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**North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
and your Council Tax 2024/2025**



North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority provides a Fire and Rescue Service to the communities of North Wales – a population of more than 688,000 people. The Service has 44 fire stations spread across the 6 counties of North Wales. This leaflet provides us with an opportunity to explain to you our financial situation, as well as to highlight the work we deliver as a Fire and Rescue Service.

What we do as a Fire and Rescue Service

Listed below are the main services we provide to you:

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.

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

The service we provide is risk-based not demand-led. The variety of risks, over a massive geographical area, range from:

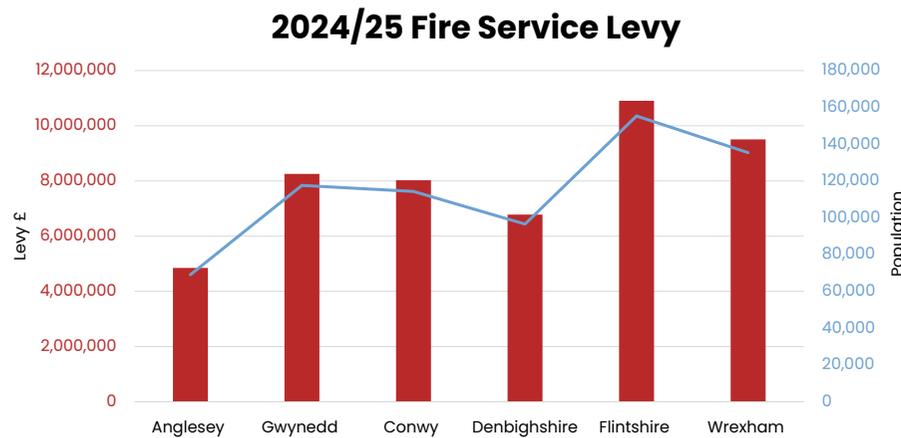
- Major industries in east area of North Wales, as well as a ferry port and 2 airports
- Encompasses Eryri National Park, an extensive coastline and inland waterways
- Farming communities and many other light industries throughout the area.
- High influx of tourists in the summer months

Funding

Each Fire and Rescue Authority is made up of a number of county and county borough council areas. The Councils receive funding from the Welsh Government, known as the Revenue Support Grant. It is from this funding that the Council's have to pay the levy.

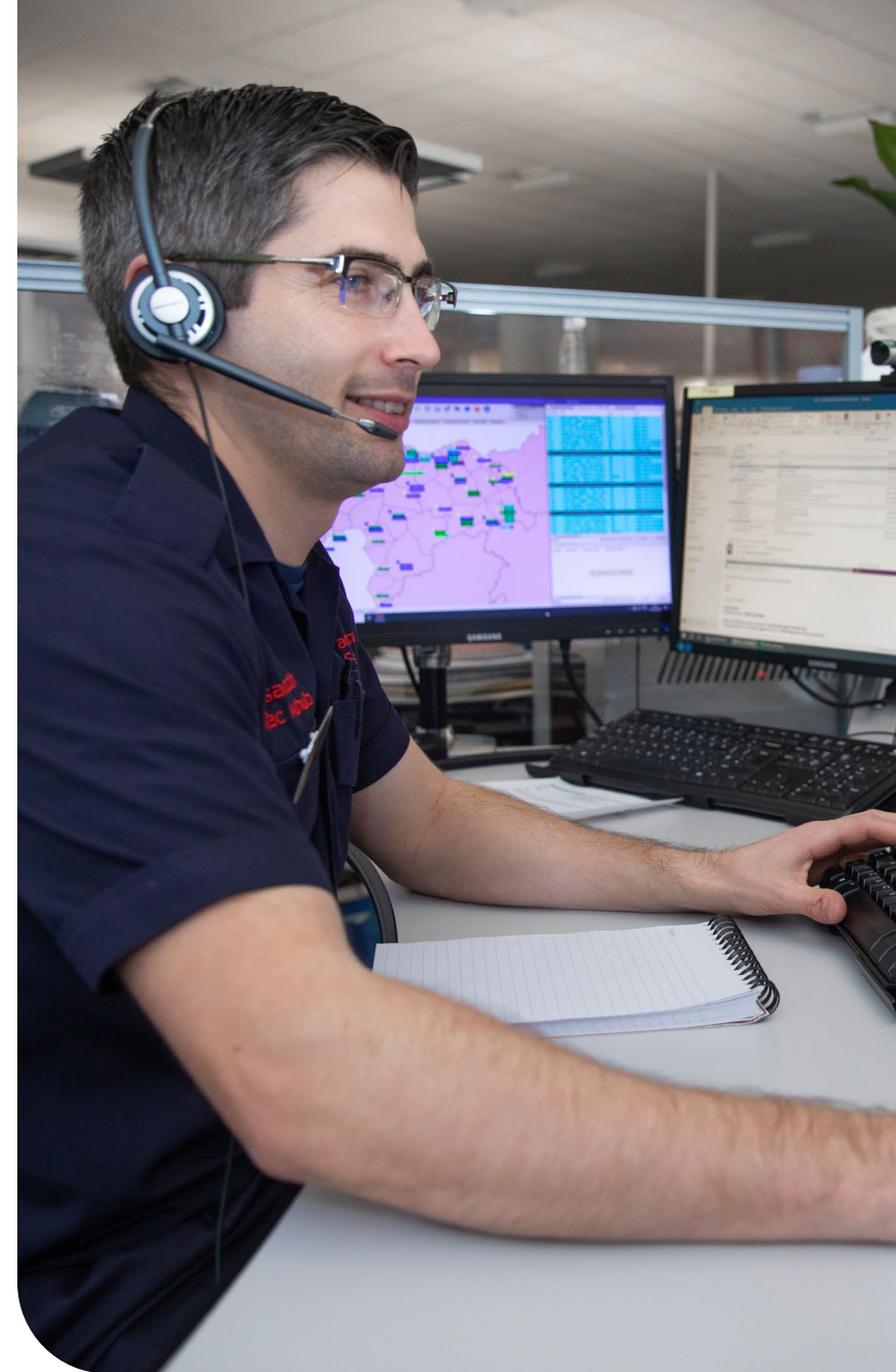
Every December the Authority gives an estimate to the county councils of its budget requirement for the forthcoming financial year (April to March), and confirms this by the following 15 February. How much each county council contributes is calculated on the basis of its population, so councils with lower population figures pay less than those with higher ones.

For 2024/25 the amounts are:



In 2013/14 the Authority received £2.124m in grant funding. For 2024/25 grant funding from the Welsh Government has reduced by £0.606m or 71.5% in cash terms.

The Authority has a balanced budget over the medium-term, based on current assumptions, but there are significant financial uncertainties for the period 2024/25 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.





The Budget

The 2024/25 budget requirement for North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority is £48.322m.

North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority and the financial challenges ahead

There main source of funding that the Authority relies on to deliver its services to the community is the levy received from the 6 North Wales councils. In addition the Authority also receives some grant funding from the Welsh Government.

What we spend our budget on is in the table below:

2023/24 Forecast £m	Income and Expenditure	2024/25 Budget £m
31.578	Employees	35.457
4.092	Premises	3.382
1.416	Transport	1.306
7.129	Supplies, Services and 3rd Party Payments	7.306
2.304	Capital Financing	2.737
-1.188	Income	-0.942
45.331	Budget requirement	49.246
-0.937	Use of Reserves	-0.924
44.394	Constituent Local Authority Levy	48.322

Like other public sector organisations, the 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.

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 North Wales Fire & Rescue Authority.

2023/24		Cost per person in North Wales	2024/25
£63.04			£70.21
£138.51		Average Cost per council tax property in North Wales	£149.93
£150.64		Average Cost per house-hold (band D) in North Wales	£163.20



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