



Protecting local communities

### Cleveland Fire Authority Council Tax 2017-2018

As part of the Government's approach to reducing the cost of public services, funding for the Fire Service has been reduced for the seventh successive year. The amount of Government funding allocated to Cleveland Fire Authority for 2017/18 is £13.3m. This is nearly £1m less than the amount allocated in 2016/17, a reduction of 6.1%.

The total funding cut since 2010/11 is £9.2m, a reduction of 41%. This funding reduction means that we have had to look at more innovative ways of delivering services.

As a result of the Government grant cut and the impact of inflation the Authority faced a budget shortfall of approximately £2m. To balance the 2017/18 budget the Authority has carried out a restructure, and introduced new technologies and vehicles – which saves approximately £0.9m. These changes have not impacted on the safety of the community which remains at the heart of our work.

The Authority is also using reserves of nearly £0.8m to support services in 2017/18 and provide a longer lead time to implement further savings in future years.

The remaining shortfall of £0.3m has been addressed from a combination of growth in the number of houses within the Authority's area and a 1.9% Council Tax increase, which raises £0.2m.

The table below shows the amount payable depending on the banding of your property. Council Tax for a Band D property will be £73.06 per year (£1.41 per week).

| Property Band | Property Value as at 1st April 1991 | Fire Authority Charge (£) |         | Weekly Cost (£) |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|
|               |                                     | 2016/17                   | 2017/18 |                 |
| A             | Up to £40,000                       | 47.80                     | 48.71   | 0.94            |
| B             | £40,001 to £52,000                  | 55.77                     | 56.82   | 1.09            |
| C             | £52,001 to £68,000                  | 63.73                     | 64.94   | 1.25            |
| D             | £68,001 to £88,000                  | 71.70                     | 73.06   | 1.41            |
| E             | £88,001 to £120,000                 | 87.63                     | 89.30   | 1.72            |
| F             | £120,001 to £160,000                | 103.57                    | 105.53  | 2.03            |
| G             | £160,001 to £320,000                | 119.50                    | 121.77  | 2.34            |
| H             | Over £320,001                       | 143.40                    | 146.12  | 2.82            |

## 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<br/>2016/2017<br/>£m</b> | <b>Budget<br/>2017/2018<br/>£m</b> |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Community Fire Safety                    | 2.588                              | 3.291                              |
| Fire fighting and Rescue Operations      | 17.884                             | 16.656                             |
| Management and Support Services          | 7.242                              | 7.323                              |
| Corporate Expenses                       | 0.201                              | 0.202                              |
| Gross Expenditure                        | <b>27.915</b>                      | <b>27.472</b>                      |
| LESS:                                    |                                    |                                    |
| Income from Fees and Charges             | -0.448                             | -0.466                             |
| Net Expenditure                          | <b>27.467</b>                      | <b>27.006</b>                      |
| Funded by:                               |                                    |                                    |
| Contributions from balances              | -                                  | -0.764                             |
| Collection fund surplus and other income | -0.714                             | -0.260                             |
| Government funding                       | -14.317                            | -13.36                             |
| Business Rates income                    | -1.916                             | -1.731                             |
| Expenditure to be met from Council Tax   | <b>10.520</b>                      | <b>10.891</b>                      |

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