

# Council Tax 2017-18

## 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 grants from 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.

This year's council tax precept for GMFRS has risen by 1.99 per cent which is about 78p extra A YEAR for a Band A property. A household in Greater Manchester which pays Band A council tax rates contributes £39.96 a year to GMFRS – that's just 11p a day!

The money pays for your emergency response when you are in danger, as well as helping you prevent incidents from happening in the first place. In 2016, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service:

- Raced to almost 11,000 fires – arriving within minutes of receiving a 999 call
- Attended more than 1,000 car crashes – carrying out rescues and administering trauma care at the scene in support of paramedics
- Rescued more than 1,500 people from a range of incidents including fires, car crashes and flooding
- Helped more than 3,000 people suffering a cardiac arrest to support paramedics in North West Ambulance Service

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.

Responded to

**10,859**  
fires



Working with  
vulnerable residents  
has saved the NHS



**£851,738**

### Comparison of Expenditure and Income for 2016-17 and 2017-18:

Gross Expenditure	2016-17 £'000	2017-18 £'000
Employees	79,084	79,270
Other	26,798	26,792
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,882</b>	<b>106,062</b>
Less Income	-1,377	-1,412
Less Government Grant	-677	-690
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,828</b>	<b>103,960</b>
Capital Financing Charges	2,630	11,084
Less Asset Charges Reversal	-5,891	-5,938
Less Interest Received	-80	-30
<b>Total</b>	<b>100,487</b>	<b>109,076</b>
Contribution to (+) from (-) Balances/Reserves	-1,226	-11,587
<b>Budget Requirement</b>	<b>99,261</b>	<b>97,489</b>
Baseline Funding	-57,240	-53,056
Collection Fund Surplus (-) /Deficit (+)	-543	-1,077
<b>Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>41,478</b>	<b>43,356</b>



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### Why the budget Requirement has decreased

	£'000s
Inflation	890
Efficiencies	-2,385
Unavoidable Cost Pressures	1,580
Change in Capital Financing	8,454
Change in Interest on Balances	50
Change in use of Balances/Reserves	-10,361
<b>Total Decrease in Budget Requirement</b>	<b>-1,772</b>
Decrease in Funding	3,650
<b>Total Increase in Council Tax Requirement</b>	<b>1,878</b>

### Why the Council Tax Requirement has Increased

	£'000s
Council Tax Requirement 2016/17	41,478
Taxbase increase of 15,276 properties	1,032
Band D increase of £1.17	846
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**1,030**  
Road Traffic  
Collisions

**259**  
young people involved in  
Prince's Trust Teams and  
Community Cadets



**1,539**  
People rescued

