

WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

NON- CONFIDENTIAL

NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Fees and Charges due from January 2025

SUMMARY

This report details the proposed fees and charges to be made by West Midlands Police for services provided from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

West Midlands Police levies a charge to users for certain services. These rates are reviewed and approved on an annual basis. The attached document details the proposed fees and charges for calendar year 2025. It is important that the Force charges, where appropriate, to ensure that income is raised to offset the costs of delivering the services. For this reason, the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) has proposed that prices change on 1 January and not 1 April each year, in order to capture salary cost increases as soon as possible.

The proposed rates have been calculated using the latest guidance issued in November 2024 by the NPCC in their documents:

- National Policing Guidelines on Charging for Policing Services – General
- National Policing Guidelines on Charging for Special Policing Services

DECISION

The decision is to approve the Fees and Charges for calendar year 2025 as set out in the attached Fees and Charges rates booklet. This revises the rates approved by SPCB in March 2024.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner of the West Midlands. Any interests are indicated below.



Signature

Date 23/12/2024

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Force is entitled to levy a charge to users for certain services. The charges for 2025 are shown in the attached Fees and Charges schedule.
2. These rates are usually published in April of each year and remain unchanged throughout the year. In the event that a pay award is agreed in excess of the one forecast, consideration will be given to a review of these rates mid-year. This happened in 2024, when the 4.75% pay award has prompted the need to revisit the rates in year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. Rates have been calculated using the fees and charges methodology that is provided to policing nationally. The income received will be used to fund the services provided.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Fees and Chargeable Rates are governed by Sections 25 and 26 of the Police Act 1996

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

5. The fees and chargeable rates are based on either statutory amounts or have been calculated using the agreed national framework and are applied consistently and lawfully, having regard to all of the protected characteristics as set out in s.4 Equality Act 2010.

Schedule of Background Papers

Fees and Charges booklet.

Public Access to Information

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website