



HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY

Humberside Fire Authority and your Council Tax 2026/2027



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Humberside Fire Authority provides a Fire and Rescue Service to the communities of Kingston upon Hull, the East Riding of Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire, a population of more than 900,000 people. The Service has 30 fire stations spread across the Humber region.

This leaflet provides us with an opportunity to explain to you our financial situation now and in future years, as well as to highlight the work we deliver as a fire and rescue service.

What we do as your fire and rescue service

Preventing fires and other emergencies occurring, by successfully engaging with our communities, and minimising the effects if they do occur by promoting safety measures.

Protecting our communities, through advice to businesses and legal enforcement against those who do not comply with fire safety legislation.

Preparing our communities to be able to deal with the effects of fires and other emergencies that do occur so they are able to help themselves, and those who are most vulnerable.

Responding to emergencies quickly, with highly effective people, equipment and procedures.

Recovering by helping our communities get back to normal when fires and other emergencies do occur.



The budget

The 2026/27 budget requirement for Humberside Fire Authority is £62.089 million.

What we do as your fire and rescue service

There are three main sources of funding that the Authority relies on to deliver its services to the community: the precept, which is the element of council tax raised locally, grant funding from central government, and our share of Business Rates collected locally in Humberside.

The table below shows where the Authority's funding comes from and how it has changed from last year:

	2025/26 (£m)	2026/27 (£m)
Gross Expenditure	66.287	65.760
Income & specific grants	(3.726)	(3.091)
Use of Reserves	(2.430)	(0.580)
Budget requirement	60.131	62.089
Government Grant:		
- Core Grant	(22.424)	(24.004)
- Funding Floor	-	(1.278)
Share of Business Rates	(7.013)	(4.516)
Council Tax (Surplus)/Deficit	(0.406)	(0.272)
Council Tax requirement	30.288	32.019

Like other public sector organisations, Humberside Fire Authority is facing significant financial challenges over the next few years and we must continue to work hard to ensure that we can continue to deliver a high level of service at a lower cost.



Grant funding

The Authority saw a 40% (£12m) drop in government funding between 2011/12 and 2019/20, and delivered over £11m in efficiencies and savings in response.

Following this, efficiencies and savings targets have continued to form part of the Authorities balanced budget, with 3% against non-pay delivered annually.

Moving into 2026/27, the Authority will receive an increase in non-council tax funding from the Government of 0.7%.

The Authority has a balanced budget over the medium-term, based on current assumptions, but there are significant financial uncertainties for the period 2027/28 onwards. Principally, these are concerns over the level of pay inflation and general inflation given the wider economic uncertainties at the moment.

The Authority will continue to work hard to ensure that it maintains a sustainable financial position which is the basis for the excellent service that it provides to its communities.



Your Council Tax

Your overall council tax helps to fund the Fire Authority as well as the police and your local council. The council tax discussed in this leaflet is the amount of your overall council tax which is helping to fund Humberside Fire Authority.

Humberside Fire Authority has agreed to increase the council tax for 2026/27 by £4.99 (4.85%) on a Band D property.

Council Tax Band	Cost for the year	Cost per month
A	£71.95	£6.00
B	£83.94	£7.00
C	£95.93	£7.99
D	£107.92	£8.99
E	£131.90	£10.99
F	£155.88	£12.99
G	£179.87	£14.99
H	£215.84	£17.99

What will we do with the money?

In 2026/27 £36.6m, which is the majority of our budget, will be spent on fire fighting and rescue operations. We will use £3.3m to fund community safety activity which will include delivering home safety visits to more homes across the Service area. Management and support, which includes, for example, the cost of our training, vehicle maintenance and premises, is estimated to cost £19.7m. Capital financing charges, are estimated to be £3.1m.

Contact us

We are always looking for ways to improve our service. Please get in touch with us to let us know what you think about Humberside Fire and Rescue Service.

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All safety enquiries should be made in the first instance to the Public Safety Centre
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