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12th February 2026

Via Email

Dear Barry,

Thank you for your letter dated 12th February 2026. I welcome your confirmation of the decision of the Police and Crime Panel to support my proposal to raise the precept by 5.2% for 2026/27, adding £15.00 to the annual Council Tax Bill for a Band D home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the Police and Crime Panel and the officers who support them for their work, support and advice throughout the budget process. Particularly the members of the PCP Budget Working Group for their professional and thorough approach. It has been an extraordinary year when it comes to budget setting and the unanimous support of the Panel regarding my precept proposals is both important and welcome in achieving what I believe amounts to the best possible outcomes for West Mercia's communities.

Yours sincerely,

John Campion
Police and Crime Commissioner
West Mercia