



## **Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service**

### **Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority**

#### **Council Tax Information 2021/22**

This year, Shropshire Fire Authority is increasing council tax by 1.9 per cent; This increase equates to just over £2 a year or 4p per week.

Chairman of Shropshire Fire Authority, Councillor Eric Carter said: “We are constantly reviewing how our services are delivered to make them as efficient as possible.

“This increase provides an opportunity to negotiate some certainty into the future particularly in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and new trading relationships with the European Union.

“This funding will also enable us to continue providing an economical business model – constantly improving how we deliver fire cover and support for businesses and residents throughout Shropshire while also investing any savings to minimise borrowing for larger projects such as refurbishment of stations and the replacement of new fire engines.

“The proposal we are putting forward will also help the Service deliver objectives within its Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020-2024.

“These include engaging and reaching out to communities in new ways, reviewing how resources are deployed around the county, making response times easier to understand and increasing the size of the business fire safety team to support Shropshire’s many business owners.



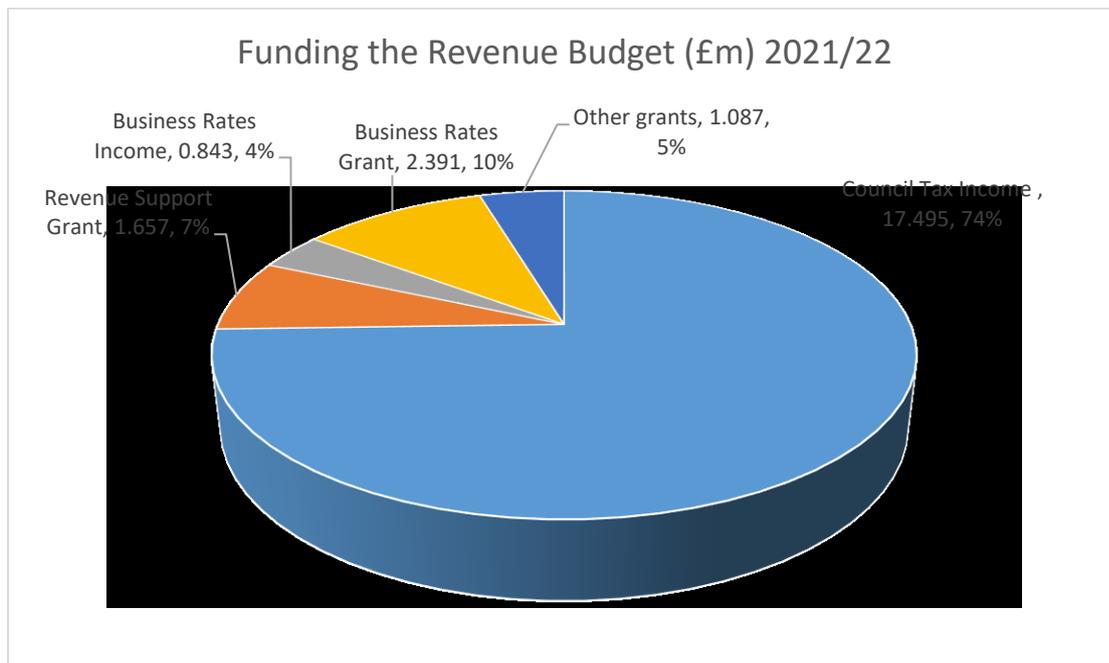
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Chair of the Fire Authority's strategy and resources committee, Councillor Chris Mellings said: "We live in very uncertain times but the Fire Authority remains committed to providing a first class fire and rescue service which the public of Shropshire value.

"Over the years the Authority has been very prudent in how we spend taxpayer's money to be able to deliver what is nationally recognised as a top performing fire and rescue service which meets the needs of Shropshire people.

"We recognise the difficulties people are facing at present. We certainly don't wish to take any more Council Tax than we need to but at 4p per week, we feel the proposed increase is reasonable to ensure we can continue to protect the people of Shropshire."

### Where our money comes from





## **Shropshire** Fire and Rescue Service

We receive around 25% of our budget from government grant and business rates, with the balance coming from council tax.

More than 75 per cent of the Service's budget is spent on employing staff – its most valuable resource – and in 2019, £450,000 of savings were made when the Service changed shift patterns across stations.

The remainder is spent on essential supplies and services, transport, property and information and communications technology, as well as funding capital programmes.

### **Council Tax Bands for 2021/22**

The increase in budget requirement for 2021/22 equates to a 1.9% increase in council tax. All bands and respective council tax levels, together with increases from last year, are shown in the table.

Band	Amount 2020/21 £	Increase from 2020/21	
		Per Year £	Per Week £
A	69.47	1.30	0.03
B	81.04	1.52	0.03
C	92.62	1.73	0.03
D	104.20	1.95	0.04
E	127.36	2.38	0.05
F	150.51	2.82	0.05
G	173.67	3.25	0.06
H	208.40	3.90	0.08



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### Notes

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Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) is governed by the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority.

The service operates from 23 strategically located sites across Shropshire and has three whole-time stations located in Shrewsbury, Telford and Wellington.

On-call firefighters operate from 22 stations with headquarters in Shrewsbury and a Training Centre in Telford.

The Service aims to get at least four firefighters to ANY INCIDENT, in any part of the county, within 15 minutes on 89 per cent of occasions with further details available on response standards for specific areas [here](#).

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority is a statutory fire authority constituted under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and The Shropshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) Order 1997 ('the combination scheme')

Data source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fire-safety-in-the-winter>

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