



Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority Chair's Report of the Meeting held on 10 February 2021

Capital Programmes, Treasury Management Statement and Capital Strategy

The Fire Authority confirmed its 2021/22 to 2025/26 capital programmes, and approved its Capital Strategy for the same period, together with its Treasury Strategy Statement for 2021/22.

Adequacy of Reserves and Robustness of Budget

The Fire Authority agreed the reserves, recommended by its Strategy and Resources Committee, and noted the Treasurer's assurances covering the robustness of the 2021/22 budget and adequacy of the reserves.

Revenue Budget 2021/22

The Fire Authority considered recommendations made by its Strategy and Resources Committee in relation to the revenue budget for 2021/22.

The Committee had recommended, and the Fire Authority approved, a precept increase of 1.99% in 2021/22.

Revenue Budget: 2021/22 Precept

The Fire Authority agreed:

- A net budget requirement of £23,473,472
- A total precept of £17,304,187 to be levied on the billing authorities
- A Council Tax resulting in a basic amount of Council Tax at Band D of £104.20
- The amount payable by billing authorities for 2021/22, as follows:

Council	Precept £
Shropshire Council	11,846,397
Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council	5,457,790
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	17,304,187

Service Strategic Planning and Performance Monitoring

The Fire Authority has adopted an amended Strategic Planning methodology under which the Integrated Risk Management Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan will be extracted from the current Service Plan format to become standalone documents. This allows these documents to be public facing and the Service Plan to be utilised as an internal document and delivery mechanism for the Service's objectives.

The Fire Authority has also given its approval to the Service establishing a new set of performance monitoring measures. Under these new measures, performance will be monitored through direction of travel. To ensure that performance is in line with the targets set, a tolerance level will be established for each measure as opposed to a numerical target.

Authority to agree these new performance measures for 2021/22 has been delegated to the Fire Authority's Strategy and Resources Committee and the Chief Fire Officer and the Chair of the Authority have been delegated responsibility for agreeing the Service's Annual Plan 2021/22.

Annual Review of Charges for Special Services

The Fire Authority has completed its annual review of the tariff for special services charges and agreed an increase of 2% with effect from 1 April 2021, in line with the interim pay increase awarded to firefighters in 2020/21.

Amendments to the Pay Policy Statement 2021/22

The Fire Authority has conducted its annual review of the Pay Policy Statement and agreed minor changes to bring it up to date. The amended Statement has now been published and will be reviewed annually, following notification of national pay decisions determined in respect of Gold, Grey and Green Book staff each year.



Eric Carter
Chair
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
February 2021

Background Papers

Agenda and Papers for the meeting of Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority held on 10 February 2021

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