



Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service has one of the smallest precepts of any fire and rescue service in the UK, with most households paying less than £1 per week towards the cost.

We think this represents great value for money for the service we provide including an emergency response to around 2.5million people across almost 500 square miles, very often leaving within a minute of receiving your call. Please see our postcode checker on manchesterfire.gov.uk to see how quickly we would get to you.

We are also renowned for community work such as Prince's Trust schemes, arson reduction initiatives, sport projects and Cadet groups. We also provide fire prevention activities such as free Home Safety Checks, smoke alarms and making sure the buildings around you are as safe as they can be.

All this costs a Band A property about £38 per year – less than a membership to the AA.

You can help yourself to stay safe with a smoke alarm and by following other simple fire safety advice at

www.manchesterfire.gov.uk

To find out if you're particularly at risk from fire in your home call us free on **0800 555 815** about a Home Fire Risk Assessment



If you discover a fire – get out, stay out and **call 999**

A comparison of EXPENDITURE AND INCOME for 2013-14 and 2014-15 is as follows:-

	2013-14 £000	2014-15 £000
Gross Expenditure		
Employees	85,168	80,954
Other	26,934	27,177
TOTAL	112,102	108,131
Less Income	-1,619	-1,706
Less Government Grant	-697	-640
TOTAL	109,786	105,785
Capital Financing Charges	3,802	3,462
LESS Asset Charges Reversal	-5,388	-5,388
LESS Interest Received	-30	-80
TOTAL	108,170	103,779
Contribution to(+)/from(-) Balances	411	808
BUDGET REQUIREMENT	108,581	104,587
Formula Grant	-68,997	-65,226
Council Tax Freeze Grant	-1,058	-466
Collection Fund Surplus	-150	147
COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT	-38,376	-39,042

WHY THE BUDGET REQUIREMENT HAS DECREASED

	2014-15 £'000
Inflation	1,350
Efficiencies	-6,446
Other Variations	30
Unavoidable Cost Pressures	1,065
Change in Capital Financing	4,272
Change in Interest on Balances	-50
Change in use of Balances	-4,215
Total Decrease in Budget Requirement	-3,994
Decrease in Funding	4,660
Total Increase in Council Tax Requirement	666

WHY THE COUNCIL TAX REQUIREMENT HAS INCREASED

	2014-15 £'000
Council Tax Requirement 2013-14	38,376
Taxbase increase of 11,556 properties	666
Council Tax Requirement 2014-15	39,042

The Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority was created under the Local Government Act 1985, with effect from 1st April 1986. It comprises 30 elected Members nominated by the 10 District Councils of Greater Manchester.

For any further information please write to:
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PRECEPTS AND LEVIES 2014-2015

Statement of Charges for

Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority

Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (excluding Wigan MBC)





Policing in Greater Manchester is facing a crisis. Since 2011, more than £103m has been cut from policing in our region. More than 1,300 police officers have gone, along with hundreds of police support staff. If these cuts continue, then the service will reach breaking point within a few years.

Because Greater Manchester is an area of significant deprivation, more than 80% of funding for our police service comes from central government. Most of the rest is made up from your contribution through council tax.

This year, the police element of your council tax bill is rising by £2.97 for the average Band D property over course of the year. If you pay monthly you will notice a difference of about 25 pence per month. The actual amount depends on what band your house is in, but that is outlined on your bill.

I'm sorry to have to ask you to make this additional contribution as I recognise the real pressures on household incomes in the current economic climate.



But this additional money is being used to protect policing in your neighbourhood. Most of the money raised will be spent on recruiting 50 new police officers who will work in local neighbourhoods.

It's still not enough – we are losing 350 officers per year as a result of the Government's cuts. Your additional contribution this year means that figure will reduce to 300. But that's still 300 fewer police officers protecting our communities.

Good neighbourhood policing is at the heart of community safety, which is why I am using the police element of your bill to support our local policing teams. That means I will not reduce the number of frontline police officers and PCSOs in your community.

I won't pretend that we face an easy road ahead of us. The continuing programme of cuts to our police service means there are even harder choices ahead.

But I will continue to stick up for the people of Greater Manchester and challenge central Government's cuts to our police.

Tony Lloyd Commissioner

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The Precept for 2014-15 is **£103,160,100** which is equivalent to **£152.30** for a dwelling in Band D, two person equivalent.

A comparison of EXPENDITURE AND INCOME for 2013-14 and 2014-15 is as follows:-

	2013-14 £000	2014-15 £000
Employees	528,967	527,743
Other Expenses	105,155	108,892
Capital Financing	11,215	8,992
Gross expenditure	645,337	645,627

LESS INCOME		
Specific grants	-44,192	-53,943
Fees, charges and other	-30,659	-28,403
Contribution to/from reserves	1,002	2,111
Income	-73,849	-84,457
Financing requirement	571,488	561,170

THIS IS FINANCED BY	2013-14 £000	2014-15 £000
DCLG Formula Funding	199,000	189,659
Police Grant	248,267	242,790
Council Tax Support Grant	21,486	21,556
Council Tax Freeze Grant 2011/12	2,900	2,900
Collection Fund Surplus	412	1,105
Financing	472,065	458,010
Council Tax requirement	99,423	103,160

WHY GROSS EXPENDITURE HAS REDUCED	£000
Employees decrease	-1,224
Other expenses increase	3,737
Capital financing decrease	2,223
Gross expenditure reduction	290
Income increase	-10,608
Financing increase	-10,318
Increase in Council Tax requirement	3,737

WHY THE CT REQUIREMENT HAS INCREASED	£000
Council Tax requirement 2012-13	99,423
Taxbase increase of 11,556 properties	1,725
Precept increase £2.97	2,012
Council Tax requirement 2013-14	103,160

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester was established by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, with effect from 22 November 2012.

For any further information please write to:
ROBERT MCINTYRE, BA, CPFA, Chief Finance Officer to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester, Civic Centre, Chorley Road, Swinton, Salford, M27 5DA. Email: info@gmpcc.org.uk

This leaflet is published in accordance with the Council Tax (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2011.

If, after reading this leaflet, you require clarification on a particular service, simply contact the Department at the address given in the relevant section.

The basis of charging for these services varies as follows:

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester and Fire & Rescue Authority issue a precept based on the number of estimated chargeable dwellings in Greater Manchester. The estimate is called the Tax Base and is expressed as a number of Band D two person equivalent dwellings.

The **Waste Disposal Authority** charges a levy for the disposal function, apportioned to each of the 9 Constituent Districts, and in 2014-15 this will, in part, be based on tonnage for household arisings and on Council Tax for household waste recycling centre (HWRC) arisings (N.B. Wigan is excluded, as it runs its own service).

These precepts and levies are then included in each district's total Council Tax levy.

In 2014-2015 the Council Tax Base for Greater Manchester, expressed in terms of Band D two person equivalent dwellings is 677,348 and the resident population is estimated to be 2,702,209.

Wigan Council and Oldham Council are designated "lead district" for Fire and Rescue and Waste Disposal respectively; Senior Finance Officers act as Treasurers to the Authorities. Certain other officers provide a variety of professional and administrative services.