



Since my election in May 2021, I have been hugely impressed by the professionalism and commitment of our police officers and staff. I would like to thank them for this, and for the sacrifices they have made during the pandemic.

In December I published my local Police & Crime and Fire & Rescue plans, which set out priorities and service expectations on behalf of Staffordshire residents.

As Commissioner, I must provide our new Chief Constable, Chris Noble, and new Chief Fire Officer, Rob Barber, with the resources they need to deliver on these local plans and national government priorities.

I know that household budgets are tight, so I expect every pound of taxpayer's money to be spent wisely, and for the services to make efficiencies. Savings of £4.1m across both services will be required by 2026, but with smarter use of technology and plans to share more buildings and back-office costs, this is achievable.

I aim to keep council tax as low as possible without compromising safety – over the next four years, the budgeted precept increases will be lower than the forecast cumulative rate of inflation and wage growth.

For 2022/23, with rising inflation and wages in mind, I have concluded that council tax increases will be:

- **4.19% for Police & Crime (An extra £10 per year for a band D property).**
- **1.99% for Fire & Rescue (An extra £1.57 per year for a band D property).**

These increases will allow us to improve services and take full advantage of additional police officers, set to be 1,942 by 2023, 350 more than in 2019.

With your support, my expectation is that our chief officers will deliver high-quality local and responsive services which continue to keep us all safe.

Ben Adams Staffordshire's Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner

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Our aim – keep Staffordshire safe



Our Police & Crime priorities

- A local and responsive service
- Prevent harm and protect people
- Support victims and witnesses
- Reduce offending and reoffending
- A more effective criminal justice system

Our Fire & Rescue priorities

- A flexible and responsive service
- Protect people and places
- Help people most at risk to stay safe
- A Fire & Rescue service for tomorrow



What this means for you...

- ✓ Faster response to emergency and urgent incidents
- ✓ Improved 999 and 101 contact services
- ✓ Reduced crime and anti-social behaviour
- ✓ Safer roads
- ✓ Better support for victims and witnesses
- ✓ Effective justice, served more quickly
- ✓ Safer homes and business premises
- ✓ More protection for the vulnerable

Read the Police & Crime and Fire & Rescue Plans for 2021–2024 at www.staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk

How is your money spent?

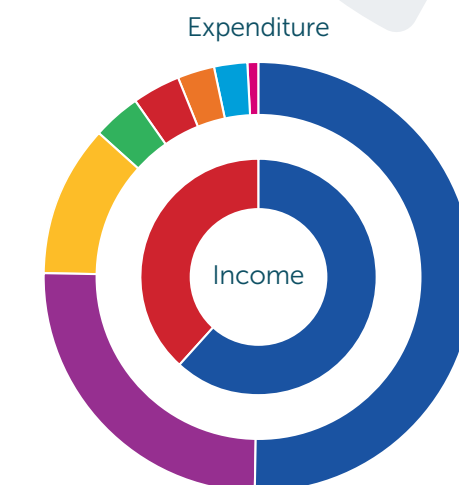
Police & Crime

Income

Government Funding	£144.0m
Council Tax	£89.1m
Total	£233.1m

Expenditure

Police Officer Pay	£117.3m
Police Staff Pay	£57.9m
Premises Transport and Other Services	£27.0m
PCSO Pay	£8.7m
Capital Financing Costs	£8.5m
Commissioned Services	£6.4m
Other Pay Costs	£5.6m
Commissioner's Office	£1.7m
Total	£233.1m



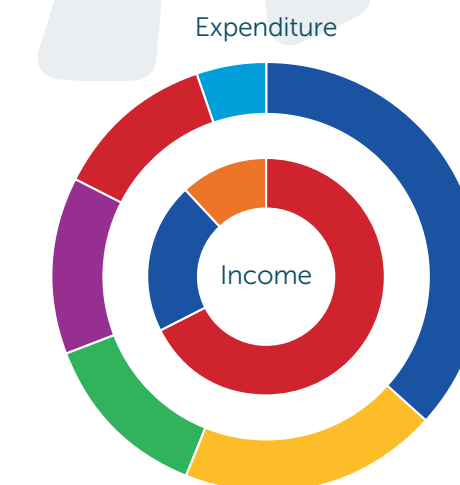
Fire & Rescue

Income

Council Tax	£28.8m
Business Rates	£8.7m
Revenue Support Grant	£5.0m
Total	£42.5m

Expenditure

Wholtime Firefighters Pay	£15.6m
Premises Transport and Other Services	£8.3m
On-Call Firefighters Pay	£5.6m
Fire Staff Pay	£5.6m
Capital Financing Costs	£5.2m
Other Pay Costs	£2.2m
Total	£42.5m



Your Council Tax 2022-23

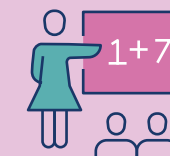
Making the most of your money



Keeping you safe



A cleaner, greener county



Bright Futures for our children



Active healthy communities



Good quality homes and jobs



Care and support for those in need

Dear Resident,

Staffordshire is a great county, with proud people and a rich history. Your county council is working with partners to recover from the challenges of the past two years. We are ambitious for Staffordshire's future and focused on how we make a positive impact on the lives of the people we serve.

In the year ahead we will continue to invest for the benefit of Staffordshire and its people. Exciting investment in our economy will help attract new businesses and support existing ones to grow, creating more jobs and opportunities for our people.

We will invest in schools, skills and training, and ultrafast broadband. We are also investing an extra £17.5 million to fix more roads. All things that will make a positive difference to Staffordshire people and improve our great county.

Our spending plans must also be sustainable. Over the next 12 months, we will accelerate action on climate change and invest in projects that support, inspire and encourage more people to live, work and travel more sustainably.

Staffordshire is a well-run, financially stable county council. Around two-thirds of our budget will be spent on social care and supporting young people in 2022-23. We will always support those who need us most, so it is important we live within our means and deliver value for money in all we do.

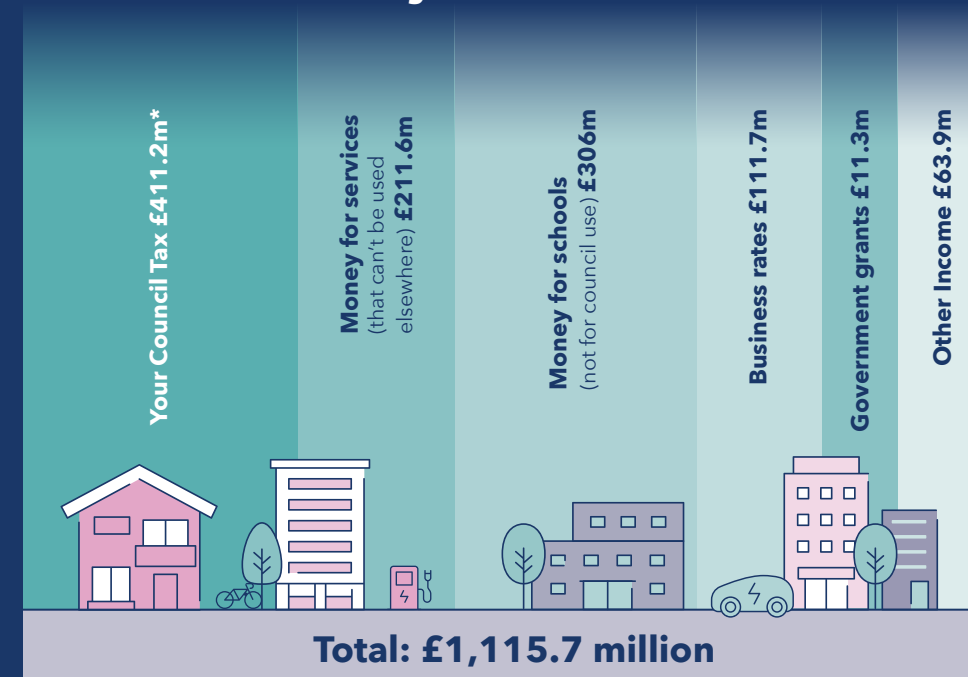
Your council tax is crucial, funding our essential work for Staffordshire people and businesses. The Government's increase in National Insurance is intended to support social care but for now that money is being used solely for the NHS. So we must carry on funding care from current income and council tax. Therefore, from April, we will be increasing council tax by 2.99 per cent, the equivalent of 78p per week for a Band D property. Even with this rise, Staffordshire's council tax remains one of the lowest of any county in England.

Yours Sincerely,



Alan White
Leader of
Staffordshire
County Council

Where our money comes from



Out of every pound we spend...



Staffordshire County Council's Aims

Vision:

An innovative, ambitious and sustainable county, where everyone has the opportunity to prosper, be healthy and happy.

Outcomes

Everyone in Staffordshire will:



Have access to more good jobs and share the benefits of economic growth



Live in thriving and sustainable communities



Be healthier and independent for longer

Priorities:



Support Staffordshire's economy to grow, generating more and better-paid jobs



Encourage good health and wellbeing, resilience and independence



Tackle climate change, enhance our environment, and make Staffordshire more sustainable



Offer every Staffordshire child and young person the best start in life, and the chance to achieve their potential



Fix more roads, and improve transport and digital connections

How we work:



Encourage our communities to help themselves and each other



Lead our workforce to be ambitious, courageous and empowered



Use digital technology and data to connect, inform and support the people of Staffordshire



Engage and listen to our communities, partners and business, working together to improve our county

Pledge: Live within our means and deliver value for money

Areas of Investment



Climate Change

We have dedicated and secured more than £5.4m to help us achieve carbon net zero by 2050. This includes £3m to install energy efficiency and carbon saving measures in Staffordshire schools.



Highways

We are investing an extra £17.5 million into repairing and maintaining the county's 6,200km of highways, taking our total investment this year to £44 million. The money will fund pothole repairs, gully cleaning, and larger resurfacing projects.



Business

Since 2014 the Council's £390 million Economic Growth Programme has delivered more than 10,000 jobs and enabled more than 4,000 houses to be built, and we are continuing to support businesses and the Staffordshire economy.



Schools

This year we'll be investing a further £18 million into expanding schools and building new ones to cope with increasing demand for school places, to ensure the county's children can learn in an environment that benefits their education.



Social Care

More than £360 million will be spent on social care in Staffordshire this year, providing care and support for those in need.

More about the council tax

For detailed information about council tax and our spending:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/counciltax

For general information about the council:

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