



Protecting local communities

Cleveland Fire Authority Council Tax 2018-2019

As part of the Government's approach to reducing the cost of public services, funding for the Fire Service has been reduced for the eighth successive year. The amount of Government funding allocated to Cleveland Fire Authority for 2018/19 is £12.9m. This is nearly £0.5m less than the amount allocated in 2017/18, a reduction of 3.5%.

The total funding cut since 2010/11 is £9.5m, a reduction of 42%. 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 gross budget shortfall of approximately £1.8m. To balance the 2018/19 budget the Authority has carried out a restructure, and introduced new technologies – which saves approximately £0.75m. 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 and one off collection fund income of £0.64m to support services in 2018/19 and provide a longer lead time to implement further savings in future years.

The remaining shortfall has been addressed from a combination of an increase in business rates income, growth in the number of houses within the Authority's area and a 2.9% Council Tax increase.

The table below shows the amount payable depending on the banding of your property. Council Tax for a Band D property will be £75.18 per year (£1.45 per week).

Property Band	Property Value as at 1st April 1991	Fire Authority Charge (£)		Weekly Cost (£)
		2017/18	2017/18	
A	Up to £40,000	48.71	50.12	0.96
B	£40,001 to £52,000	56.82	58.47	1.12
C	£52,001 to £68,000	64.94	66.83	1.29
D	£68,001 to £88,000	73.06	75.18	1.45
E	£88,001 to £120,000	89.30	91.89	1.77
F	£120,001 to £160,000	105.53	108.59	2.09
G	£160,001 to £320,000	121.77	125.30	2.41
H	Over £320,001	146.12	150.36	2.82
Approximately 65% of households are in Band A or B				

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

	Budget 2017/2018 £m	Budget 2018/2019 £m
Fire fighting and Rescue, and community fire safety	19.947	19.835
Management and Support Services	7.323	7.223
Corporate Expenses	0.202	0.201
Gross Expenditure	27.472	27.259
LESS:		
Income from Fees and Charges	-0.466	-0.415
Net Expenditure	27.006	26.844
Funded by:		
Contributions from balances	-0.764	-0.258
Collection fund income and other income	-0.260	-0.385
Government funding	-13.36	-13.012
Business Rates income	-1.731	-1.821
Expenditure to be met from Council Tax	10.891	11.368

Further information can be found by visiting our web site at www.clevelandfire.gov.uk

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