

**LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND POLICE AND CRIME
PANEL – 12 FEBRUARY 2026**

POLICING PRECEPT PROPOSAL

REPORT OF THE PANEL'S SECRETARIAT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the process for consideration of a revised policing precept which is to be put forward by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) to the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) following a veto of the proposed precept.
2. A report setting out the PCC's response and the revised precept will be published on the County Council's website as soon as it is available.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

3. Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the PCC is required to bring a proposed budget and precept to the PCP. It is the role of the PCC to set the police precept which is the proportion of council tax put towards paying for policing services locally.
4. At a meeting of the PCP on 4 February 2026, the PCC presented a report which outlined the policing budget for Leicestershire for 2026-27 and put forward a policing precept proposal for consideration by the Panel. The PCC proposed to increase the 2026-27 precept by £11.00 per annum for policing purposes to £311.2302 (3.66%) for a Band D property. 12 members (being at least two-thirds of the Panel's membership) voted unanimously for the veto; none against.

Background

5. Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 sets out the process for issuing a precept, including the panel's role in reviewing the proposed precept, their power to veto the precept and the steps to be taken if they do veto the proposed precept.
6. The Police and Crime Panels Regulations 2012 provide greater detail to the Act, including time limits applicable to the stages of the process and the process for reviewing and issuing a revised precept. Schedule 5 requires:
 - the PCC to notify the panel of his/her proposed precept;
 - the panel to review the proposed precept;
 - the panel to make a report to the PCC on the proposed precept (this may include recommendations);
 - the panel's report (if they veto the proposed precept) to include a statement that they have vetoed it;
 - a decision of veto to be agreed by two-thirds of the panel members;

- the PCC to have regard to the report made by the panel (including any recommendations in the report);
 - the PCC to give the panel a response to their report (and any such recommendations);
 - the PCC to publish the response.
7. It is for the Panel to determine how a response to a report or recommendations is to be published. If there is no veto and the PCC has published his/her response to the panel's report, the PCC may then issue the proposed precept - or a different precept (but only if in accordance with a recommendation in the panel's report to do so).
8. The Regulations require:
- the PCC to notify the panel of his/her proposed precept by 1 February;
 - the panel to review and make a report to the PCC on the proposed precept (whether it vetoes the precept or not) by 8 February;
 - where the panel vetoes the precept, the PCC to have regard to and respond to the Panel's report, and publish his/her response, including the revised precept, by 15 February;
 - The Panel may only veto the first proposed precept. Such a veto must be agreed by two-thirds of PCP members (the full membership rather than those present at a meeting). Where a veto occurs, the report to the PCC must include a statement to that effect.
 - the panel, on receipt of a response from the PCC notifying them of his/her revised precept, to review the revised precept and make a second report to the PCC by 22 February;
 - the PCC to have regard to and respond to the Panel's second report and publish his/her response, by 1 March.

Panel's report on the proposed precept

9. If the panel fails to report to the PCC by 8 February the scrutiny process comes to an end, even if the panel have voted to veto the proposed precept, and the PCC may issue the proposed precept.

PCC's response to a veto

10. Where the panel vetoes the proposed precept, the PCC must have regard to the report made by the panel, give the Panel a response to the report and publish the response, by 15 February. In his/her response, the PCC must notify the panel of the revised precept that he intends to issue.
11. Where the Panel's report indicates that they vetoed the precept because it was:
- too high, the revised precept must be lower than the previously proposed precept.
 - too low, the revised precept must be higher than the previously proposed precept.

Panel's review of the revised precept

12. On receipt of a response from the PCC notifying them of the revised precept proposal, the Panel must review the revised precept proposal and make a second report to the PCC on the revised precept by 22 February. This report may:
 - indicate whether the panel accepts or rejects the revised precept (although rejection does not prevent the PCC from issuing the revised precept); and
 - make recommendations, including recommendations on the precept that should be issued.
13. If the panel fails to make a second report to the PCC by 22 February, the PCC may issue the revised precept.

Issuing the precept

14. Excluding where the Panel fails to report on the proposed precept by 8 February or make a second report on the revised precept by 22 February, the scrutiny process ends when the PCC gives the panel his/her response to their second report. The PCC may then:
 - issue the revised precept; or
 - issue a different precept, although:
 - they must not issue a precept that is higher than the revised precept if the revised precept was lowered following the panel's initial report on the first proposed precept indicating it was vetoed because it was too high;
 - they must not issue a precept which is lower than the revised precept if the revised precept was raised following the panel's initial report on the first proposed precept indicating it was vetoed because it was too low.

Recommendations

15. The Panel is asked to note the content of the report.

Background Papers

16. Police Precept Proposal and 2026/27 Budget, LLR Police and Crime Panel, 4 February 2026:
<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1029&MId=8415&Ver=4>
17. Schedule 5 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ("the Act"):
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/13/contents>
18. Part 2 of the Police and Crime Panels (Precepts and Chief Constable Appointments) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations"):
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/2271/contents/made>

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