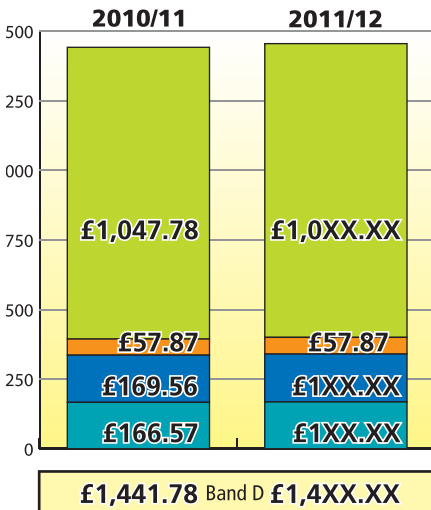


Your Council Tax

How much is spent by each authority

	County Council £m	Fire Authority £m	Police Authority £m	City Council £m
Gross spending		29.9		
Income		0.9		
Net expenditure		29.0		0
<i>Financed by</i>				
Business Rates		9.9		7.2
General Government Grant		3.1		2.2
Police Grant				
Council Tax		16.0		6.7
Reserves				3.8
Total		29.0		19.9
Council Tax at Band D		57.87		
Total Band D Council Tax £1,4XX.XX				

Where your money goes



- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority
- Cambridgeshire Police Authority
- Cambridge City Council

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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH
FIRE AUTHORITY**
Working together to improve community safety

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority is responsible for providing an efficient and effective fire and rescue service. It does this through:

- Agreeing a dynamic annual plan and incorporating proposals in the Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP), this is matched with an annual budget.
- Monitoring and reviewing performance and spending against its plans.
- Balancing resources across all areas of Prevention, Protection and Response.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service continues to be one of the lowest financing fire and rescue services in the country, yet continually strives to improve the service it provides to the public.

Background

Significant changes have been made to the amount of money (grants) allocated to fire and rescue services from the Government. Central Government is looking to cut local government grants by an average of 25 to 30 per cent.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority has had its grant reduced by 12.6 per cent over the next two years (2011/12 and 2012/13). The reduction in its grant is 9.5 per cent (£1.4m) in 2011/12 and 3.1 per cent (£444,000) in 2012/13. The Fire Authority has therefore had to assume that the remainder of the reductions in Government grants will be spread evenly over the remaining two financial years (2013/14 and 2014/15.)

As part of the settlement, the Government has set aside a specific grant for 2011/12

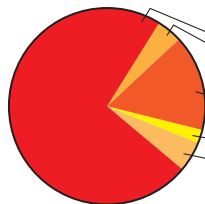
that can be used by fire authorities, to offset council tax increases of up to 2.5 per cent. The Fire Authority believes this grant will be available until 2014/15. However, it will not be available in 2015/16, presenting the Fire Authority with the challenge of finding an additional £400,000 from either within its reduced budget or by raising council tax by a higher amount.

What does this mean?

For the financial year 2011/12, the Fire Authority grants from Government have reduced by £1.4m. The Service has gone through a budget preparation process and has produced a strategy to reduce all non-pay related budgets. This has resulted in savings of £1.070m. These savings, coupled with the special council tax grant (explained above) will ensure the Fire Authority can set a balanced budget for 2011/12, without the need to raise its share of council tax. While the Fire Authority will seek to accommodate additional service requirements, these will now have to be considered against the backdrop of the Government cuts. These will only proceed if they deliver a realistic payback.

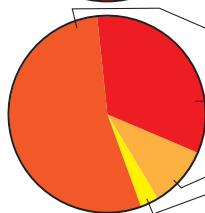
The grant is further reduced by £440,000 in 2012/13. If any council tax increase is restricted to 2.5 per cent and inflation is only applied to non-pay related expenditure, the Authority will need to save £220,000.

The significant challenges for the Fire Authority will come in 2013/14 and 2014/15. Estimates suggest that it will need to find an additional £900,000 in 2013/14 and an additional £1.58m in 2014/15. The Fire Authority has established a process to properly investigate where these savings can be made. This will assess options and present recommendations to the Fire Authority for decision. It is anticipated that options will need to be presented to the Fire Authority in the autumn of 2011. This will ensure that appropriate time is given



What the money is spent on

	£m	
Employees	21.954	73%
Premises	1.074	4%
Supplies & Services	4.884	16%
Transport	0.481	2%
Capital Financing	1.549	5%



Where the money comes from

	£m	
Council Tax	16.006	54%
Business Rates	9.989	33%
Revenue Support Grant	3.082	10%
Other Income	0.865	3%

for consultation and negotiation with key stakeholders.

Budget

The Fire Authority has approved a budget of £29.077 million for 2011/12. This means that the Band D council tax has not been increased and will remain at £57.87. This equates to £1.11 a week.

Capital Spending

The Fire Authority's capital programme includes:

- The purchase of fire appliances and other operational vehicles
- Property maintenance and improvements
- Operational equipment
- Information technology and communications equipment

Reserves

The Fire Authority will have estimated general reserves of £2.079 million (7% of net budget) at the end of 2010/11, to fund excessive operational costs that might arise from extreme weather conditions, to mitigate against business continuity events (eg pandemic flu) and the potential

expenditure associated with the planned upgrade of the Authority's property portfolio.

Information

You can see copies of the Fire Authority's priorities for 2011/12 and Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) on its website www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

You will also find information on the website about the future cuts as plans proceed during 2011/12.

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