

How your council tax is spent

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

<u>Spending Plans</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2017/18</u>
	£m	£m
Gross expenditure	77.9	76.3
Income from specific grants, fees and charges	(2.8)	(2.6)
Council tax freeze grant	(1.1)	(1.1)
Central Government funding	(21.7)	(18.8)
Business Rates Retention – Local Authority	(5.1)	(4.8)
Council tax requirement	47.2	49.0

Changes in spending

In 2017/18 the spending requirement for the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority will be £1.4m less than in 2016/17. These changes are a result of the following:

Classification of spend	Changes to expenditure (£ millions)	Changes to income (£ millions)
Contractual pay and price increases	0.646	-
Invest to save incentives & services/essential spending pressures	1.009	-
Budget savings	(2.342)	-
One off provisions included in 2016/17 budget	(0.116)	-
Reserve funding of revenue budget	-	(0.578)
Total changes	(0.803)	(0.578)

The Authority requires a council tax level of £81.57 for a Band D household. This represents an increase of 1.99% compared to the 2016/7 figure.

Changes to the Fire Service

The Government's grant funding to the Authority has reduced by £3 million for 2017/18 from 2016/17. In the four years from 2016/17 to 2019/20, Government funding will reduce by 24.6%, the seventh worst settlement of all the Fire Authorities in the country. The Authority will continue to raise issues with the Government around the problems faced by rural public authorities.

For more information on how the Authority intends to deliver significant reductions in its spending, visit www.dsfire.gov.uk

(Note: in some kind of graphic):

Net revenue budget 2016/17: £74m

Net revenue budget 2017/18: £72.6m