



# Request for a Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner Decision

## SECTION 1

Please identify who is requesting the decision:			
OPFCC Decision		Decision Number:	
<b>CCFRA Decision</b>	Y	Decision Number:	CF 010/2026
Constabulary Decision		Decision Number:	

(Please indicate whether this is a PART 1 or PART 2 decision (For Part 2 decisions, only the Section 1 is to be published))

<b>PART 1 Decision:</b>	Y	<b>PART 2 Decision:</b>	
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**DECISION TITLE: 2026/27 Budget, Medium Term Financial Forecast, Reserves Strategy and Charging Policy**

**Executive Summary:** (no more than 100 words)

The Commissioner is asked to approve the revenue budget, capital budget, reserves strategy and charging policy for 2026/27 and the level of council tax to support the budget, having taken into account the advice of the CCFRA Chief Finance Officer in his report on the robustness of the proposed budgets. The papers provide provisional financial information for the years 2027/28 to 2030/31 and for 10 years in respect of the capital programme and reserves.

**Recommendation:**

The Commissioner is asked to:

- note the CCFRA Chief Financial Officer's report on the robustness of the budget 'the Local Government Act 2003 Requirements' report (appendix A to Item 9A), taking into account his advice in respect of his decisions on the proposed budgets.

- Approve Appendix B of the attached report 'Cumbria Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority (CCFRA) Budget 2026/27, Proposed Precept Level and Financial Forecasts 2026/27 to 2030/31 which sets out the budget resolution for decision by the Commissioner in order to formally approve the level of council tax precept. In the context of the budget resolution, it is recommended that:
  - a) The revenue budgets outlined in the report and appendices be approved, having regard to the Local Government Act 2003 Requirements report
  - b) That the budget requirement for 2026/27 be set on the basis of the amount within the budget resolution at appendix B
  - c) The council tax for Band D properties be approved at £103.14 for 2026/27, an increase of £4.95 or 5.04%, being the amount within the budget resolution
- Approve the Reserves Strategy for 2026/27 which is provided within item 7A.
- Approve the Charging Report for 2026/27 which is provided as a separate report

**Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner**

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for Cumbria Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner. Any such interests are recorded below.

I hereby:

approve

~~do not approve~~

the recommendations as set out above.

Delete as appropriate:

**Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner / Chief Executive (delete as appropriate)**

**Signature:**



**Date: 20/10/25**

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**Date of publication of decision:**

Each section below must be completed prior to submission to the Commissioner for decision.

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

I confirm that this report has been considered by the Chief Officer Group / OPFCC Executive Team / CCFRA Executive Team and that relevant financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIEF OFFICER APPROVAL (where applicable)**

**Chief Constable / Chief Fire Officer (delete as appropriate)**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OPFCC CHIEF OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) / Chief Finance Officer (Deputy Chief Executive) (delete as appropriate)**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner / Chief Executive (delete as appropriate).

**Signature:** *G. Hoare* **Date:** 20/10/25

<b>Media Strategy</b>	
The decision taken by the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner may require a press announcement or media strategy.	
Will a press release be required following the decision being considered?	YES
If yes, has a media strategy been formulated?	YES
Is the media strategy attached?	NO
What is the proposed date of the press release:	

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Is the publication of this form to be deferred?	NO
Until what date (if known):	
If yes, for what reason:	
If this is a <b>Part 2 Decision</b> , has the Part 2 element of this form been completed	n/a