

Summary of decisions from the meeting of the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Panel, held in Committee Room 1 at County Hall, Chelmsford on Tuesday, 7 February 2023  
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**

Davida Ademuyiwa  
Frankie Ricci (Chairman)  
Keith Barber  
Russ Savage  
Michael Lilley  
Paul Stalker  
Ross Playle  
Mark Heard  
Ian Shead  
Lynda McWilliams  
Gary Collins  
Maggie Sutton  
Aidan McGurran

**Representing**

Basildon Borough Council (substitute)  
Braintree District Council  
Brentwood Borough Council  
Castle Point Borough Council  
Colchester Borough Council  
Epping Forest District Council  
Essex County Council  
Maldon District Council  
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council  
Tendring District Council  
Thurrock Council  
Uttlesford District Council  
Co-opted Member for Balanced Appointment

**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
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
Rick Hylton	Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive, Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
Carlie Mayes	Maldon District Council, named substitute (observer)
Janet Perry	Chief Financial Officer, OPFCC
Emma Tombs	Democratic Services Manager

**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 meeting held on the 8 December 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

There were none.

## **4 2023/24 Proposed Fire and Rescue Precept**

The Panel received report EPFCP/01/23 which set out the proposed budget and precept for Essex County Fire and Rescue Service for 2023-24. The budget had been set in line with the objectives included within the Fire and Rescue Plan 2019-2024.

### **Resolved:**

That the Panel supported without qualification or comment, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's proposed increase in the precept of £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 would increase from £75.33 to £80.28.

## **5 2023/24 Proposed Police Precept**

The Panel received report EPFCP/02/23 which presented the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's proposed police precept for 2023/24.

### **Resolved:**

That the Panel supported without qualification or comment, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's proposed precept increase of 6.84%, equivalent to an increase of £14.94 a year, from £218.52 to £233.46 for a Band D property, raising an additional £9.91 million of council tax receipts.

## **6 Date of Next Meeting**

The Chairman confirmed that the reserve meeting date of Monday 20 February 2023 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 21 March 2023.

There being no urgent business, the meeting closed at 12.16pm.