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**The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner's Formal Response to the Report of the Police,
Fire and Crime Panel on its Review of the Commissioner's proposed Fire and Rescue
Precept for 2026/27**

Dear Mark

I would like to thank the Panel for its report dated 6th February 2026 which sets the conclusions of the Panel's review of my proposed fire and rescue precept for 2026/27.

This report is the response I am required to give to the Panel in accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 schedule 5, paragraph 5(2).

I am grateful to the Panel for its support for my proposal for an increase in the 2026/27 Council Tax precept Band D level to the maximum possible without triggering a referendum up to £12. Following the meeting, MHCLG have written to confirm our ability to increase by £10 to £90.39 for fire and rescue purposes, which represents an increase of 12.44%.

I note the points the Panel made at its meeting; summarised in section 6 of the Panel's report. Following publication of this response I shall approve and issue the precept based on a Band D Council Tax of £90.39 for 2026/27.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Stone".

Danielle Stone
Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire