



Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority is responsible for providing an efficient and effective fire and rescue service. This is achieved by responding to 999 emergencies along with balancing resources across fire safety in the home and at work.

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

The fire authority has continued to face significant financial challenges for the past few years. The grant funding received from the government has continued to be reduced through the current Comprehensive Spending Review period (CSR) (2016 – 2020) and will have been reduced by a further 24 per cent by the end of this period.

What does it mean?

The budget has been prepared for the next four to five years after making a number of assumptions

Which are:

- A 2.88 per cent increase in council tax for 2019/20
- An increase of 2 per cent per year due to inflation.

In summary, the authority will receive revenue support and business rate contributions of £9 million.

This is a reduction over the grant received in 2018/19, equivalent to 1 per cent.

Budget

The fire authority has approved a budget of £29.5 million for 2019/20. This is equivalent to a Band D council tax contribution of £70.74, which equates to £1.36 a week.

The fire authority will have estimated general reserves of £2.4 million at the end of 2018/19. This is to fund excessive operational costs that might arise.

For more information about your fire service visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk.

What is the money spent on?

	2018/19	Inflation	Other variations	2019/20
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Employees	22.501	0.459	1.757	24.717
Premises	1.402	0.082	0.000	1.484
Supplies and Services	4.409	0.082	-0.058	4.433
Transport	0.453	0.034	0.001	0.488
Agency Costs	0.146	0.004	0.000	0.150
Capital Financing	1.443	0.028	-0.198	1.273
Gross Expenditure	30.354	0.689	1.502	32.545
Income	-1.932	-0.086	-1.022	-3.040
Net Expenditure	28.422	0.603	0.480	29.505

Where does the money come from?

	2018/19	Inflation	Other variations	2019/20
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Financed by				
Business Rates	3.667		0.277	3.944
Non-ringfenced Government Grant	5.474		-0.338	5.136
Transfer from Reserves	0.000		0.337	0.337
Council Tax Requirement	19.245	0.515	0.328	20.088
Total	28.386	0.515	0.604	29.505

