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## DRAFT FIRE AUTHORITY BUDGET 2021/22

### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Fire Authority with the proposed budget and precept for 2021/22.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Authority is asked to:

- review the budget book attached at Appendix 1 and approve the recommendations detailed on Page 19 within it,
- note the Service's intended participation in a scheme to reduce council tax fraud.

### 3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 Economic/Political – the efficiency plan was previously approved and the current comprehensive spending review period cuts are forecast to be achieved. The budget will need to be set at a level that falls within the efficiency plan and keeps council tax increases within defined capping limits.

### 4. Background

- 4.1 The Service received its draft settlement for 2021/22 on 17 December 2020. The draft Authority budget was presented to the Policy and Resources Committee for endorsement in the same month; the Committee endorsed the proposed budget and associated precept increase of 2%.
- 4.2 A consultation process on the proposed council tax increase has been undertaken and feedback from this process will be presented orally at the Authority meeting.

## 5. Budget Considerations

- 5.1 The budget has been built taking into account the proposed public sector pay freeze. However additional budget costs for next year have been included. These include COVID-19 related cost pressures, investment in employee wellbeing and enhanced training for firefighters.
- 5.2 The detailed budget build, included on pages 22 and 23 of the budget book, provides a line by line breakdown of the proposed budget, showing the current year budget and the proposed 2021/22 budget.
- 5.3 Attached at pages 20 and 21 of the budget book are the detailed capital budgets for 2021/22.

Source Documents	Location	Contact Officer
Budget Preparation Papers 2021/22	HQ Hinchingsbrooke Cottage Brampton Road Huntingdon	Matthew Warren 01480 444619 <a href="mailto:matthew.warren@cambsfire.gov.uk">matthew.warren@cambsfire.gov.uk</a>