

Council Tax 2016-17

What you need to know

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) saves, protects and improves the lives of around 2.7 million residents, covering an area of almost 500 square miles.

The Service is funded partly by Central Government and partly by council tax paid by the residents of Greater Manchester. It remains one of the lowest-cost and highest performing emergency services in the UK.

GMFRS is also the only UK fire and rescue service to have achieved a five star British Quality Foundation rating.

This year's council tax precept for GMFRS has risen by 1.99 per cent. The small rise will provide about £800,000 – the equivalent of keeping a fire station open for a year.

That means a household in Greater Manchester which pays Band A council tax rates contributes £39.18 a year to GMFRS – that's just 11 pence a day!

The money you contribute to GMFRS through council tax helps the Service provide an emergency response to people in danger, as well as protecting them from incidents happening in the first place.

For every pound spent on GMFRS the Service delivers £18 of saving to the economy by saving lives, mitigating damage during emergencies and preventing fires from spreading.



**GREATER MANCHESTER
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

You can see what your council tax money helped to pay for last year in the infographic below.



A comparison of **EXPENDITURE AND INCOME** for 2015-16 and 2016-17 is as follows:-

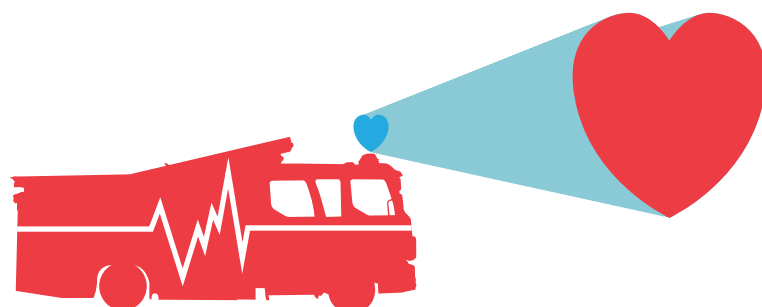
Gross Expenditure	2015-16 £'000	2016-17 £'000
Employees	80,743	79,084
Other	27,066	26,798
Total	107,809	105,882
Less Income	-1,919	-1,377
Less Government Grant	-729	-677
Total	105,161	103,828
Capital Financing Charges	2,854	2,630
Less Asset Charges Reversal	-6,101	-5,891
Less Interest Received	-30	-80
Total	101,884	100,487
Contribution to (+) from (-) Balances/Reserves	-2,034	-1,226
Budget Requirement	99,850	99,261
Baseline Funding	-60,126	-57,240
Council Tax Freeze Grant	-472	0
Collection Fund Surplus (-) /Deficit (+)	541	-543
Council Tax Requirement	-39,793	-41,478

Why the budget Requirement has decreased

	£'000
Inflation	892
Efficiencies	-3,767
Unavoidable Cost Pressures	1,752
Change in Capital Financing	-224
Change in Interest on Balances	-50
Change in use of Balances/Reserves	808
Total Decrease in Budget Requirement	-589
Decrease in Funding	2,274
Total Increase in Council Tax Requirement	1,685

Why the Council Tax Requirement has Increased

	£'000
Council Tax Requirement 2015-16	39,793
Taxbase increase of 15,276 properties	881
Band D increase of £1.14	804
Council Tax Requirement 2016-17	41,478



GMFRS now responds to cardiac arrests with North West Ambulance Service

819

Young people have been through our youth schemes



879

Road Traffic Collisions

1,677

People rescued