



Fire budget 2020–21

The Fire Authority has agreed that a budget of £44.83 million is required to provide a fire and rescue service to the communities of Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Halton and Warrington areas for 2020–21.

A total of £30.14 million will need to be raised from local Council Tax, which is equivalent to £79.29 for each Band D dwelling. This is a rise of 1.99%, or 3p a week for a Band D home.

The budget equates to a cost per resident of just 82p per week.



Estimated expenditure and income

	2020–21 £m	2019–20 £m
Employee related expenditure	33.47	31.7
Non-pay expenditure	14.67	15.1
Income	(3.31)	(3.3)
Budget requirement	44.83	43.5

How the budget requirement is built up

The Fire Authority budget requirement for 2020–21 is £46.21 million.

The reasons for the increase in the overall budget requirement are as follows:

	£m	% increase (decrease)
Base budget	43.48	
Pay and price inflation	0.92	2.1%
Essential growth	2.45	5.6%
Efficiencies and Savings	(2.49)	(5.7%)
One-off items not funded from reserves	0.47	1.1%
Budget requirement	44.83	3.1%

Where the money will come from

	£m	£ Per Resident	£ Band D Equivalent
This year's budget	44.83	43.32	117.93
Less Government funding assessment and collection fund adjustment	(14.69)	(13.87)	(38.64)
Local Council Tax	30.14	28.45	79.29



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