



## **Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority**

### **Council Tax Information 2025/26**

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority strives to be a top performing fire and rescue service, which constantly reviews how its services are delivered, to ensure that it runs effectively and efficiently for the public of Shropshire.

Around three quarters of the Service's budget is spent on employing staff – its most valuable resource. The remainder is spent on essential supplies and services, transport, property and information and communications technology, as well as funding the capital programme.

Just over 70% of our funding comes from council tax, with the remainder funded from business rates and government grant.

We want to continue to improve how we deliver fire cover and support to businesses and residents throughout Shropshire.

The Service has a number of priority areas, aimed at reducing risk and vulnerability in the community, and ensuring that all staff are competent to fulfil their roles effectively:

- Delivering the outcomes of the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), areas that you told us were important;
- Addressing concerns and areas for improvement identified by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS);
- Developing our strategic priorities for 2025/26, and
- Reviewing the structure of the Service to ensure that we invest in the right areas, with the right people and systems.

Chairman of the Fire Authority David Minnery said "The proposals we are putting forward will help us to deliver the objectives laid out in our CRMP, 2025-2028 and will also provide an essential contribution towards the new plan. This includes increasing engagement and reaching out the communities we serve in new ways and evaluating our resources."



## Where Do Our Funds Go?

Funding for 2025/26		2025/26 Revenue Budget	
Council tax	£21.7m	Firefighter pay	£17.4m
Business rates	£4.3m	Support staff pay	£4.6m
Revenue support grant	£2.8m	Control pay	£0.9m
Other govt grants	£1.2m	Operational expenses	£4.6m
		Capital expenses	£1.6m
		Training and recruiting	£0.9m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£30.0m</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£30.0m</b>

## Council Tax Bands for 2025/26

The increase in budget requirement for 2025/26 equates to a 4.33% increase in council tax. All bands and respective council tax levels, together with increases from last year, are shown in the table.

Band	Amount 2025/26 £	Increase from 2024/25	
		Per Year £	Per Week £
A	79.63	3.31	0.06
B	92.91	3.86	0.07
C	106.18	4.41	0.08
D	119.45	4.96	0.10
E	145.99	6.06	0.12
F	172.54	7.16	0.14
G	199.08	8.27	0.16
H	238.90	9.92	0.19

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