

## Council

<b>Report Title</b>	Medium-Term Financial Strategy, Council Budget 2026/27 and Determination of Council Tax 2026/27 – Supplementary Report – Preceptor returns
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday, 24 February 2026
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<b>Lead Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources and Deputy Leader
<b>Why is this a key decision?</b>	Decisions over £1m
<b>Wards Affected</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Identify exempt information and exemption category</b>	Open
<b>Is the report urgent?</b>	No
<b>Reasons for urgency (only where applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Appendices (if any)</b>	1. Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026/27 to 2030/31 2. Council Tax Resolution 2026/27

### **Addendum to Published Report to Inform Full Council of Formal Precept Notification from Major Preceptors.**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 At the time of preparing and publishing the report to be presented to the Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026, formal notifications of final precept values and associated Council Tax amounts per band had not been received from West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority. Draft values had been shared with the Council, pending formal approval by the Fire Authority.
- 1.2 This addendum provides confirmation to Council of the results of the formal meeting of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority and the resultant precepts and Council Tax amounts.

## **2. Confirmation of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority Precept**

2.1 The West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority met on 16th February 2026 to debate the proposed budget for 2026/27 and the level of Council Tax to be raised to support that budget. Formal notification has now been received by this Council that a precept of £6,970,243.19 would be levied on the Council and Band D Council Tax was to be set at £85.19 for 2026/27; that being an annual increase of £5.00 or 6.24%.

**2.2 The amounts included within the precept notification reconcile to the amounts as published with the Council Tax Resolution on the Council agenda and no adjustments are therefore required.**

## **3. Confirmation of Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands Precept**

3.1 Formal precept notification was received by the Council on 12th February 2026, in advance of publication of the report, indicating a precept of £20,004,598.80, with Band D Council Tax amounts to be set at £244.50; that being an annual increase of £15.00 or 6.54%.

**3.2 The amounts included within the precept notification reconcile to the amounts as published within the Council Tax Resolution on the Council agenda and no adjustments are therefore required.**

## **4. Amendments to Recommendations and Council Tax Resolution**

4.1 Formal precept notifications from the offices of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Fire and Rescue Authority agree to the table presented within the Council Tax Resolution (Appendix 2) at Part 3 and therefore Part 4, as the aggregate amounts of Council Tax to be levied on residents of the Borough, also remain unchanged.

**4.2 This addendum therefore serves as confirmation that no amendments to the report are required regarding Council Tax amounts.**