

West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority Finances 2022/2023

What does the Authority do?

The Authority is responsible for West Midlands Fire Service, which serves the West Midlands conurbation. In addition to providing an emergency response, your fire and rescue service provides you with fire safety advice to prevent death and injury from fire and also to prevent losses to business and amenities. We also provide fire safety advice and enforce fire safety legislation if required and we are actively involved in contingency planning arrangements.

We have a three-year rolling strategy and annual plan. This sets out how we intend to protect and serve you, the community of the West Midlands.

The Authority's vision is
"Making the West Midlands safer, stronger and healthier"

This is supported by our priorities:



Prevention - Delivering interventions which support safer and healthier communities.

Protection - Protecting life and property to make businesses stronger and communities safer.

Response - Dealing excellently with incidents within five minutes, to save life, reduce harm and protect homes and businesses.

We have an important role to play in helping people live safer, healthier lives and supporting West Midlands businesses and the economy to thrive.

Our Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) identifies and assesses all foreseeable risks which our communities may face. This assessment informs our Service Delivery Model, priorities and how we use our resources to reduce risk and vulnerability across the West Midlands.

Further information can be found on our website at www.wmfs.net/our-plan

How many people work for the Authority?

The table below gives details of the budgeted staffing establishment of the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority. Numbers are shown as full-time equivalent posts:

	2021/22	2022/23	Change
Total Employees	1,851	1,875	24

How much does the service cost?

The table below details the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority's revenue budget for the financial years 2021/22 and 2022/23:

	2021/22	2022/23
	£m	£m
Expenditure	119.623	123.665
Income	-74.585	-74.260
Council Tax Requirement	45.038	49.405

At 31st March 2021, the Authority's borrowing was £34m.

Council tax
requirement **per head** of population in **2022/23**

£16.51

Who pays for it?

The West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority precept is the part of the council tax which pays for the fire service. The total amount of precept for each City/District Council is shown below:

	2021/22 (£)	2022/23 (£)
Birmingham	16,010,741	17,575,153
Coventry	5,214,126	5,732,105
Dudley	5,786,706	6,380,157
Sandwell	4,689,083	5,092,269
Solihull	4,865,722	5,323,388
Walsall	4,463,517	4,884,445
Wolverhampton	4,007,842	4,417,355
Total Precepts	45,037,737	49,404,872

Why has the Council Tax requirement changed?

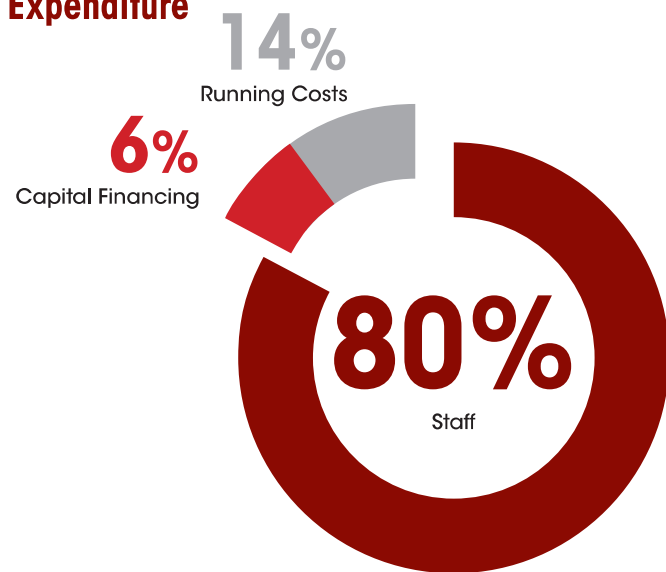
The Authority's council tax requirement for 2022/23 is £49.405m compared with £45.038m for 2021/22, an increase of £4.367m. This change is analysed in the table below:

	£m
Pay Award Provision	2.867
Staff	1.652
Inflation	1.095
Running Costs	0.947
Income	0.256
Government Grants	-2.450
Total Change	4.367

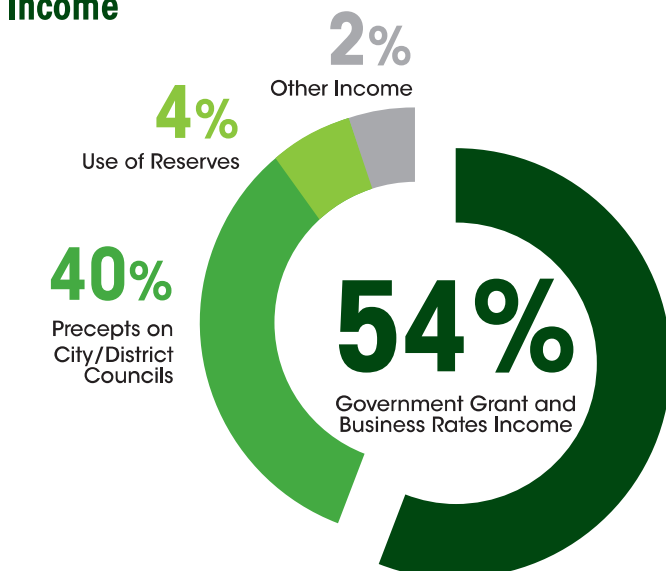
How is the budget spent and financed?

The pie charts below show in percentage terms how the budget is spent and financed:

Expenditure



Income



How much does the service cost in 2022/23?

The table below details the West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority revenue budget for the financial year 2022/23:

	£m
Staff	98.340
Running Costs	17.404
Capital Financing	7.921
Total Expenditure	123.665
Government Core Funding	-53.590
Other Government Grant	-12.776
Other Income	-2.460
Use of Reserves	-5.434
Total Income	-74.260
Council Tax Requirement	49.405

Anything else?

For further information relating to the Fire Service, contact **The Chief Fire Officer** using the address below. For financial information relating to the Fire Service, please contact **The Treasurer** at the address below. How much does the service cost in 2022/23?

**West Midlands Fire Service Headquarters,
99 Vauxhall Road,
Birmingham,
B7 4HW.**

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