



**SUSSEX POLICE
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Scrutiny of Proposed Policing Precept for 2026/27

Via email

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Dear Commissioner Bourne,

The proposed policing precept for 2026/27 was considered at a meeting of Sussex Police and Crime Panel on 30 January 2026.

I am writing to confirm that the Panel supported the proposed increased precept of £281.91 (on a Band D property), an increase of £15 (equivalent to a 5.6% increase).

However, citing the concern raised by the Working Group, the Panel wishes to again flag that the precept continues to be raised by the maximum amount permissible, and urges you to continue lobbying the policing minister and government, to request a fairer and more transparent solution for how funding for police forces is determined.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank OSPCC and Sussex Police staff for their support for the work of the Working Group again this year.

We look forward to receiving your response in due course.

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