



## **Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority**

### **Council Tax Information 2026/27**

As a Service, we are committed to remaining one of the highest performing fire and rescue services in the country — continually reviewing how we respond to fire and rescue incidents and provide prevention and protection services to ensure we are effective, efficient and community focused.

Around three quarters of our budget goes directly to employing staff, who remain our most valuable resource. The remainder supports the essential equipment, vehicles, Information and Communication Technology systems, property costs and wider infrastructure needed to keep the organisation running safely and smoothly.

More than 70% of our funding comes from Council Tax, with the rest made up of business rates and Government grants. This means even a small change in the precept has a direct impact on our ability to protect communities, maintain standards and invest in future improvements.

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority is increasing the portion of council tax which goes to Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service by 4.18 per cent. This equates to just under £4.99 per year, or 10p per week.

### **What will the increase support?**

The 4.18% uplift will help us to:

- Meet the rising pressures of pay awards and inflation
- Continue delivering effective fire and rescue services and prevention and protection activity
- Invest in training, equipment, systems and people
- Reduce the need for borrowing for major projects such as station refurbishments or fleet replacement



It also supports delivery across several priority areas, including:

- Implementing the outcomes of the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP)
- Addressing improvement areas highlighted by HMICFRS
- Developing our strategic priorities for 2026/27
- Reviewing our organisational structure to ensure we're investing in the right people and tools

### **A message from the Fire Authority**

Fire Authority Chairman David Minnery said:

“The proposals we are putting forward will help us deliver the objectives set out in our CRMP for 2025–2028 and contribute to the development of the next plan. This includes increasing engagement with our communities and making sure we have the right resources in the right places.”

### **Council Tax Bands for 2026/27**

The increase in budget requirement for 2026/27 equates to a 4.18% increase in council tax. All bands and respective council tax levels, together with increases from last year, are shown in the table.

Band	Amount 2026/27 £	Increase from 2026/27	
		Per Year £	Per Week £
A	82.96	3.33	0.06
B	96.79	3.88	0.07
C	110.61	4.44	0.09
D	124.44	4.99	0.10
E	152.09	6.10	0.12
F	179.75	7.21	0.14
G	207.40	8.32	0.16
H	248.88	9.98	0.19



### Where do our funds go?

Funding for 2026/27		2026/27 Revenue Budget	
Council tax	£22.6m	Firefighter pay	£17.9m
Business rates	£3.6m	Support staff pay	£4.2m
Revenue support grant	£4.8m	Fire control pay	£0.8m
		Operational expenses	£5.6m
		Capital borrowing expenses	£1.6m
		Training and recruiting	£0.9m
<b>Total</b>	<b>£31.0m</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£31.0m</b>

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