

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority Chair's Report of the Meeting held on 11 February 2025

Capital Programmes, Treasury Management Statement and Capital Strategy

The Fire Authority confirmed its 2025/26 to 2029/30 capital programmes, and approved its Capital Strategy for the same period, together with its Treasury Strategy Statement for 2025/26.

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 2025/26 budget and adequacy of the reserves.

Revenue Budget 2025/26

The Fire Authority considered recommendations made by its Strategy and Resources Committee in relation to the revenue budget for 2025/26.

The Committee had recommended, and the Fire Authority approved, a precept increase of 4.33%, equivalent to a 10p increase per week, in 2025/26.

Revenue Budget: 2025/26 Precept

The Fire Authority agreed:

- A net budget requirement of £30,084,060
- A total precept of £21,445,901 to be levied on the billing authorities
- A Council Tax resulting in a basic amount of Council Tax at Band D of £119.45
- The amount payable by billing authorities for 2025/26, as follows:

Council	Precept £
Shropshire Council	14,498,128
Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council	6,947,773
	<hr/> 21,445,901 <hr/>

Fire Authority 3-Year Strategy 2025/28: Vision and Strategic Goals

The Fire Authority has approved its Strategic Vision and Goals for the planning period 2025-2028. The Strategic Goals, which will replace the previous six Service Aims, together with the Strategic Priorities have been designed to enable the delivery of the Service's Community Risk Management Plan outcomes for 2025-28.

The Fire Authority has delegated the setting of corporate performance indicators and associated tolerances to its Strategy and Resources Committee at its meeting in March 2025.

Amendments to the Pay Policy Statement 2025/26

The Fire Authority has conducted its annual review of the Pay Policy Statement and agreed changes to reflect the national pay awards across all staff groups.

The Scheme for the Payment of Members' Allowances 2024/25

The Fire Authority agreed that the Scheme for the Payment of Members' Allowances 2024/25, be uprated by 2.5% in line with National Joint Council recommendations, and that this increase be backdated to take effect from 1 April 2024.



David Minnery
Chair
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
February 2025

Background Papers

Agenda and Papers for the meeting of Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority held on 11 February 2025

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