

TO: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority

FROM: Treasurer to the Fire Authority

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FIRE AUTHORITY BUDGET 2008/09

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To approve the Fire Authority's Budget Requirement, precept for Council Tax from billing authorities and the Council Tax for each band of property, based on the number of notified Band D properties.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Fire Authority is asked to approve the recommendations numbered 1 to 6 on Page 11 of the 2008/09 Budget Book.

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 Economic/Political – The Council Tax increase must be set at an appropriate level to protect the financial stability of the Authority without breaching any capping thresholds.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Authority approved the draft budget on 13 December 2007, endorsing increases on the Band D council tax of 3.5%, 4% and 4.5%, for consultation.
- 4.2 The above Council Tax level was based upon provisional tax base figures.

5. Financing

- 5.1 The Final Revenue Support Grant (RSG) Settlement was in January 2008. The final settlement did not change from the draft settlement issued in December.
- 5.2 Collecting authorities have notified us of tax bases totalling 267,692. The collection fund deficit notified amounts to £11,546 for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority. These figures have been taken into account when calculating the precept requirement.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The Authority sent a press release on its budget proposals to 59 local and regional media contacts. In addition, the Chairman of the Fire Authority did three radio interview regarding the draft budget and council tax proposals. To date, two responses have been received. One response supported a 4% increase in Council Tax, whilst the other supported a 3.5% increase.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Documents	Location	Contact
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