

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority Finances 2016/2017

What does the Authority do?

The Authority is responsible for West Midlands Fire Service, which serves the whole county of the West Midlands. In addition to providing an emergency response, your fire and rescue service provides you with fire safety advice to prevent death and injury from fire and also to prevent losses to business and amenities. We also enforce fire safety legislation if required and we are actively involved in contingency planning arrangements.

The Authority's Vision is
"Making West Midlands Safer"

This is supported by our Mission Statement:

Providing a quality service to reduce risk by:-



Prevention

reducing the likelihood of a fire or other emergency



Protection

reducing the consequences by having a working smoke alarm



Response

sending a fire engine to help you

We have produced our Corporate Strategy, referred to as "The Plan", which sets out how we intend to protect and serve you, the community of the West Midlands. It focuses on the risks to life, firefighters, property, the environment, the economy and heritage. Each year, we will consult you and other interested stakeholders about the proposals in support of "The Plan."

Further information can be found on our website at www.wmfs.net.

How many people work for the Authority?

The table below gives details of the budgeted staffing establishment of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority. Numbers are shown as full time equivalent posts:

	2015/16	2016/17	Change
Total Employees	2,014	1,923	-91

How much does the service cost?

The table below details the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority's revenue budget for the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17:

	2015/16	2016/17
	£m	£m
Expenditure	103.339	101.906
Income	-67.128	-64.032
Council Tax Requirement	36.211	37.874

At 31st March 2015, the Authority's borrowing totalled £40.8m.



Who pays for it?

The West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority precept is the part of the council tax which pays for the fire service. The total amount of precept for each City/District Council is shown below:

	2015/16 (£)	2016/17 (£)
Birmingham	12,860,030	13,392,806
Coventry	4,081,573	4,343,499
Dudley	4,719,196	4,937,440
Sandwell	3,741,360	3,917,070
Solihull	3,983,171	4,115,519
Walsall	3,578,976	3,782,964
Wolverhampton	3,246,964	3,384,364
Total Precepts	36,211,270	37,873,662

Why has the Council Tax requirement changed?

The Authority's council tax requirement for 2016/17 is £37.874m compared with £36.211m for 2015/16, an increase of £1.663m. This change is analysed in the table overleaf:

For a Safe and Well Visit or for fire safety advice, call freephone **0800 389 5525**.



Prevention Protection Response

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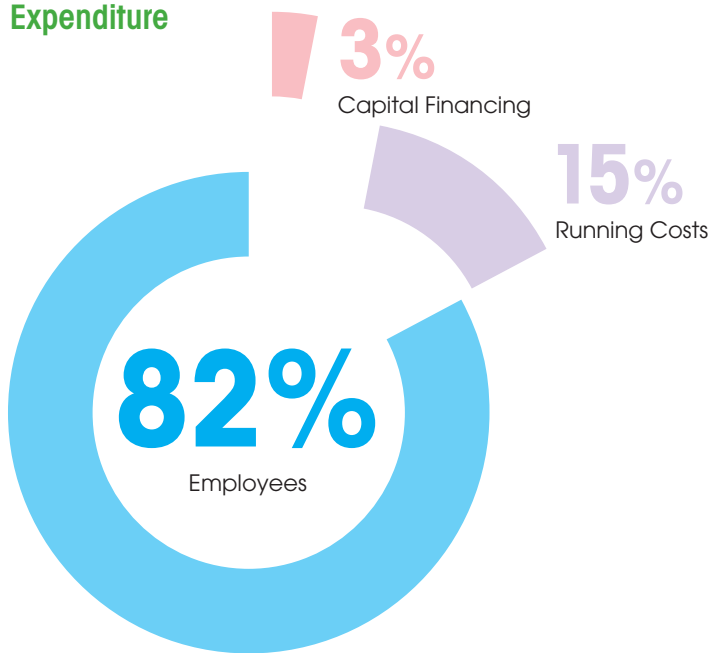
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	£m
Government Grants	3.648
National Insurance	1.565
Pay Award Provision	0.765
Efficiencies/Other Savings	-4.315
Total Change	1.663

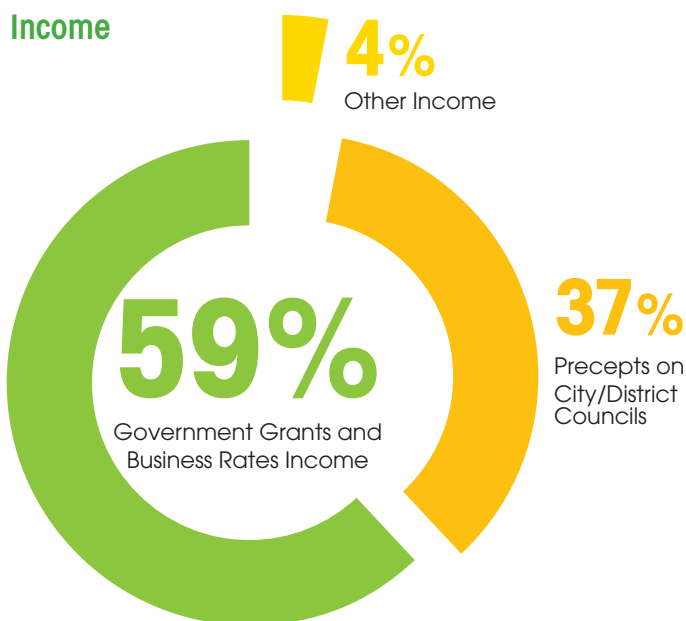
How is the budget spent and financed?

The pie charts below show in percentage terms how the budget is spent and financed:

Expenditure



Income



How much does the service cost in service reporting format?

The table below details the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority revenue budget for the financial year 2016/17 in service reporting format:

	£m
Firefighting and Rescue Operations	101.253
Community Fire Safety	14.308
Corporate & Democratic Core	1.590
Emergency Planning & Civil Defence	0.114
Cost of services	117.265
Government Settlement Funding	-58.665
Government Grant - Section 31	-0.239
Appropriations & Interest	-20.487
Council Tax Requirement	37.874

Anything else?

Further information relating to the Fire Service can be obtained from: **The Chief Fire Officer, West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham, B7 4HW.**

Financial information relating to the Fire Service can be obtained from: **The Treasurer, West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham, B7 4HW.**

This leaflet contains financial information on your Fire Service. The Authority is committed to equality of opportunity but must demonstrate value for money. Whilst all requests for our leaflets and publications to be reproduced in alternative formats and languages will be considered, where possible we will seek other methods of communication. Please call **0121 380 6678** (24 hour answerphone).

To book a Safe and Well visit in your home by your local firefighters, freephone **0800 389 5525**.

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