

Revenue Budget: 2020/21 Precept

Report of the Treasurer

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1 Purpose of Report

This report seeks Fire Authority approval to:

- A budget for 2020/21;
- Council Tax levels for 2020/21; and
- Precepts on billing authorities and related matters.

The Authority is required to issue a precept before 1 March 2020 and all items in the “Recommendations” below must be taken together. For ease of reference the key elements of the budget are set out in appendices to this report.

2 Recommendations

The Fire Authority is asked to:

- a) Approve that a net budget requirement is set at £23,221,499 (calculated in accordance with the provisions of Section 42a of the Local Government Finance Act 1992);
- b) Approve a total precept of £16,915,395 to be levied on the billing authorities;
- c) Approve a Council Tax, resulting in a basic amount of Council Tax at Band D calculated in accordance with the provisions of the 1992 Act (Section 42b) of £102.25;

- d) Approve, under Section 47 of the 1992 Act:
- a. The amount of Council Tax calculated for each category of dwelling in each billing authority's area, as follows:

Band	2020/2021 Council Tax
	£ p
A	68.17
B	79.53
C	90.89
D	102.25
E	124.97
F	147.69
G	170.42
H	204.50

- b. The amount calculated (in accordance with Section 48 of the 1992 Act) as payable by billing authorities for 2020/21, as follows:

Council	Precept £
Shropshire Council	11,611,248
Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council	5,304,147
	<u>16,915,395</u>

- e) Approve that the Treasurer:
- i Issue the necessary precepts and information to the billing authorities in accordance with the provisions of Chapter IV of Part 1 of the 1992 Act and be authorised to make any amendment to the above to reflect the final approved budget, after consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Fire Authority; and
- ii Is authorised to make payments required from, and to, reserves and provisions within the approved budget strategy and within the Authority's Financial Regulations, in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair;
- f) Approve the revenue budget and pensions account, illustrated in Appendix A, for budgetary control in accordance with approved standing orders, and
- g) Approve the schedule of reserves and provisions at Appendix B

3 Budget Process

The Fire Authority's net spending (budget) for services in 2020/21 has been reported throughout November 2019 to January 2020. The budget is set out in Appendix A and is reported in the Fire Authority's service areas.

The funds receivable in the form of revenue support grant and s31 grants, business rates and top-up payments is £5,934,896. The Fire Authority's share of the council tax collection fund surpluses totals £328,889, and its share of surpluses of the business rates collection funds is £42,319. A council tax base equivalent to 165,431.73 Band D properties has been notified to the Fire Authority by the billing authorities.

4 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report other than those discussed within the report.

5 Legal Comment

There are no legal implications other than those outlined in the report.

6 Appendices

Appendix A

Revenue Programme Budget 2020/21 and Pensions Account

Appendix B

Budget for Reserves

7 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

Revenue Programme Budget 2020/21 and Pensions Account

Revenue Budget 2020/21 Key Service Areas	Pay £000	Other £000	Total £000
Executive and Resources			
Executive and Resources Pay	1,325	0	1,325
Executive		79	79
Finance		1,092	1,092
Technical Services		1,929	1,929
Workshops		224	224
Pay and Price Contingency		827	827
<u>Total Executive</u>	1,325	4,151	5,476
Service Delivery			
Service Delivery Pay	14,227	0	14,227
Fire Prevention		58	58
Area Command		5	5
Operational Response		20	20
Training		164	164
Health and Safety		4	4
<u>Total Service Delivery</u>	14,227	251	14,478
Corporate Support			
Corporate Support Pay	1,416	0	1,416
Information and Communications Technology		1,041	1,041
Programme Office		10	10
Corporate Support		454	454
Human Resources		202	202
Development		144	144
<u>Total Corporate Support</u>	1,416	1,851	3,267
Total Revenue Budget	16,968	6,253	23,221

For the purposes of Financial Standing Orders, revenue votes are described in **bold** print and underlined.

	Estimate 2020/21
<u>PENSIONS ACCOUNT</u>	£000
<u>Contributions</u>	
Employer contributions – 1992 scheme	-296
Employer contributions – 2006 scheme	-39
Employer contributions – 2006 modified scheme	-84
Employer contributions – 2015 scheme	-2,093
Employee contributions – 1992 scheme	-116
Employee contributions – 2006 scheme	-15
Employee contributions – 2006 modified scheme	-56
Employee contributions – 2015 scheme	-902
Ill-health charges	-120
Inward transfers from other pension schemes	0
Total contributions	<u>-3,721</u>
<u>Costs</u>	
Pensions outgo	6,034
Total deficit to be funded by top-up grant	<u>2,313</u>

Budget for Reserves

	Balance 01/04/20 £000	Spend £000	Income £000	Interest £000	Balance 31/03/21 £000	Spend £000	Income £000	Interest £000	Balance 31/03/22 £000	Spend £000	Income £000	Interest £000	Balance 31/03/23 £000
General	577	0	0	0	577	0	0	0	577	0	0	0	577
Earmarked Capital	49	-49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Major Projects	8,530	-4,750	800	0	4,580	-4,580	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Extreme Incidents	334	0	0	0	334	0	0	0	334	0	0	0	334
Pensions and Other Staff Matters	729	-80	0	0	649	-100	0	0	549	-80	0	0	469
Information and Communications Technology (ICT)	433	0	0	0	433	0	0	0	433	0	0	0	433
Income Volatility	237	0	0	0	237	0	0	0	237	0	0	0	237
Service Transformation Programme Staff	220	-50	0	0	170	-130	0	0	40	0	0	0	40
Service Delivery	216	-20	0	0	196	-20	0	0	176	-20	0	0	156
Building Maintenance	408	-20	0	0	388	-20	0	0	368	-20	0	0	348
Operational Equipment	200	-50	0	0	150	-50	0	0	100	-50	0	0	50
Training	167	0	0	0	167	0	0	0	167	0	0	0	167