

Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority Chair's Report of the Meeting held on 12 February 2020

Capital Programmes, Treasury Management Statement and Capital Strategy

The Fire Authority confirmed its 2020/21 to 2024/25 capital programmes, and approved its Capital Strategy for the same period, together with its Treasury Strategy Statement for 2020/21.

Adequacy of Reserves and Robustness of Budget

The Fire Authority agreed the reserves, recommended by its Strategy and Resources Committee, and noted the Treasurer's assurances covering the robustness of the 2020/21 budget and adequacy of the reserves.

Revenue Budget 2020/21

The Fire Authority considered recommendations made by its Strategy and Resources Committee in relation to the revenue budget for 2020/21.

The Committee had recommended, and it was agreed by the Fire Authority, a precept increase of 1.99% in 2020/21.

Revenue Budget: 2020/21 Precept

The Fire Authority agreed:

- A net budget requirement of £23,221,499
- A total precept of £16,915,395 to be levied on the billing authorities
- A Council Tax resulting in a basic amount of Council Tax at Band D of £102.25
- The amount payable by billing authorities for 2020/21, as follows:

Council	Precept £
Shropshire Council	11,611,248
Borough of Telford & Wrekin Council	5,304,147
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	16,915,395

Annual Plan 2020/21

The Fire Authority agreed the outline format and contents of the Annual Plan 2020/21.

In addition, the Fire Authority delegated responsibility to its Strategy and Resources Committee to agree the Service Targets 2020/21, which support the Fire Authority's four Strategic Aims.

Annual Review of Charges for Special Services

The Fire Authority has completed its annual review of the tariff for special services charges and agreed an increase of 2% with effect from 1 April 2020, in line with the interim pay increase awarded to firefighters in 2019/20.

Amendments to the Pay Policy Statement 2020/21

The Fire Authority has conducted its annual review of the Pay Policy Statement and agreed minor changes to bring it up to date. The amended Statement has now been published and will be reviewed annually, following notification of national pay decisions determined in respect of Gold, Grey and Green Book staff each year.



Eric Carter
Chair
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority
February 2020

Background Papers

Agenda and Papers for the meeting of Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority held on 12 February 2020

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