



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

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**To: The Chair and Members of the Devon &
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DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
(Budget Meeting)

Wednesday, 15 February, 2023

The Budget Meeting of the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority will be held on the above date, **commencing at 10.00 am in The Committee Rooms, Somerset House, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters** to consider the following matters.

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA No. 1

***PLEASE REFER TO THE NOTES AT THE END OF THE AGENDA LISTING
SHEETS***

10 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

- d Revenue Budget 2023-24 - Option A Budget Booklet (Pages 1 - 8)**
Document attached.
- e Revenue Budget 2023-24 - Option B Budget Booklet (Pages 9 - 16)**
Document attached.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership:

Councillors Randall-Johnson (Chair), Aspinall, Best, Biederman, Brazil, Chesterton, Clayton, Coles, Cook-Woodman (Vice-Chair), Drean, Hannaford, Hendy, Kendall, Kerley, Long, McGeough, Peart, Power, Prowse, Radford, Roome, Sellis, Shayer, Sully, Thomas and Trail BEM

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. **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.

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.

	NOTES (Continued)
4.	<p><u>Part 2 Reports</u></p> <p>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.</p>
5.	<p><u>Substitute Members (Committee Meetings only)</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Orders, 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.</p>
6.	<p><u>Other Attendance at Committees)</u></p> <p>Any Authority Member wishing to attend, in accordance with Standing Orders, 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.</p>

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PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET 2023/2024 OPTION A - 0%



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REVENUE BUDGET 2023/2024

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COUNCIL TAX INFORMATION & PRECEPTS

TOTAL SPENDING TO BE MET FROM COUNCIL TAX			
Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority budget funded by District Councils' collection funds			£ 58,719,578
Net deficit/(surplus) on Council Tax collection in previous year			(1,062,277)
Total spending to be met from Council Tax precepts in 2023/2024			<u>57,657,301</u>
EQUIVALENT NUMBERS OF BAND "D" PROPERTIES			
Billing Authority	Tax Base Used for Collection		
East Devon	61,653.00		
Exeter	38,247.00		
Mid Devon	29,832.98		
North Devon	35,085.94		
Plymouth City	74,891.00		
Somerset Council	205,674.09		
South Hams	39,949.00		
Teignbridge	50,215.00		
Torbay	46,620.10		
Torrige	24,749.62		
West Devon	21,225.87		
	<u>628,143.60</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	61.19
B	7/9	0.778	71.39
C	8/9	0.889	81.59
D	1	1.000	91.79
E	11/9	1.222	112.19
F	13/9	1.444	132.59
G	15/9	1.667	152.98
H	18/9	2.000	183.58
Billing Authority	Surplus/(Deficit) for 2022/2023	Precepts Due 2023/2024	Total due in 2023/2024
	£	£	£
East Devon	140,335	5,659,129	5,799,464
Exeter	52,667	3,510,692	3,563,359
Mid Devon	7,255	2,738,369	2,745,624
North Devon	59,389	3,220,538	3,279,927
Plymouth City	84,453	6,874,245	6,958,698
Somerset Council	364,212	18,878,825	19,243,037
South Hams	117,000	3,666,919	3,783,919
Teignbridge	42,361	4,609,235	4,651,596
Torbay	54,934	4,279,259	4,334,193
Torrige	36,671	2,271,768	2,308,439
West Devon	103,000	1,948,322	2,051,322
	<u>1,062,277</u>	<u>57,657,301</u>	<u>58,719,578</u>

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2023/2024 Revenue Budget

Line No	2022/2023 Budget £000 (1)		2023/2024 Budget £000 (2)
SPENDING			
EMPLOYEE COSTS			
1	56,130	Service Delivery staff	61,091
2	12,948	Professional and technical support staff	12,609
3	1,053	Training investment	835
4	2,358	Fire Service Pension costs	2,480
	72,489		77,015
PREMISES RELATED COSTS			
5	1,051	Repair and maintenance	1,133
6	711	Energy costs	1,104
7	572	Cleaning costs	626
8	1,833	Rent and rates	2,082
	4,165		4,945
TRANSPORT RELATED COSTS			
9	889	Repair and maintenance	713
10	1,253	Running costs and vehicle insurance	1,525
11	1,212	Travel and subsistence	1,528
	3,354		3,767
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES			
12	3,741	Equipment and furniture	3,755
13	96	Hydrants-installation and maintenance	196
14	2,451	Communications technology	2,716
15	568	Protective Clothing	605
16	169	External Fees and Services	128
17	380	Partnership & Regional collaborative projects	325
18	125	Catering	24
	7,529		7,748
ESTABLISHMENT COSTS			
19	276	Printing, stationery and office expenses	247
20	31	Advertising including Community Safety	31
21	447	Insurances	504
	753		781
PAYMENTS TO OTHER AUTHORITIES			
22	816	Support service contracts	1,090
	816		1,090
CAPITAL FINANCING COSTS			
23	3,510	Loan Charges & Lease rentals	3,160
24	1,200	Revenue Contribution to Capital Spending	50
	4,710		3,210
25	(4,212)	Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(3,385)
26	89,605	TOTAL SPENDING	95,171

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2023/2024 Revenue Budget

Line No	2022/2023 Budget £000 (1)		2023/2024 Budget £000 (2)
INCOME			
27	(100)	Treasury management income	(525)
28	(10,742)	Grants and reimbursements	(11,642)
29	(1,474)	Other income	(731)
30	-	Internal Recharges	-
31	<u>(12,316)</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>(12,898)</u>
32	<u>77,289</u>	NET REVENUE BUDGET REQUIREMENT	<u>82,272</u>
FINANCED BY:			
33	6,424	Formula Funding Grant	7,293
34	13,008	Share of Non Domestic Business Rates	16,259
35	57,857	District Councils Collection Funds	58,720
36	<u>77,289</u>	TOTAL FINANCING	<u>82,272</u>

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Analysis of Budget Changes

2023/2024 Revenue Budget

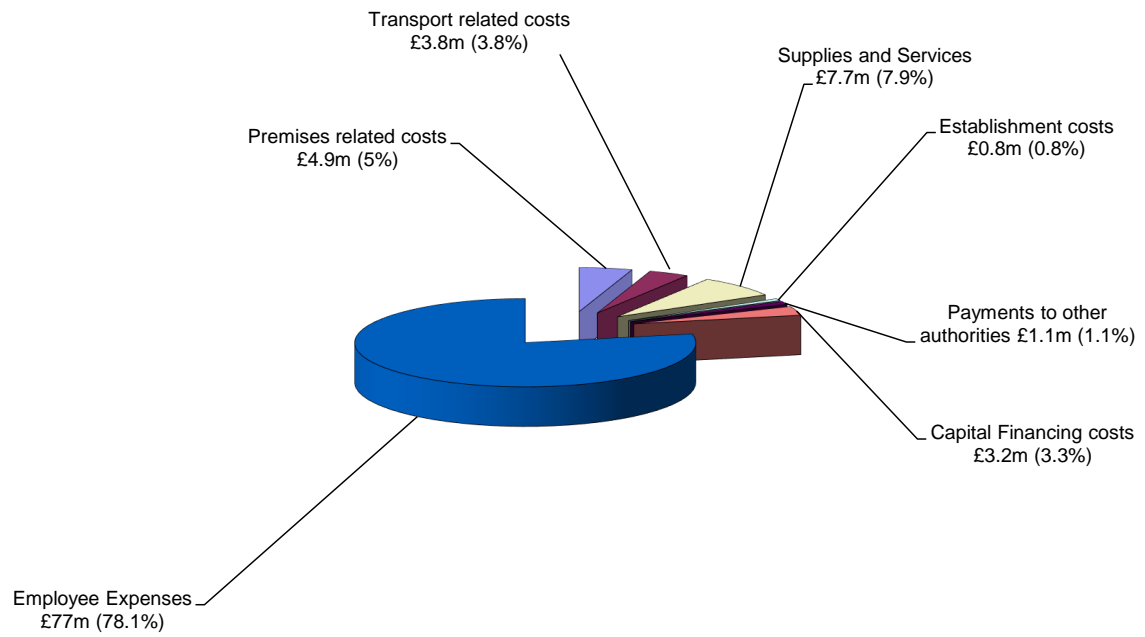
	£000	£000
2022/2023 Revenue Budget		77,289
Provision for Pay Awards and Prices Increases		
Provision for Cost of Pay Settlement for Uniformed Staff	2,508	
Provision for other Pay Awards and prices	2,863	5,371
Inescapable Commitments	151	
Revenue contribution to capital reduction	(1,150)	
New investment	2,103	
Less reserve contribution	826	
Section 31 grant	(864)	
Budget Reductions	(1,454)	(388)
2023/2024 Net Revenue Budget Requirement		82,272

ESTIMATED FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS INTO 2024/25 and 2025/26

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 Change and Improvement 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 2023/2024)	
	2024/25	2025/26
	£000	£000
Net Revenue Budget Requirement 2023/2024	82,272	82,272
(i) Estimated Costs of pay awards and prices increases	1,650	3,332
Capital Financing charges and revenue contribution to the capital programme	2,165	2,284
(iii) <u>Other Changes</u>		
Provision for Pay & pension changes	600	700
Reserve funding	3,382	3,382
Other spending commitments	250	500
Section 31 grant removed	148	296
Other minor changes	0	0
Increase over 2023/2024	8,195	10,494
INDICATIVE CORE BUDGET REQUIREMENT	90,467	92,766

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PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET 2023/2024 OPTION B - £5



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Net deficit/(surplus) on Council Tax collection in previous year			(1,062,277)
Total spending to be met from Council Tax precepts in 2023/2024			<u>60,798,019</u>
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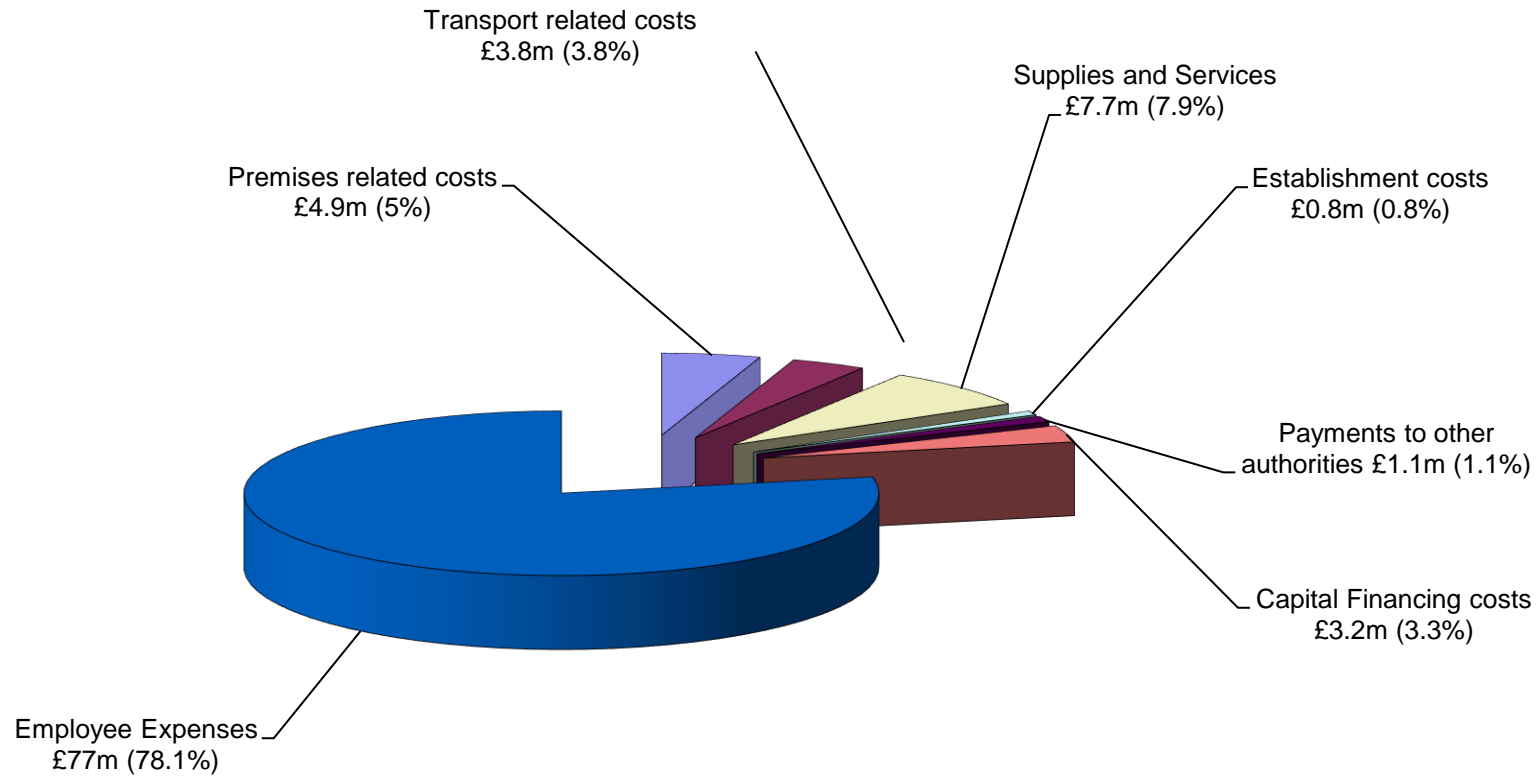
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