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To:
Police and Crime Commissioners in Wales
Police Forces in Wales

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Chief Finance Officers of Police and Crime Commissioners, Wales
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Dear Commissioners,

Provisional Police Settlement 2026-27

Following the announcement today by the Home Office of its Provisional Settlement for Policing in England and Wales, I am writing to provide details of the Welsh Government's component of the Provisional Police Settlement for police forces in Wales for 2026-27.

While I acknowledge the pressures on police services and costs, I am also mindful of the cost-of-living pressures on many people. The overall increase in the Police Settlement is higher than the OBR's expectation of CPI inflation of 2.5% for 2026. I encourage you to ensure that precept increases are reflective of this and manageable for hard-pressed households.

Annex A contains details of the Welsh Government's contribution to the Provisional Settlement for each police force in Wales.

The Home Office announcement provides information on the total amount of funding for each police force: https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-statements/detail/2025-12-18/hcws1216.

The period of formal consultation on the amount and distribution begins today and closes on 14 January 2026. Responses should be sent to:

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Comments are invited about the effects (whether positive or adverse) the proposed settlement would have on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language. In addition, we invite comments on whether the proposed settlement could be formulated or revised to have positive effects, or decreased adverse effects, on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Copies of responses may be placed in the Welsh Government's library. If you wish your comments to remain confidential, please make this clear in your reply. This will be considered in light of our obligations under the Freedom of Information Act. The Welsh Government will consider all responses received by the due date before the final determination is made and published.

Police and Crime Commissioners are reminded of the requirement to comply with the general equality duties set out in the Equality Act 2010, and also the specific equality duties where applicable. The equality impacts of budgetary options should be assessed and inform any final decisions.

I will consider all consultation responses before making a final determination and publishing the Local Government Finance Report (No. 2) 2026-27 (Police and Crime Commissioners). This report is due to be debated in the Senedd in January 2026.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A: Provisional Police Settlement for Wales, 2026-27: Welsh Government Contribution

Table 1: Standard Spending Assessments (£m)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Dyfed-Powys	33.90	34.37	34.94	35.43	35.93
Gwent	50.55	51.24	52.00	52.72	53.47
North Wales	48.85	49.53	50.39	51.11	51.84
South Wales	117.83	119.42	120.77	122.45	124.17
Total	251.12	254.56	258.09	261.71	265.41

Table 2: Aggregate External Finance (RSG+NNDR, £m)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Dyfed-Powys	8.67	8.49	8.41	8.10	8.02
Gwent	25.94	26.07	26.20	26.31	26.46
North Wales	16.51	16.33	16.36	16.10	15.92
South Wales	62.35	62.58	62.50	62.96	63.06
Total	113.47	113.47	113.47	113.47	113.47