

# A Safer West Mercia



Communities have told me loud and clear that they want more police officers - I am delivering on this, year on year. Your money will be focused on bolstering policing numbers, to the highest establishment figure on record, with crime fighting teams in the heart of communities.

I have listened and will focus funds to tackle your biggest community concerns - anti-social behaviour, road safety and drugs.

Policing is facing the same financial pressures we all are. Therefore I will ensure that every penny of your money is spent wisely.

## I will deliver:

**40** new officers at the frontline of local policing.

More accessible and visible policing.



Continued focus on preventing and tackling crime.

Investment in preventing domestic abuse by challenging offender behaviour.



**£2 million** investment in Safer Communities projects, addressing local issues.



Continued investment in technology, which enables the police to provide you with a better service.



Use the QR code for further information on how your money will be spent, and to view the budget report in full.

## What will you pay?

Council Tax band	
A	£176.33
B	£205.72
C	£235.11
D	£264.50
E	£323.28
F	£382.06
G	£440.83
H	£529.00

The amount you pay for the police service will increase by 5.94% in 2023/24. Council Tax bands are calculated to six decimal places, but presented here to two decimal places, therefore they may vary by plus/minus 0.01%.



# Don't let the scammers win: Three steps to protect

Over half of all crime is fraud and cyber related, costing individuals £4.7 billion last year. Here are three steps to protect you and your loved ones online.

## Step 1 - Passwords

- Use three random words - you can use numbers and symbols for a higher level of complexity.
- Avoid simple passwords or those which contain personal data.
- Do not re-use passwords over multiple accounts.

✓ **HatTreeBlue7£**

✗ **password123**

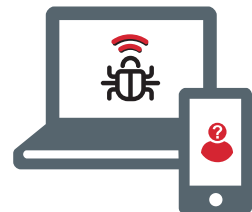
## Step 2 - 2 step verification (2SV)

- 2SV is also known as 2FA (2 factor authentication) and MFA (multi-factor authentication).
- Provides multiple layers of security to your accounts.
- Available with banks, email, social media and more.



## Step 3 - Stop and think

- Don't panic, don't rush. Stop and think before you continue the call or click.
- Always be suspicious.
- Police and banks will never ask you for money or personal information.



Use the QR code for useful contacts  
and advice about fraud and cyber crime.

**ActionFraud**  
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre  
**0300 123 2040**



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