

Delivering Safer Communities

PCC John Campion explains where your money goes and how it will support policing across West Mercia in 2026/27.

What are the priorities?

Funding from the Government has fallen short of where it needs to be, failing to keep pace with rising demand and increasing police officer pay. An assumption was also placed on PCCs to increase the amount that you, as taxpayers, contribute to policing. However, despite the financial challenges, I remain committed to ensuring that the communities of West Mercia are kept safe and their police force is set up to deliver that.

Cutting crime

- Ongoing focus on preventing crime and tackling offending.
- Increased resources and effort to tackle road safety, serious and organised crime and the exploitation of children.
- Improving investigations and bringing offenders to justice.

Policing with the community

- 27 police officers moving to front line services, with a focus on rural areas.
- Improved response to 101 and 999 calls, with investment in technology to further improve response.
- Improved resilience in the front counter provision and a more consistent service.

Supporting victims and witnesses

- Ongoing investment in victim support services and initiatives focused on preventing crime.
- Improved outcomes for crimes - through the criminal justice system or rehabilitation.
- Investment in technology to bring offenders to justice through forensic investigation.

Maximising resources and value for money

- Putting West Mercia Police in a financially sustainable position.
- Focus on boosting efficiency and productivity through technology.
- Further reduce the carbon footprint of policing and cost of energy bills.



Where does my money go?

The budget for policing in West Mercia for 2026/27 is **£328.5m** and is divided up as below:



What will I pay towards policing?

The amount you pay for policing will increase by **5.2%**.

Council tax band	£
Band A	204.33
Band B	238.39
Band C	272.44
Band D	306.50
Band E	374.61
Band F	442.72
Band G	510.83
Band H	613.00

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

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