

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority Finances 2021/2022

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 provide fire safety advice and enforce fire safety legislation if required and we are actively involved in contingency planning arrangements.

We have produced our corporate strategy, which is a three year rolling strategy and annual plan. This sets out how we intend to protect and serve you, the community of the West Midlands.

The Authority's vision is

"Making the West Midlands safer, stronger and healthier"

This is supported by our priorities:



Prevention - Delivering interventions which support safer and healthier communities.

Protection - Protecting life and property to make businesses stronger and communities safer.

Response - Dealing excellently with incidents.

We believe that we have an important role to play in helping people live safer, healthier lives and supporting West Midlands businesses and the economy to thrive.

We work with partners and the community to identify risk across the West Midlands and use this evidence as the basis of our Community Safety Strategy. This in turn, informs how we distribute fire stations, fire engines, equipment and most importantly emergency response staff across the West Midlands. We call this our Service Delivery Model.

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:

	2020/21	2021/22	Change
Total Employees	1,858	1,851	-7

How much does the service cost?

The table below details the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority's revenue budget for the financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22:

	2020/21	2021/22
	£m	£m
Expenditure	117.230	119.623
Income	-72.745	-74.585
Council Tax Requirement	44.485	45.038

At 31st March 2020, the Authority's borrowing was £36m.

Council tax requirement per head of population in 2021/22
£15.13


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:

	2020/21 (£)	2021/22 (£)
Birmingham	15,739,074	16,010,741
Coventry	5,185,840	5,214,126
Dudley	5,752,519	5,786,706
Sandwell	4,590,985	4,689,083
Solihull	4,794,022	4,865,722
Walsall	4,422,187	4,463,517
Wolverhampton	4,000,486	4,007,842
Total Precepts	44,485,113	45,037,737

Why has the Council Tax requirement changed?

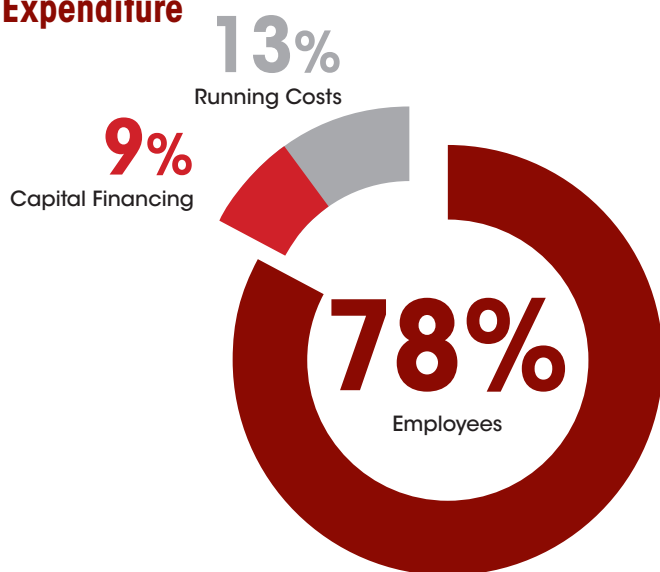
The Authority's council tax requirement for 2021/22 is £45.038m compared with £44.485m for 2020/21, an increase of £0.553m. This change is analysed in the table below:

	£m
Employees	0.754
Pay Award Provision	0.535
Running Costs	-0.376
Inflation	0.384
Income	1.016
Government Grants	-1.760
Total Change	0.553

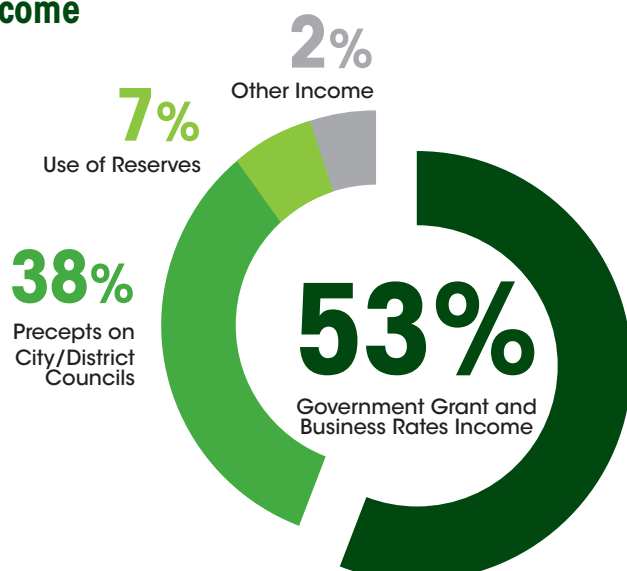
How is the budget spent and financed?

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

Expenditure



Income



How much does the service cost by subjective reporting format?

The table below details the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority revenue budget for the financial year 2021/22:

	£m
Employees	93.396
Running Costs	15.700
Capital Financing	10.527
Total Expenditure	119.623
Government Core Funding	-53.002
Other Government Grant	-10.914
Other Income	-2.697
Use of Reserves	-7.972
Total Income	-74.585
Council Tax Requirement	45.038

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,
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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.

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