



**LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND POLICE AND CRIME
PANEL: 2 DECEMBER 2024**

REPORT OF THE PANEL'S SECRETARIAT

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER'S FINANCE UPDATE

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on the finances of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Leicestershire Police in advance of the Panel considering the Police and Crime Commissioner's proposed Precept 2025/26 and Medium Term Financial Strategy at the Panel meeting on 5 February 2025.
2. At the time of publishing the agenda for this meeting the report had not been received from the OPCC so this report is to explain to members and the public what the report and agenda item will cover.

Background

3. In his role as the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) the Commissioner is required to secure efficient and effective policing for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and set a budget and precept.
4. In accordance with Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Commissioner is required to set a balanced budget.
5. The Local Government Finance Act requires the Commissioner by law to set the policing precept for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. For 2024-25 the PCC increased the Precept by £13.00 per annum (4.76%) for police purposes to £286.2302 for a Band D property.
6. Section 9 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and Section 143 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 states the PCC has powers to commission services and make grants, primarily aimed to tackle crime reduction/prevention, and support victims and vulnerable people, or those affected by crime.
7. Leicestershire Police is facing a budget deficit due to budget cuts and increasing costs. A programme is in place to identify savings to close the budget gap. The focus is on making budget decisions to ensure that Leicestershire Police can remain operationally viable and continue to deliver statutory functions.

Panel meeting on 2 December 2024

8. The Panel asked the PCC to provide a report for the meeting on 2 December 2024 giving an update on the Medium Term Financial Strategy with a particular focus on the in-year savings programme and sustainability plans. It was hoped that the report would give Panel members a sense of the progress that has been made and the overall context before the Panel considers the Medium Term Financial Strategy in more detail at the Panel meeting on 5 February 2025. This report has not yet been received but when it is it will be circulated to Panel members and published on the Leicestershire County Council website.
9. It is expected that Kira Knott, Chief Finance Officer at the OPCC will be present at the meeting on 2 December to help answer any questions the Panel may have.

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