

Mayor of South Yorkshire Decision Form

Subject Matter	Mayoral Police and Crime Commissioner Precept for 2026/27
Name of Proposer (eg Chief Executive, Chief Constable, Chief Finance Officer, Director)	Gareth Sutton Executive Director Resources & Investment
Date of Request	Drafted by Attila Garamszegi 05/02/2026
Previous Related Decisions (optional)	Not applicable

Private / Exemption - Yes / No	No
Urgent (if Yes, why and by when?)	Yes – to meet statutory requirements, the decision must be published by 28 February 2026

Is Additional Funding Required?	No
Please identify the budget the funding is coming from and whether there is capacity to absorb the spending identified	Not applicable

Decision Requested	To approve an increase in 2026/27 in the mayoral police and crime commissioner precept of £15.00 for a Band D property
Executive Summary of Request	<p>The Mayor is asked to approve a proposed annual increase in the mayoral police and crime commissioner precept for 2026/27 of £15.00 for a Band D property. This is an increase of 5.66%.</p> <p>To note that most properties in South Yorkshire are in Band A (57%) where the increase would be 19p per week. The proposed precept by council tax band is shown in the table below.</p> <p>The Council Tax Precept and Revenue Budget report, discussed at the Police & Crime Panel on 2 February 2026, sets out the financial challenges facing South Yorkshire Police and Mayoral Combined Authority Police and Reform in the medium-term. The report recommends that a precept increase of £15 is agreed to help address the medium-term financial challenges.</p> <p>The majority of the Police & Crime Panel members supported the proposed precept, with one member voting against the proposed increase.</p> <p>The final budget report for South Yorkshire Police and Mayoral Combined Authority Police and Reform will be published as part of the MCA's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme, which will be presented to the MCA Board on 24th March 2026.</p>

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		Proposed Precept 26/27 £
	Band A	186.69
	Band B	217.81
	Band C	248.92
	Band D	280.04
	Band E	342.27
	Band F	404.50
	Band G	466.73
	Band H	560.08
Supporting Report attached?	Yes – Report to Police & Crime Panel on 2 February 2026: https://syjagu.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g706/Public%20reports%20pack%20Monday%2002-Feb-2026%2013.00%20South%20Yorkshire%20Police%20and%20Crime%20Panel.pdf?T=10&zTS=B Letter from the Chair of the Police and Crime Panel dated 5 February 2026: https://syjagu.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s8181/Panel%20Response%20to%20the%20Mayor%20-%205%20February%202025.pdf?zTS=B	

Approval by proposer (SCT lead / P&R SLT lead) and confirmation request is ready for the Mayor's/Deputy Mayor's consideration

Signed:

Date:

Approval by Director of Finance (SYP Only)

Signed:

Date:

Considerations *(Please complete)*

Evidence of information or advice gathered or discussion / consultation conducted

Public and / or Partners

An online public consultation exercise was launched on 2 January and closed on 22 January. Overall, the respondents are supportive of the proposed £15 increase. Of the 1,886 responses 1,036 (55 per cent) indicated they were supportive

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	737 (39 per cent) were not supportive. 104 (six per cent) said they didn't know.
Impact on Service	Proceeding with an annual increase of £15 in the precept will allow the MCA and the Force to continue the savings programme without major disruption to front-line policing, and work towards reducing the financial deficit, which is currently forecast to increase over the course of the MTFS.
Financial	The financial implications are set out in detail in the budget report presented to the Police & Crime Panel on 2 February 2026. The Panel met informally on 29 January 2026 for a budget familiarisation session. Approval of the precept will meet the need to set a balanced budget for 2026/27.
Legal	<p>Legislation requires that the precept for 2026/27 be set before 1 March 2026, before which the Mayor is required to inform the Police & Crime Panel of the proposed precept by 1 February 2026. This latter requirement was met, as the draft budget report was issued prior to that date.</p> <p>At £15, the proposed increase does not exceed the threshold set by the Home Office, and above which a referendum would be required.</p>
HR	There are no HR implications arising from this report.
T/Unions / Staff Assoc.	Not applicable.
Equality & Diversity (Public Sector Equality Duty)	This decision impacts all council tax paying residents of South Yorkshire. The financial impact on groups with or without protected characteristics only differs to the degree to which certain characteristics may be over- or underrepresented within individual council tax bands. The banding system, as set out in legislation, ensures that households in lower council tax bands pay less than those in higher bands.
Risks / Opportunities	Risks are considered in detail in the attached budget report.
Sustainability	There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Not applicable
Other (specify)	None
How has all this evidence impacted on overall proposals?	The outcome of the public consultation has confirmed that the majority of respondents support the proposed increase in the precept.

Views of Executive Director Resources and Investment:

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Signature:



Date: 11/02/26

Views of Strategic Director Legal, Governance and Commercial (Monitoring Officer):

Signature:



Date: 11/02/26

Views of Director (Policing and Reform):

Signature:



Date: 11/02/26

Views of the Deputy Mayor of South Yorkshire's:

Signature:



Date: 11/02/26

Decision: Approved an increase in 2026/27 in the mayoral police and crime commissioner precept of £15.00 for a Band D property

Signature:



Date: 23/02/26