

## What we spend

It is a requirement for the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority to set a level of revenue budget and council tax before the commencement of the forthcoming financial year 2018/19.

At the budget setting meeting on 16 February 2018, the Authority approved a total net revenue budget of £73,871,000 for 2018/19, funded as shown in the table below.

	£000
Formula Funding Grant	£7,295
Share of Non-Domestic Business Rates	£15,560
District Councils Collection Funds	£51,016
<b>Total</b>	<b>£73,871</b>

It is a legislative requirement that the Authority informs, by 1 March each year, each of the council tax collecting Authorities within Devon and Somerset of the level of council tax for each property valuation band associated with the precepts due for the year in question.

These figures are shown in the table below.

<b>Government Multiplier</b>			
Valuation Band	Ratio	Percentage	Council Tax (£)
A	6/9	0.667	56.01
B	7/9	0.778	65.34
C	8/9	0.889	74.68
D	1	1.000	84.01
E	11/9	1.222	102.68
F	13/9	1.444	121.35
G	15/9	1.667	140.02
H	18/9	2.000	168.02

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority is responsible for the governance arrangements for Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service.

<b><u>Spending Plans</u></b>	<b><u>2017/18</u></b> <b><u>£m</u></b>	<b><u>2018/19</u></b> <b><u>£m</u></b>
Gross expenditure	76.3	77.4
Income from specific grants, fees and charges	(2.6)	(2.5)
Council tax freeze grant	(1.1)	(1.1)
Central Government funding	(18.8)	(17.4)
Business Rates Retention – Local Authority	(4.8)	(5.4)
<b>Council tax requirement</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>51.0</b>

### Changes in spending

In 2018/19 the spending requirement for the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority will be £1.3m more than in 2017/18. These changes are a result of the following:

<b>Classification of spend</b>	<b>Changes to expenditure (£ millions)</b>	<b>Changes to income (£ millions)</b>
Contractual pay and price increases	1.572	-
Invest to save incentives & services/essential spending pressures	0.904	-
Budget savings	(0.711)	-
Increased Income	-	(0.398)
Revenue Contribution to Capital Reduction	(0.670)	-
Reversal of 2017/18 Reserve funding of revenue budget	-	0.578
<b>Total changes</b>	<b>1.095</b>	<b>0.180</b>

The Authority requires a council tax level of £84.01 for a Band D household. This represents an increase of 2.99% compared to the 2017/8 figure.

### Changes to Fire Service funding

The Government's grant funding to the Authority will have reduced by 25.4% by 2019/20. The Authority is expecting to have a savings requirement of between £8.4m and £14.6m by 2022 and will continue to raise issues with the Government around the problems faced by rural public authorities.