



CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH  
FIRE AUTHORITY

# 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 was reduced by 46.6 per cent over the previous Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) (2013 / 2016) and will be further reduced for the current CSR by a further 24 per cent.

## What does it mean?

The budget has been prepared for the next financial year after making a number of assumptions.

## Which are:

- A 2.96 per cent increase in council tax for 2018/19
- Pay inflation of two per cent
- A reduction of £3.9 million in government funding over the four financial year period 2016/17 to 2019/20 (including inflationary pressures)

In summary, the Authority will receive revenue support and business rate contributions of £9.1 million.

This is a reduction of £1.6 million from the grant received in 2016/17, equivalent to 14.9 per cent.

## Budget

The Fire Authority has approved a budget of £28.4 million for 2018/19. This is equivalent to a Band D council tax contribution of £68.76, which equates to £1.32 a week.

The Fire Authority will have estimated general reserves of £2.2 million at the end of 2017/18. This is to fund excessive operational costs that might arise.

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## What is the money spent on?

	2017/18	Inflation	Other variations	2018/19
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Employees	21.763	0.564	0.017	22.344
Premises	1.401	0.001	-0.001	1.401
Supplies and Services	4.437	0.167	-0.117	4.487
Transport	0.438	0.016	-0.001	0.453
Agency Costs	0.143	0.003	-0.001	0.145
Capital Financing	1.577	0.032	-0.166	1.443
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>29.759</b>	<b>0.783</b>	<b>-0.269</b>	<b>30.273</b>
Income	-1.772	-0.133	0.054	-1.851
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>27.987</b>	<b>0.650</b>	<b>-0.215</b>	<b>28.422</b>

## Where does the money come from?

	2016/17	Inflation	Other variations	2017/18
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Business Rates	3.561		0.106	3.667
Non-ringfenced Government Grant	6.050		-0.576	5.474
Transfer from Reserves	0.000		0.036	0.036
Council Tax Requirement	18.376	0.650	0.219	19.245
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.987</b>	<b>0.650</b>	<b>-0.215</b>	<b>28.422</b>

