# **Delivering safer communities**

In challenging financial times, the pressures facing West Mercia Police have meant that some tough decisions have had to be made in terms of how the force operates. However, I maintain focused on your priorities, and I'm committed to supporting West Mercia Police to deliver an efficient and effective police service that addresses your needs and ensures you are safe and feel safe.

The budget for 2025/26 will ensure resources are focused on your priorities which are outlined in the PCC's West Mercia Safer Communities Plan:

#### **Cutting crime**

- Maintain a strong presence in town centres
- Reducing harm on our roads by retaining specialist roads policing officers

### **Supporting victims and witnesses**

- Tackling violence against women and girls, and other high harm crimes, through vulnerability officers
- Developing a Victims' Hub to ensure victims get the support they need to cope and recover

#### Policing with the community

- Investing in the operational call centre to improve contact via 101 and 999
- ✓ Increasing the visibility and accessibility of police officers

#### Maximising resources and value for money

- Making best use of technology to deliver effective and efficient policing
- Reducing carbon emissions and maximising energy efficiency

# What will you pay towards policing?

Council tax band	Α	£194.33
	В	£226.72
	С	£259.11
	D	£291.50
	E	£356.28
	F	£421.06
	G	£485.83
	Н	£583.00

The amount you pay for the police will increase by 5.05%.

Council tax bands are calculated to six decimal places, but presented here to two decimal places, therefore they may vary by +/- 0.01%.



Visit www.westmercia-pcc. gov.uk/budget2025 to read the budget report in full.

## Where does your money go?

In 2025/26 the PCC will have £302m to spend on policing, community safety and victim services across West Mercia. Below shows how the money will be allocated, with the largest amount allocated to front line policing.





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