

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

[026-2023]

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Title: Fees and Charges 2023/24 – revision following pay award

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to revise the decision published on 5 April 2023 – reference 007/2023 – in order to reflect the agreed pay award for police staff and officers.

This is the first year in which I have had to vary the fees and charges mid-year, that is due to the significant gap between the budgeted and final pay award for officers and staff. The budgeted pay award was 3.5% and the final pay award was 7%. This has led to a recommendation from the National Police Chiefs Council to vary the fees and charges in every Force, in order that they recover the total cost of any activity undertaken.

DECISION

The PCC approves the revised Fees and Charges for 2023/24 as set out in the attached Fees and Charges rates schedule.

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 05.10.2023

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Force is able to levy a charge to users for certain services. The revised charges for 2023/24 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. The exceptional circumstance, of an actual pay award being twice that which was budgeted, has meant that we need to vary fees and charges, in order to ensure that total cost is passed on to those parties receiving special policing services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. Rates have been calculated using the fees and charges methodology that is provided to policing nationally. The income received for the particular service 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.

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