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Mr R Hirst  
Essex Police, Fire and Crime  
Commissioner

Our Ref: SC/EPFCP  
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Dear Mr Hirst

**Re: Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel – Review of the Proposed Essex County Fire and Rescue Service Precept for 2022/23**

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 Thursday 3 February 2022.

The Panel considered the detailed information provided on the budget and precept proposals. Members of the Panel asked a number of questions to test the evidence and assumptions and sought clarification, 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 to increase the Essex Fire and Rescue precept by 1.95%. The precept payable for a Band D Council tax property will increase from £73.89 to £75.33, a change of £1.44 per year.

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



Councillor Godfrey Isaacs  
Vice-Chairman, Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel