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

Copies to:
Chief Finance Officers of Police and Crime Commissioners, Wales
Chief Constables of Police Forces in Wales
Chief Finance Officers of Police Forces in Wales

30 January 2026

Dear Commissioners,

Final Police Settlement 2026-27

This letter is to inform you of the Welsh Government's component of the Final Police Settlement for police forces in Wales for 2026-27, subject to approval by Senedd Cymru.

The Home Office has confirmed that all Welsh police forces will receive an increase of 4.022% in core funding in 2026-27.

Annex A contains details of the Final Settlement for each police force in Wales. The Welsh Government's contribution of £113.47m remains unchanged from the Provisional Police Settlement.

While I recognise the pressures on policing services and the rising costs they face, I must also remain mindful of the ongoing cost-of-living challenges experienced by many households. The overall increase in the Police Settlement exceeds the Office for Budget Responsibility's forecast for CPI inflation of 2.5% in 2026. I therefore encourage you to ensure that any proposed precept increases take this into account and remain manageable for households already under considerable financial strain.

The Local Government Finance Report (No.2) 2026-27 (Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners) published today is scheduled for debate in the Senedd on 3 March 2026.

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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.

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact the Local Government Finance Policy and Sustainability Division via LGFPSettlement@gov.wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Jayne" and the last name "Bryant" clearly distinguishable.

Jayne Bryant AS/MS

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Lywodraeth Leol a Thai
Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government

Annex A: Final Police Settlement for Wales, 2026-27

Police Revenue Funding

Table 1: Standard Spending Assessments (£m)¹

	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)¹

	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

Table 3: Police Grant and Welsh top-up (£m)^{1,2,3}

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Dyfed-Powys	52.018	52.404	56.125	58.839	61.62
Gwent	62.343	62.520	67.672	71.033	74.81
North Wales	71.895	72.381	77.651	81.403	85.51
South Wales	131.918	132.369	144.068	151.277	159.80
Total	318.173	319.674	345.515	362.552	381.73

Table 4: Total Central Support (£m)^{3,4,5}

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Dyfed-Powys	60.684	60.896	64.538	66.938	72.06
Gwent	88.282	88.589	93.868	97.348	104.77
North Wales	88.407	88.715	94.012	97.504	104.95
South Wales	194.269	194.945	206.568	214.232	230.57
Total	431.643	433.144	458.985	476.022	512.34

Notes:

1. Following the 2015 Comprehensive Spending Review, the Home Office made an annual transfer of funding to the Welsh Government in order for the Welsh Government to deliver its agreed contribution to police funding in Wales. From 2022-23 onwards, this additional funding is no longer transferred and is instead delivered by the Home Office via the Police Grant and Top Up Grant. This resulted in the Welsh Government contribution to policing reducing by £29.93m in 2022-23 and subsequent years. This is purely an administrative change and does not result in any change in overall funding for any police force.

2. This is the amount of police grant set out in Section 3 of the Police Grant Report which includes the allocation under 'Principal Formula' and 'Add Rule 1' (columns a and b) plus the amount of 'floor funding' that the Home Office has made available.

3. Figures have been adjusted to account for Special Branch funding.

4. Figures are shown including the 'Additional Rule 2' funding.

5. Figures for 2023-24 have been restated to include the in-year funding awarded to forces for the 2023-24 pay deal.