

Essex County Council
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Mr R Hirst
Essex Police, Fire and Crime
Commissioner

Our Ref: SC/EPFCP
Date: 07 February 2023

Dear Mr Hirst

Re: Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel – Review of the Proposed Essex County Fire and Rescue Service Precept for 2023/24

In accordance with the provisions of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, I am writing to you to confirm the decision of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel's review of the proposed Precept, which took place on Tuesday 7 February 2023.

The Panel considered the detailed information provided on the budget and precept proposals. Members of the Panel asked a number of questions to seek clarification and test the evidence and assumptions, to ensure that they were satisfied that the proposed Precept enabled delivery of the objectives included within the Fire and Rescue Plan 2019-2024 and represented value for money.

The Panel voted by a clear majority to support your proposal, without qualification or comment, to increase the Essex Fire and Rescue precept by £4.95 (6.57%) for the 2023-24 financial year for a property in Band D. The precept payable for a Band D Council Tax property will increase from £75.33 to £80.28.

On behalf of the Panel I would like to thank you, your staff and the Fire and Rescue Service for the information provided throughout the Budget-setting process and for the engagement during the workshops.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frankie Ricci".

Councillor Frankie Ricci
Vice-Chairman, Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel