

The Combined Fire Authority's (CFA) Budget – Information Note

1. As part of the budget preparation process, the CFA is required to consult with representatives of local non-domestic ratepayers regarding the proposals and provide the following information. This note supplements the draft budget report with other information we are required to send you by law.
2. The CFA has prepared a three year financial strategy. On February 14th 2024, the CFA will approve its formal budget for 2024/25.
3. The CFA has proposed a budget of £47.9m in 2023/24 for the running of the Fire Service. This sum excludes sums spent on the capital programme. Of this, £27m was met from council tax and £20.9m from other income including government grants.
4. The CFA estimates that it will spend £48.4m on revenue services in 2023/24, the deficit will be funded from the authority's reserves. The CFA estimates it will spend £3.5m on its 2023/24 capital programme.
5. A representation of the budget proposals for 2024/25 by class of service is shown in the table below;

	Changes to spending described in this budget (Growth)	Changes to spending described in this budget (Savings)	2024/25 Budget
	£000	£000	£000
Fire Services	1,576	77	49,916

6. The CFA estimates that it will spend £4.2m on its 2024/25 capital programme. Analysis of capital programme spending 2024/25 by class of service:

	Brought forward from 2023/24	2024/25 capital programme	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Fire Services	5,637	4,012	9,649

7. Capital budget will also be submitted to the CFA on February 14th 2024 and is included in the Budget Strategy report.

8. To make any comments please get in touch by sending an e-mail to : info@leics-fire.gov.uk