

Your fire and rescue service

Avon Fire & Rescue Service (AF&RS) protects the communities of Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire.

In 2018 - 2019 this service will cost Band D council tax payers \pounds 71.35 which is an increase of 3% on the previous year.

You might be interested to see below just a small snapshot of what our staff provided to local people between January and December 2017.

We continue to provide this vital service to keep you and your family safe, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year at cost of around 10p a day for each of the 1.1 million people who live in our area.

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Figures from January 2017 to December 2017

PROVIDING AVON FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



Avon Fire Authority has set its net budget for 2018/19 at £41.843 million. This represents a Council Tax level of £71.35 a year for a Band D property, an increase of 3%.

The Government's funding assessment for Avon Fire Authority has been cut by $\pounds 0.733m (4.34\%)$ to $\pounds 16.162m$ for 2018/19. The impact of this is that the funding provided by Central Government is reduced by $\pounds 0.904m (7.26\%)$ to $\pounds 11.553m$.



	2017/18 (£m)	2018/19 (£m)
Total fire expenditure	45.060	44.732
Income	-1.938	-2.322
Net budget before use of reserves	43.122	42.410
Use of reserves	-1.055	-0.567
Net budget	42.067	41.843
Funding:		
Central Government		
Revenue Support Grant	6.709	5.670
Business rate - Top-up	5.748	5.883
Local funding		
Locally retained	4.557	4.658
business rates		
Net collection fund	0.385	-0.110
surplus		
Council tax	24.668	25.742
Total	42.067	41.843

The main changes in spending from 2017/18 to 2018/19 are shown below:

Main changes in net expenditure	(£m)
2017/18 Budget	42,067
Inflationary pressures	1.115
Other	-0.078
Use of reserves	0.488
Savings	-1.749
2018/19 Budget	41.844



This year savings totalling around £1.7 million have been identified in the following areas:

Savings		2018/19 (£m)
Employees		-0.682
Running	Premises	-0.132
costs:	Supplies and	-0.055
	services	
	Other	-0.810
	Income	-0.070
Total		-1.749





The capital programme for 2018/19, excluding any capital expenditure within the 2017/18 capital programme that may be delayed or slipped into 2018/19, is shown below:

	2017/18 (£m)	2018/19 (£m)
Premises	0.500	0.000
Vehicles and equipment	1.588	1.508
IT and communications	0.200	0.200
Total	2.288	1.708