

“What is the total cost of running the police and crime commissioner’s office.”

Please see link to leaflet which provides the information sought.

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/media/444582/2017-rates-precept-leaflet.pdf>

“How much does the police and crime commissioner get paid per annum including expenses?”

The Police and Crime Commissioner's salary is set by the Home Secretary, following advice from the Senior Salaries Review board. Their 2011 report on Police and Crime Commissioner pay is available for download.

The salary for the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner is set by the Home Secretary at £100,000 per year.

Expenses claimed are published on our website and can be found here:

<http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/about-the-office-of-the-west-midlands-police-and-crime-commissioner/salary-and-expenses-information/>

“What steps have been undertaken to reduce the running costs of his office?”

The OPCC’s budget has absorbed cost pressures since its formation in 2012, including the requirement to undertake additional functions and the impact of inflation.

Police Authorities were not required to produce Police and Crime Plans and set the strategic direction of their forces’.

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The PCC is also required to: deliver Victims Services, Restorative Justice, lead the local criminal justice system, run an Independent Custody Visiting scheme and the Legally Qualified Chairs scheme for police misconduct hearings.

The West Midlands PCC also: administers a charity, has seen large increases in the correspondence that he must facilitate and is taking on the official responsibility for the Appropriate Adults scheme which supports vulnerable adults in custody.

The PCC has also driven through policy changes on a wide variety of areas including: gangs and violence, unauthorised traveller encampments and reducing delays on our motorway network. The PCC also now has an external spend budget that supports crime prevention across the region through innovative projects.

This has all been delivered at a comparable cost to the Police authority.

“Why did he not mention the possibility of this increase when he spoke at the full council meeting of solihull?”

The Commissioner attended Solihull Council meeting on 5 December 2017. However, the Police Funding announcement was not made until 18 December 2017.

This is a full response to your enquiry. However, your attention is drawn to the fact that, in accordance with the Police and Crime Commissioner’s review procedure, you do have a right to request an internal review. Details of the procedure are attached to this letter. Any appeal should be submitted within 6 months of the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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