



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

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CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY**

**To: The Chair and Members of the Devon &
Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority**

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DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY **(Budget Meeting)**

Friday, 19 February, 2021

A meeting of the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority will be held on the above date, **commencing at 10.00 am via Webex video conference** to consider the following matters.

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PLEASE NOTE This meeting will be livestreamed on the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service YouTube channel. This can be accessed by following the link below and then clicking on the Videos and Livestream buttons:

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AGENDA

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10 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

- d** 2021-22 Revenue Budget Booklet - Option A (Pages 1 - 8)
- e** 2021-22 Revenue Budget Booklet - Option B (Pages 9 - 16)

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership:-

Councillors Randall Johnson (Chair), Best, Biederman, Bown, Brazil, Buchan, Clayton, Coles, Colthorpe, Corvid, Drean, Eastman, Hannaford, Healey MBE, Long, Napper, Peart, Prowse, Radford, Redman, Saywell, Thomas, Trail BEM, Vjeh, Wheeler (Vice-Chair), Yabsley, Hernandez and Mountstevens

NOTES

1. **Access to Information**

Any person wishing to inspect any minutes, reports or lists of background papers relating to any item on this agenda should contact the person listed in the “Please ask for” section at the top of this agenda.

2. **Reporting of Meetings**

Any person attending a meeting may report (film, photograph or make an audio recording) on any part of the meeting which is open to the public – unless there is good reason not to do so, as directed by the Chair - and use any communication method, including the internet and social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.), to publish, post or otherwise share the report. The Authority accepts no liability for the content or accuracy of any such report, which should not be construed as representing the official, Authority record of the meeting. Similarly, any views expressed in such reports should not be interpreted as representing the views of the Authority.

Flash photography is not permitted and any filming must be done as unobtrusively as possible from a single fixed position without the use of any additional lighting; focusing only on those actively participating in the meeting and having regard also to the wishes of any member of the public present who may not wish to be filmed. As a matter of courtesy, anyone wishing to film proceedings is asked to advise the Chair or the Democratic Services Officer in attendance so that all those present may be made aware that is happening.

3. **Recording of Meetings**

Given the social distancing measures introduced in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, Authority meetings will be held virtually and livestreamed on the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service YouTube channel. The meetings may also be recorded for subsequent viewing on the YouTube Channel. Any such recording does not constitute the official, Authority record of the meeting.

4. **Declarations of Interests at meetings (Authority Members only)**

If you are present at a meeting and you are aware that you have either a disclosable pecuniary interest, personal interest or non-registerable interest in any matter being considered or to be considered at the meeting then, unless you have a current and relevant dispensation in relation to the matter, you must:

- (i) disclose at that meeting, by no later than commencement of consideration of the item in which you have the interest or, if later, the time at which the interest becomes apparent to you, the existence of and – for anything other than a “sensitive” interest – the nature of that interest; and then
- (ii) withdraw from the room or chamber during consideration of the item in which you have the relevant interest.

If the interest is sensitive (as agreed with the Monitoring Officer), you need not disclose the nature of the interest but merely that you have an interest of a sensitive nature. You must still follow (i) and (ii) above.

Where a dispensation has been granted to you either by the Authority or its Monitoring Officer in relation to any relevant interest, then you must act in accordance with any terms and conditions associated with that dispensation.

	NOTES
	Where you declare at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary or personal interest that you have not previously included in your Register of Interests then you must, within 28 days of the date of the meeting at which the declaration was made, ensure that your Register is updated to include details of the interest so declared.
5.	<u>Part 2 Reports</u> Members are reminded that any Part 2 reports as circulated with the agenda for this meeting contain exempt information and should therefore be treated accordingly. They should not be disclosed or passed on to any other person(s). Members are also reminded of the need to dispose of such reports carefully and are therefore invited to return them to the Committee Secretary at the conclusion of the meeting for disposal.
6.	<u>Substitute Members (Committee Meetings only)</u> Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Order 37, the Clerk (or his representative) must be advised of any substitution prior to the start of the meeting. Members are also reminded that substitutions are not permitted for full Authority meetings.
7.	<u>Other Attendance at Committees (Standing Order 38)</u> Any Authority Member wishing to attend a meeting of a Committee of which they are not a Member should contact the Democratic Services Officer (see “please ask for” on the front page of this agenda) in advance of the meeting to obtain details of the Webex meeting invitation.

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PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET 2021/2022 OPTION A - 0%



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REVENUE BUDGET 2021/2022

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COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION & PRECEPTS

TOTAL SPENDING TO BE MET FROM COUNCIL TAX			
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Net deficit/(surplus) on Council Tax collection in previous year			59,249
Total spending to be met from Council Tax precepts in 2021/2022			<u>53,777,027</u>
EQUIVALENT NUMBERS OF BAND "D" PROPERTIES			
Billing Authority	Tax Base Used for Collection		
East Devon	60,084.00		
Exeter	37,377.00		
Mendip	41,332.49		
Mid Devon	28,594.38		
North Devon	34,397.87		
Plymouth City	73,115.00		
Sedgemoor	40,991.35		
Somerset West and Taunton	55,947.87		
South Hams	38,298.32		
South Somerset	61,152.95		
Teignbridge	48,410.00		
Torbay	45,464.53		
Torrige	24,035.20		
West Devon	20,239.51		
	<u>609,440.47</u>		
DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE AUTHORITY COUNCIL TAX DUE FOR EACH PROPERTY VALUATION BAND			
Valuation Band	Ratio	Government Multiplier %	Council Tax £ p
A	6/9	0.667	58.83
B	7/9	0.778	68.63
C	8/9	0.889	78.44
D	1	1.000	88.24
E	11/9	1.222	107.85
F	13/9	1.444	127.46
G	15/9	1.667	147.07
H	18/9	2.000	176.48
Billing Authority	Surplus/(Deficit) for 2020/2021	Precepts Due 2021/2022	Total due in 2021/2022
	£	£	£
East Devon	148,808	5,301,812	5,450,620
Exeter	45,621	3,298,147	3,343,768
Mendip	(18,671)	3,647,179	3,628,508
Mid Devon	(37,327)	2,523,168	2,485,841
North Devon	40,021	3,035,268	3,075,289
Plymouth City	32,633	6,451,668	6,484,301
Sedgemoor	(88,485)	3,617,077	3,528,592
Somerset West and Taunton	3,295	4,936,840	4,940,135
South Hams	(11,108)	3,379,444	3,368,336
South Somerset	(36,701)	5,396,136	5,359,435
Teignbridge	(31,063)	4,271,698	4,240,635
Torbay	(97,154)	4,011,790	3,914,636
Torrige	(6,403)	2,120,866	2,114,463
West Devon	(2,715)	1,785,934	1,783,219
	<u>(59,249)</u>	<u>53,777,027</u>	<u>53,717,778</u>

DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

2021/2022 Revenue Budget

Line No	2020/2021 Budget £000 (1)		2021/2022 Budget £000 (2)
		SPENDING	
		EMPLOYEE COSTS	
1	51,224	Service Delivery staff	51,769
2	11,046	Professional and technical support staff	11,195
3	670	Training investment	854
4	2,489	Fire Service Pension costs	2,352
	65,429		66,170
		PREMISES RELATED COSTS	
5	1,023	Repair and maintenance	1,010
6	575	Energy costs	578
7	494	Cleaning costs	499
8	1,890	Rent and rates	1,917
	3,982		4,005
		TRANSPORT RELATED COSTS	
9	704	Repair and maintenance	708
10	1,318	Running costs and vehicle insurance	1,257
11	905	Travel and subsistence	1,404
	2,926		3,370
		SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	
12	3,545	Equipment and furniture	3,567
13	151	Hydrants-installation and maintenance	131
14	2,347	Communications technology	2,408
15	619	Protective Clothing	521
16	103	External Fees and Services	143
17	275	Partnership & Regional collaborative projects	309
18	56	Catering	66
	7,095		7,146
		ESTABLISHMENT COSTS	
19	236	Printing, stationery and office expenses	283
20	37	Advertising including Community Safety	34
21	411	Insurances	434
	683		750
		PAYMENTS TO OTHER AUTHORITIES	
22	709	Support service contracts	715
	709		715
		CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS	
23	4,111	Loan Charges & Lease rentals	3,474
24	2,037	Revenue Contribution to Capital Spending	964
	6,148		4,438
25	(1,167)	Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(512)
26	85,807	TOTAL SPENDING	86,082

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2021/2022 Revenue Budget

<i>Line No</i>	2020/2021 Budget £000 (1)		2021/2022 Budget £000 (2)
		INCOME	
27	(201)	Treasury management income	(100)
28	(7,520)	Grants and reimbursements	(11,998)
29	(809)	Other income	(835)
30	-	Internal Recharges	-
31	<u>(8,530)</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>(12,933)</u>
32	<u>77,277</u>	NET REVENUE BUDGET REQUIREMENT	<u>73,150</u>
		FINANCED BY:	
33	6,389	Formula Funding Grant	6,424
34	16,166	Share of Non Domestic Business Rates	13,008
35	54,722	District Councils Collection Funds	53,718
36	<u>77,277</u>	TOTAL FINANCING	<u>73,150</u>

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Analysis of Budget Changes

2021/2022 Revenue Budget

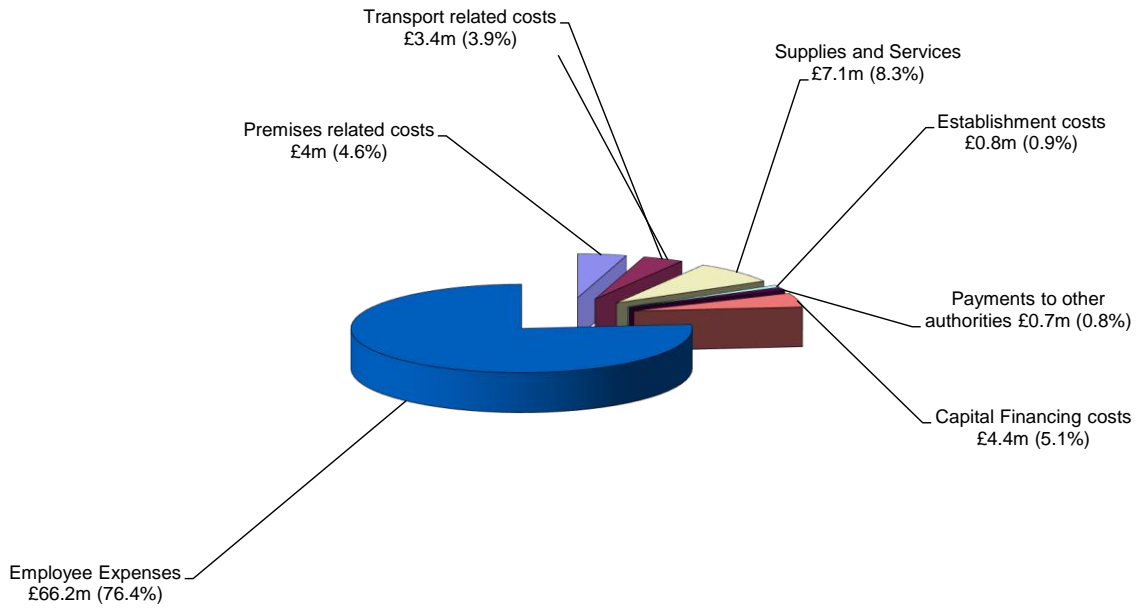
	£000	£000
2020/2021 Revenue Budget		77,277
Provision for Pay Awards and Prices Increases		
Provision for Cost of Pay Settlement for Uniformed Staff	0	
Provision for other Pay Awards and prices	205	205
Inescapable Commitments	151	
Revenue contribution to capital reduction	(1,073)	
New investment (including Development Firefighters)	667	
Less reserve contribution	655	
Section 31 grant	(4,370)	
Budget Reductions	(362)	
		(4,332)
2021/2022 Net Revenue Budget Requirement		73,150

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS INTO 2022/23 and 2023/24

The figures below have been extracted from the Medium Term Financial Strategy, and provide an indication of the estimated commitments into the next two financial years, flowing from the approval of the OPTION A - 0% draft revenue commitment budget. Any revision to these figures, e.g. Budget reductions arising from the implementation of the Safer Together programme or further investment in the Service will be included in the revised Medium Term Financial Plan and reported to the Authority during the course of the financial year.

	(Cumulative effect above 2021/2022)	
	2022/23	2023/24
	£000	£000
Net Revenue Budget Requirement 2021/2022	73,150	73,150
(i) Estimated Costs of pay awards and prices increases	1,451	2,865
Capital Financing charges and revenue contribution to the capital		
(ii) programme	824	1,003
(iii) <u>Other Changes</u>		
Provision for Pay & pension changes	2,195	2,295
Reserve funding	(1,448)	1,163
Other spending commitments	250	500
Section 31 grant removed	970	1,393
Other minor changes	(101)	(151)
Increase over 2021/2022	4,140	9,068
INDICATIVE CORE BUDGET REQUIREMENT	77,290	82,218

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PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET 2021/2022 OPTION B - 1.99%



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Net deficit/(surplus) on Council Tax collection in previous year			59,249
Total spending to be met from Council Tax precepts in 2021/2022			<u>54,849,642</u>
EQUIVALENT NUMBERS OF BAND "D" PROPERTIES			
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North Devon	40,021	3,095,808	3,135,829
Plymouth City	32,633	6,580,350	6,612,983
Sedgemoor	(88,485)	3,689,222	3,600,737
Somerset West and Taunton	3,295	5,035,308	5,038,603
South Hams	(11,108)	3,446,849	3,435,741
South Somerset	(36,701)	5,503,765	5,467,064
Teignbridge	(31,063)	4,356,900	4,325,837
Torbay	(97,154)	4,091,808	3,994,654
Torrige	(6,403)	2,163,168	2,156,765
West Devon	(2,715)	1,821,556	1,818,841
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25	(1,167)	Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(512)
26	85,807	TOTAL SPENDING	87,155

Note: If the Development Firefighter proposal is not approved line number 1 will reduce by £415k to £51,354k matched by a reduction in earmarked reserve funding required so that line number 25 will become (£62k)

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Note: some of the movement in row 8 (Rent & Rates £0.100m), row 11 (Travel & Subsistence - £0.519m) and row 23 (Loan charges and Lease Rentals- £0.619m) is as a result of the delay in implementation of IFRS16. These were included within the base budget for 2020/2021 but the introduction has now been delayed until 2022/2023.

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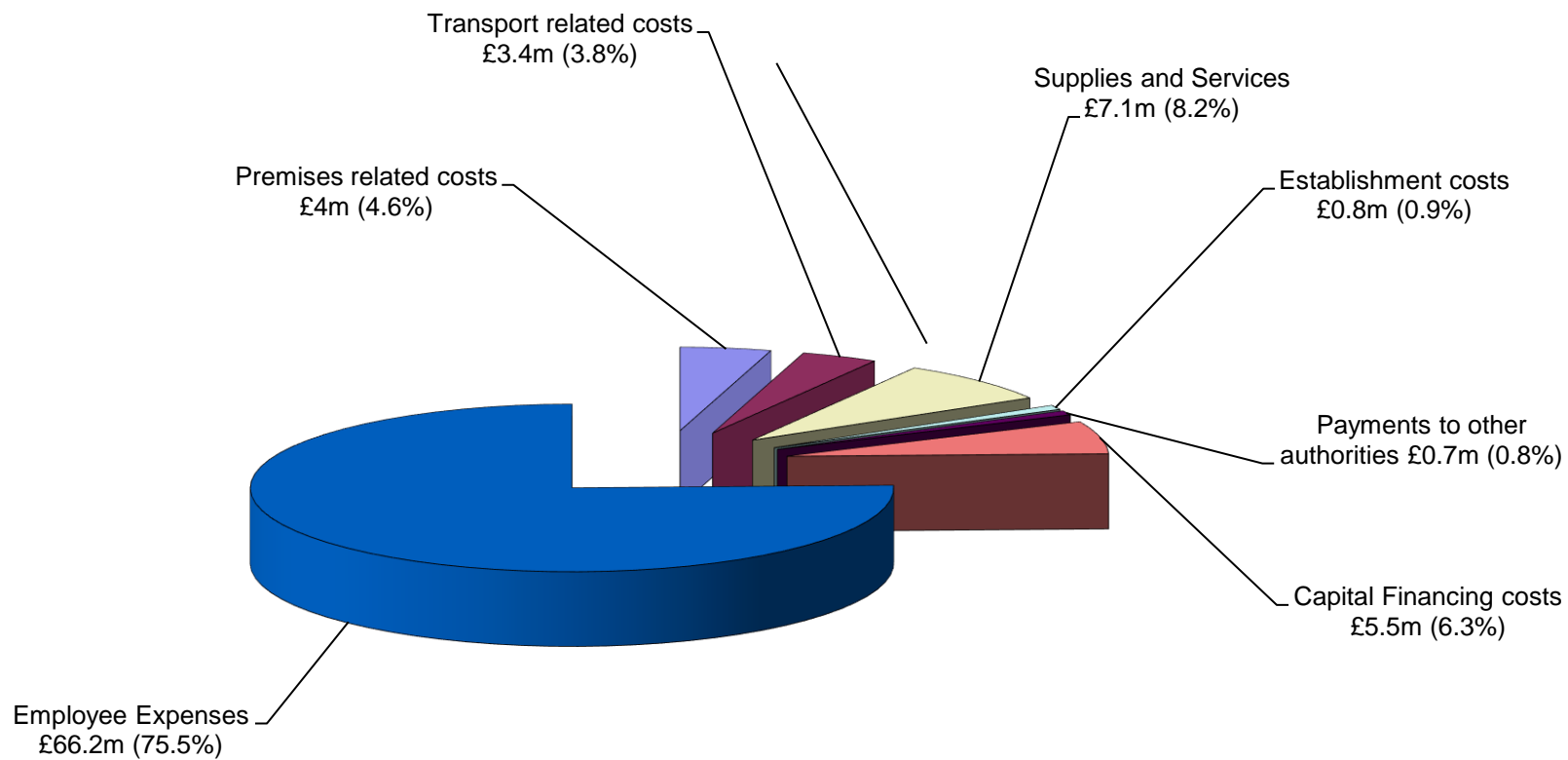
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