

2019/2020 BUDGET & COUNCIL TAX



2019/20 will be the ninth year Government funding for Cleveland Fire Authority has been reduced. This includes reductions made since 2013/14 of £7.4m, a reduction of 40%.

Grant Cut 2013/14 to 2019/20 £7.4m
This is equivalent to a cut of 40%



The proportion of the budget funded from Council Tax in 2019/20 is 48%, compared to 32% in 2013/14.



As a result of the Government funding reductions we have made significant changes to services and reduced costs by £5m over this period.

The remaining funding reduction of £2.4m has been addressed from an increase in Council Tax income. This means that in 2019/20 Council Tax funds more of our budget than it did in 2013/14.

If the increased Council Tax income had not been achieved we would have had to make additional cuts of £2.4m. This increase has effectively protected 60 firefighter jobs, which is approximately 18% of our firefighters.

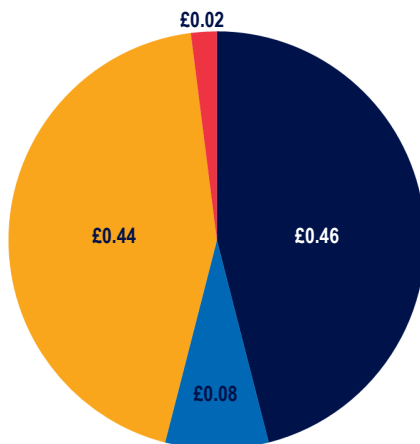
After reflecting the additional 2019/20 Council Tax income from the increase of 2.9% we will balance next years' budget by making saving of £671,000 and using reserves of £113,000.

The table below shows the amount payable depending on the banding of your property. **Approximately 65% of households in our area are in Band A or B.**

Property Band	Property Value as at 1st April 1991	Fire Authority Charge		Weekly Cost 2019/2020
		2018/2019	2019/2020	
A	Up to £40,000	£50.12	£51.57	£0.99
B	£40,001 to £52,000	£58.47	£60.17	£1.16
C	£52,001 to £68,000	£66.83	£68.76	£1.32
D	£68,001 to £88,000	£75.18	£77.36	£1.49
E	£88,001 to £120,000	£91.89	£94.55	£1.82
F	£120,001 to £160,000	£108.59	£111.74	£2.15
G	£160,001 to £320,000	£125.30	£128.93	£2.48
H	Over £320,001	£150.36	£154.72	£2.98

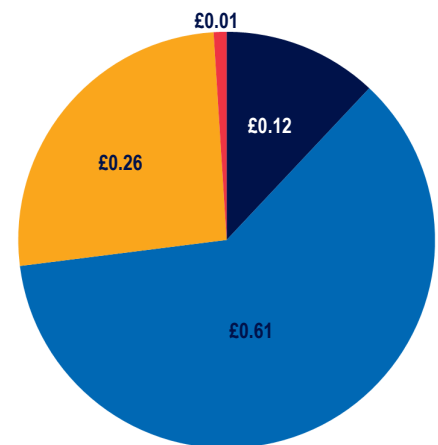
Where each £1 comes from

- Government funding
- Business Rates Income
- Council Tax
- Collection fund surplus, contribution from balances and other income



Where each £1 is spent

- Community Fire Safety
- Firefighting and Rescue
- Management & Support Services
- Corporate Expenses



Should you wish to make comment on any aspect of the above information please use the contact details below:



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