

Summary of decisions from the meeting of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel, held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Chelmsford on Thursday, 3 February 2022  
Please note that this is not a full record of the proceedings at the meeting; the full Minutes will be published in due course.

**Present:**

**Councillor**

Daniel Lawrence  
Frankie Ricci  
Godfrey Isaacs (Chairman)  
Paul Stalker  
Ross Playle  
Michael Garnett  
Ian Shead  
Lynda McWilliams  
Gary Collins  
Maggie Sutton  
Jude Deakin  
Aidan McGurran  
Lee Scordis

**Representing**

Basildon Borough Council  
Braintree District Council  
Castle Point Borough Council  
Epping Forest District Council  
Essex County Council  
Harlow District Council  
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council  
Tendring District Council  
Thurrock Council  
Uttlesford District Council  
Co-opted Member for Balanced Appointment  
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**Co-opted Independent Members**

Sheila Murphy

**Also in attendance**

Gemma Bint	Democratic Services Officer
Pippa Brent-Isherwood	Chief Executive, Office of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (OPFCC)
Sophie Campion	Senior Democratic Services Officer, Secretary to the Panel
Annette Chan	Essex Police
Neil Cross	Chief Finance Officer, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Jane Gardner	Deputy Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Ben-Julian Harrington	Chief Constable, Essex Police
Roger Hirst	Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
Darren Horsman	Strategic Head of Policy and Public Engagement, OPFCC
Nathan Hutchinson	Essex Police
Rick Hylton	Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Debbie Martin	Essex Police
Janet Perry	Strategic Head of Performance and Resources, OPFCC

**1 Membership, Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest**

The report of the Membership, Apologies and Declarations was received and the membership, apologies, substitution and declarations noted.

## 2 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on the 9 December 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 3 Questions to the Chairman from members of the public

Three questions, relating to items on the agenda, were put to the Chairman on behalf of J Cooper who was unable to attend the meeting.

It was noted that further questions had been received from a member of the public after the deadline and would be put to the meeting by the local Member where appropriate.

## 4 2022/23 Proposed Fire and Rescue Precept

The Panel received report EPFCP/02/22 which set out the proposed budget and precept proposal for Essex County Fire and Rescue Service for 2022-23. The budget had been set in line with the objectives included within the Fire and Rescue Plan 2019-2024.

### **Resolved:**

That the Panel supported the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's proposed increase in the precept of 1.95%. The precept payable for a Band D Council tax property would increase from £73.89 to £75.33, a change of £1.44 per year.

## 5 2022/23 Proposed Police Precept

The Panel received report EPFCP/03/22 which presented the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's proposed police precept for 2022/23.

### **Resolved:**

That the Panel supported the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's proposed precept increase of 4.79%, equivalent to an increase of £9.99 a year, from £208.53 to £218.52 for a Band D property, raising an additional £6.55 million of council tax receipts.

## 6 Date of Next Meeting

The Chairman confirmed that the reserve meeting date of Thursday 17 February 2022 would not be required due to the Panel's decision to support the proposed precepts.

The Panel noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 22 March 2022.

There being no urgent business, the meeting closed at 4.07pm.