reduce neighbourhood visibility.
- The Section 151 Officer highlighted that not maximising the precept increases medium-term risk, raises reliance on savings and reserves, and that while 2026/27 can be balanced, the outlook remains very high risk due to uncertainty and future deficits; a higher precept would mitigate (not remove) these risks.

5) Timetable and next steps

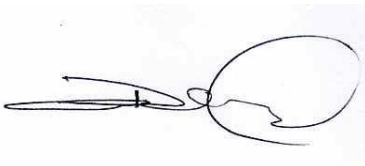
By 15 February 2026: The PCC must have regard to this report, respond, publish the response, and notify the Panel of a revised precept (which must be higher).

On 12 February 2026: Upon receipt, the Panel will review the revised precept and make a second report (note: there is no second veto at this stage).

By 1 March 2026: The PCC must have regard to the Panel's second report, respond and publish the response; the PCC may then issue the revised precept (or a different precept subject to the constraints in Regulation 8(3)).

6) Publication

The Panel will publish this report and any PCC response, in line with Schedule 5 and Home Office guidance, and will notify constituent authorities.



Signed: Cllr. Les Phillimore

Chair, Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Police and Crime Panel