

# Your Council Tax

2025 – 2026

Making the most  
of your money



**STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER**  
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Both Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire Fire & Rescue services made significant steps forward again this year. Helped by additional real terms funding from the previous government and local residents and businesses, I was able to continue to invest in officers, firefighters and staff, strengthen relationships with our community safety partners and provide the services with the technology and training they need to stay safe while protecting us. This progress was recognised by HMICFRS in their inspections, while crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) fell and our Fire service responded to more incidents even more quickly.

I know from my council tax consultation that residents want their services to keep improving, to further increase officer numbers and to evolve so they can address local priorities such as vehicle crime, rural crime and ASB, and work with other agencies to keep people safe. Regrettably, next year, central government grants will not cover increases in pay, national insurance and inflation – cutting total funding in cash terms.

Both services are exploring every opportunity to improve efficiency through technology, streamlining support functions and sharing buildings, and are bringing forward difficult saving options. I am acutely aware that household budgets are tight. Nevertheless, to protect the progress made, limit the impact on service levels and to continue to prepare for an uncertain future, I need to increase the council tax precepts by the maximum allowable.

Not to take these measures now will mean bigger cuts in service and potentially bigger council tax increases in the future. Together, they should put Staffordshire Police and Staffordshire Fire & Rescue in the best possible position to continue to keep us safe.

- **5.12% increase for Police & Crime (an extra £14 per year for a band D property)**
- **5.8% increase for Fire & Rescue (an extra £5 per year for a band D property)**

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## Delivering on our plan to keep Staffordshire safe

### Staffordshire Police (to end January 2025)



**1,992** officers  
within Staffordshire Police –  
up from 1,700 in 2019/20 with  
plans to recruit 66 officers by  
31 March 2025



**3%**  
reduction  
in crime

Productivity of local policing teams  
is increasing, with arrest rates up **12%**  
and stop and search up **13%**



**8%**  
reduction  
in ASB



### Staffordshire Fire & Rescue (to end January 2025)



**8,286**  
incidents attended,  
with **80%** within the  
target time



**416** fire safety audits completed,  
identifying those most at risk

**1,164**

call-outs to vulnerable  
people who had fallen  
in their homes

**1,601**

call-outs to support  
patients to return home  
from hospital



### Staffordshire Commissioner's Office

Over  
**66,000**

referrals into the  
Victim Gateway and  
Restorative Justice  
Service in 2024 to  
support victims of ASB  
and crime, including  
domestic abuse

Almost  
**£5m**

funding won since  
2020 to improve  
safety for women  
and girls, and reduce  
ASB, violence and  
acquisitive crime



**£924,750**

provided to  
councils in **2023/24**  
to prevent  
crime and  
reduce  
ASB





# How we plan to invest in your services

## Police & Crime

### Income

● Government Funding	£171.6m
● Council Tax	£106.0m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£277.6m</b>

### Expenditure

● Police Officer Pay	£146.2m
● Police Staff Pay	£78.1m
● Premises, Transport and Other Services	£24.0m
● PCSO Pay	£8.1m
● Capital Financing Costs	£8.6m
● Commissioned Services	£7.0m
● Other Pay Costs	£4.1m
● Commissioner's Office	£1.5m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£277.6m</b>

## Fire & Rescue

### Income

● Council Tax	£33.8m
● Business Rates	£10.6m
● Revenue Support Grant	£7.6m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£52.0m</b>

### Expenditure

● Wholetime Firefighters Pay	£19.9m
● Premises, Transport and Other Services	£10.2m
● Capital Financing Costs	£6.6m
● Fire Staff Pay	£6.2m
● On-Call Firefighters Pay	£6.4m
● Other Pay Costs	£2.7m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£52.0m</b>

