



Protecting local communities

### Cleveland Fire Authority Council Tax 2016-2017

As part of the Government's approach to reducing the cost of public services, funding for the Fire Service has been reduced for the sixth successive year. The amount of Government funding allocated to Cleveland Fire Authority for 2016/17 is £14.2m. This is nearly £1m less than the amount allocated in 2015/16, a reduction of 6.1%.

The total funding cut since 2010/11 is £8.345m, a reduction of 37%. This funding reduction means that we have had to look at more innovative ways of delivering services.

To balance the 2016/17 budget and address the £1m Government grant cut the Authority has carried out a restructure, and introduced new technologies and vehicles. These changes have not impacted on the safety of the community which remains at the heart of our work.

The remaining shortfall has been addressed from a combination of a 1.9% Council Tax increase, which raises £0.190m, and growth in the number of houses within the Authority's area, which increases income by £0.289m per year.

The table below shows the amount payable depending on the banding of your property. Council Tax for a Band D property will be £71.70 per year (£1.38 per week).

Property Band	Property Value as at 1st April 1991	Fire Authority Charge (£)		Weekly Cost (£)
		2015/16	2016/17	
A	Up to £40,000	46.91	47.80	0.92
B	£40,001 to £52,000	54.72	55.77	1.07
C	£52,001 to £68,000	62.54	63.73	1.2300
<b>D</b>	<b>£68,001 to £88,000</b>	<b>70.36</b>	<b>71.70</b>	<b>1.38</b>
E	£88,001 to £120,000	86.00	87.63	1.69
F	£120,001 to £160,000	101.63	103.57	1.99
G	£160,001 to £320,000	117.27	119.50	2.30
H	Over £320,001	140.72	143.40	2.76

## Where the money will be spent

The following table shows the breakdown of the budget for the coming year and how it will be spent

	<b>Budget 2015/2016 £m</b>	<b>Budget 2016/2017 £m</b>
Community Fire Safety	3.321	2.588
Fire fighting and Rescue Operations	17.505	17.884
Management and Support Services	7.307	7.242
Corporate Expenses	0.230	0.201
Gross Expenditure	<b>28.363</b>	<b>27.915</b>
LESS:		
Income from Fees and Charges	-0.466	-0.448
Net Expenditure	<b>27.897</b>	<b>27.467</b>
Funded by:		
Contributions from balances and collection fund surplus	-0.520	-0.714
Government funding	-17.336	-16.233
Expenditure to be met from Council Tax	<b>10.041</b>	<b>10.520</b>

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