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Welcome to **your guide** to **Council Tax** for 2008

We all use public services. Some are provided by authorities covering the whole of Hampshire, others are provided by local borough or district councils.

Some of the funding for these services comes from a government grant, which includes contributions from business rates. The rest of the funding comes from a variety of sources, including rent from council property, investments, fees and charges and your Council Tax. Information about the organisations funded by your Council Tax is included in this leaflet to give you an overview of the services provided.

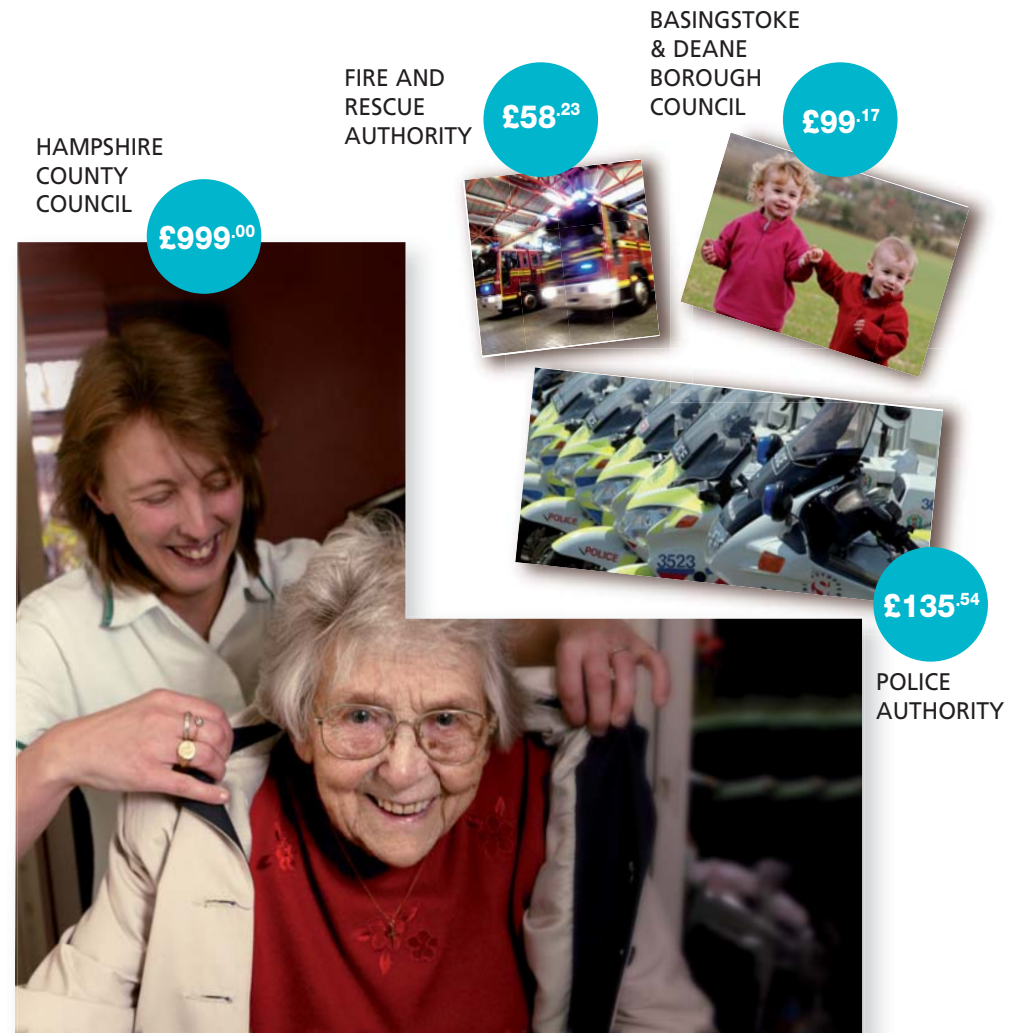
Services such as waste collection and kerbside recycling, street cleaning, housing, community and leisure services are provided by **Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council**.

Your annual Council Tax payment provides funding for services from **Hampshire County Council**, such as care for the elderly, vulnerable children and people with physical disabilities. The County Council also provides education, libraries, registration services and roads, disposes of domestic waste and runs the household waste recycling centres.

The Police Authority, which, together with Hampshire Constabulary, provides for the efficient and effective policing of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is also funded from Council Tax.

Hampshire's Fire and Rescue Authority receives a proportion of Council Tax to prevent fires and other risks, to protect life and property and to respond to fires and other emergencies.

A summary of **how your Council Tax is divided** between these organisations is shown on your Council Tax bill and below. The Council Tax band D this year is **£1,291.94**.



Improved services with inflation-only rise

This section of the leaflet gives a snapshot of how Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's part of your Council Tax is spent.

The Council's share of the Council Tax has only increased by **two and a half per cent** to allow for inflation this year.

Households in band D **pay just 27p** per day for a range of services, including recycling, rubbish collection, planning and building control, community safety, housing, street cleaning, grass cutting, Council Tax and housing benefits, environmental health, licensing, car parking, leisure, sport, culture and the arts.

This is the lowest Council Tax of all the districts in the county again this year. The council has achieved this by looking for the most efficient ways to run its services.

The council is already rated as "excellent" and has plans to make more **improvements to the services** provided to the 162,000 residents of the borough. **The key priorities and plans** for improving the quality of life for everyone in the borough are outlined in the council plan for 2008 to 2011, called **Delivering a Successful Future**.



Building on success

The plan builds on achievements over the last year in the council's four key priority areas: **prosperity for all, wellbeing, inclusion and effective partnerships**. These successes have included:

- a higher, and still increasing, **recycling rate** of over 22%;

- the successful reopening of **The Haymarket** on time and on budget;
- bringing **Primark** to the town as the first high-profile new letting for The Malls shopping centre;
- exceeding the target for delivery of **affordable housing**;
- attracting £5 million in government **New Growth Point funding** to help solve infrastructure issues and support major projects to improve Basingstoke town centre;
- backing from the South East England Development Agency to develop a '**learning campus**', bringing together further 'vocational' training, higher education degrees and research;
- reintroducing **street cleaners with brooms and barrows** to ensure gutters and pavements are getting a close-up clean.



Our plans

Over the next 12 months the council aims to 'sharpen its focus' in the following areas:

- leading on the borough's **climate change action**, with plans to include investigating renewable energy projects and reducing carbon emissions;
- supporting **sustainable economic prosperity**, including moving forward on plans to revitalise Basingstoke's commercial heart at Basing View and creating a 'cultural hub';
- acting on **local issues**, such as rural matters and regeneration of town centre estates;
- continuing to **improve front-line services**, for example more efficient grass cutting, graffiti removal and litter picking. Last year the council exceeded its annual affordable housing target by six per cent and improved on the time taken to assess planning applications.

How much is our share of the Council Tax?

Households in Basingstoke and Deane not living in a parish will pay **£99.17** Council Tax at band D for services provided by the borough council.

Those living in rural areas may pay an additional sum to cover the services provided by their town or parish council. The borough council has agreed to pay a grant of up to **£1,070** to each parish council. Parish councils needing more can raise the extra through Council Tax. If this applies to you, details of the amount your parish council requires to be raised through Council Tax will be shown on your bill.

Where do we get our money from?

The services we provide for the borough are not just paid for by Council Tax.

We get funding from:

General government grants	10%
Housing benefit grant from the Government	41%
Income from our property (mostly in rents from commercial buildings)	15%
The interest we get from our investments	9%
Money from fees and charges (for example, parking)	6%
Council Tax	6%
Other income	4%

We also use our reserves:

Capital reserves (amounts set by to pay for capital spending)	4%
Revenue reserves (amounts set by to pay for service spending on specific items)	4%
Pension reserve	1%



Spending on our services

For 2008/09 our planned net spending (referred to as the budget requirement) is **£15.9 million**. This is broken down as shown below:

2007/08 NET £'000	SERVICE COSTS	2008/09 EXPENDITURE £'000	2008/09 INCOME £'000	2008/09 NET £'000
8,597	Cultural and related services (includes parks, recreation and sport)	10,230	-983	9,247
8,569	Environmental services (includes waste collection, street cleansing, community safety and environmental health)	9,553	-1,317	8,236
4,581	Planning and development services (includes building control)	6,701	-2,394	4,307
3,812	Highways, roads and transport services (includes car parking)	6,280	-1,940	4,340
3,086	Housing services (includes housing benefit payments)	35,725	-32,739	2,986
2,902	Central services to the public (includes local tax collection)	10,602	-7,457	3,145
5,020	Corporate and democratic core (includes costs associated with councillors and corporate activities)	5,532	-2	5,530
76	Strategic growth items	331		331
36,643	Net cost of services	84,954	-46,832	38,122
	CORPORATE ITEMS			
-11,290	Commercial property	2,557	-14,593	-12,036
-8,125	Investments		-8,792	-8,792
0	Other operating costs	936	-936	0
0	Pension fund	1,360	-1,360	0
0	Capital assets paid for from revenue	3,918	-3,918	0
1,725	Reserves	2,542	-348	2,194
-3,556	Reversal of depreciation and other capital charges		-3,602	-3,602
15,397	Budget requirement	96,267	-80,381	15,886

The figures above exclude the parishes' budget requirements of £0.9 million

Capital spending

As well as day-to-day costs, the council also spends money on assets with a lasting value (for example, new buildings, major maintenance work and vehicles). This is known as capital spending.

The table below shows planned expenditure on major schemes included in the council's capital programme for 2008/09. This investment will create new facilities or improve, or look after, existing ones for the people of the borough.

CAPITAL SCHEMES 2008/09	£'000
Housing renewal grants	750
Information technology replacement programme	655
Sports facilities (Chineham/Lychpit)	496
Replacement of council vehicles	442
Contaminated land at Roentgen Road	400
Environmental renewal schemes	350
Play areas and youth provision	314
Town centre improvements	300
3en (generating enterprise)	282
Traffic management	239
Improvements to industrial and commercial property	228
Oakridge children's centre	200
Sports facilities (Hatch Warren/Beggarwood)	157
Allotment improvements	150
Maintenance of council offices	129
Westside children's centre	115
Overton community facilities	101
Other schemes (under £100k)	851
Total	6,159



Why spending has changed

There are reasons other than inflation why our budget has to change. The table below shows the major changes to income and expenditure between 2007/08 and 2008/09.

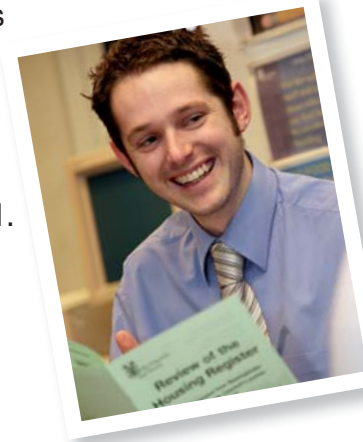
Increased expenditure	£'000
Caused by inflation	1,337
Caused by extra demand and improving services	1,007
Caused by increased contributions to reserves	469
Offset by	£'000
Efficiency savings	835
Increased income from investments	667
Increased income from property rents	822
Total change in budget requirement (growth in net expenditure)	489

What this means for a band D Council Tax payer

Most of the information given in this leaflet refers to Council Tax in a band D property in an area without a parish council. The total charge for the borough council for a band D Council Tax payer for 2008/09 is shown below.

Gross expenditure on services	£1,558.88
Less: income and use of reserves	£1,301.63
Budget requirement	£257.25
Less: government funding	£157.27
Less: collection fund surplus	£0.81
TO BE MET BY COUNCIL TAX PAYERS	£99.17

Your bill shows which band your property is in and the exact charge to you. We have also included information on the Council Tax for a band D property in the borough's towns and parishes on pages 10 and 11.



Council Tax benefits and discounts



Each property is placed in a property band by the Valuation Office Agency (Inland Revenue). The amount you have to pay is shown on your bill. Council Tax regulations state the council must assume there are at least two adults living in the property, unless advised otherwise.

Some households are entitled to a discount, exemption or Council Tax benefit. If you would like to know more about this, or if you cannot pay the instalments shown on your bill, please call **01256 358555**, e-mail localtax@basingstoke.gov.uk or visit the website at: www.basingstoke.gov.uk/go/counciltax

Your at a glance guide to Band D charges across the borough

This guide shows the total Council Tax for a band D property in each area, including the amounts required for Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Police Authority, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and your parish or town council (if this applies).

PARISH/AREA	2007/08 PARISH TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED £	2008/09 PARISH TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED £	2008/09 PARISH TOTAL AMOUNT ADDED TO BAND D £	2008/09 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £
Ashford Hill with Headley	16,435	16,435	28.61	127.78
Ashmansworth	500	250	2.40	101.57
Baughurst	23,500	26,000	25.05	124.22
Bramley	22,000	26,000	17.29	116.46
Burghclere	9,000	9,000	16.78	115.95
Candovers	2,000	3,000	29.24	128.41
Chineham	43,900	43,000	13.34	112.51
Cliddesden	5,410	5,505	23.65	122.82
Dummer	6,500	6,500	29.41	128.58
East Woodhay	18,000	19,000	14.84	114.01
Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green	7,282	7,970	18.41	117.58
Ellisfield	3,566	4,477	29.49	128.66
Hannington	3,000	3,000	15.50	114.67
Highclere	13,265	13,895	18.38	117.55
Hurstbourne Priors	4,600	4,600	28.27	127.44
Kingsclere	40,500	41,484	29.89	129.06
Laverstoke	5,000	5,000	28.84	128.01
Mapledurwell & Up Nately	3,800	4,800	16.46	115.63
Monk Sherborne	7,150	9,000	49.42	148.59
Mortimer West End	5,305	5,305	28.93	128.10
Newnham	4,400	4,600	18.66	117.83
Newtown	4,000	4,000	30.03	129.20

PARISH/AREA	2007/08 PARISH TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED £	2008/09 PARISH TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED £	2008/09 PARISH TOTAL AMOUNT ADDED TO BAND D £	2008/09 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £
North Waltham	9,785	9,785	25.22	124.39
Oakley & Deane	64,850	67,400	28.86	128.03
Old Basing & Lychpit	120,450	120,450	37.74	136.91
Overton	52,911	52,911	31.39	130.56
Pamber	24,500	24,500	20.53	119.70
Preston Candover & Nutley	6,300	6,500	28.90	128.07
Rooksdown	9,400	13,000	24.99	124.16
Sherborne St John	24,700	32,878	38.87	138.04
Sherfield-on-Loddon	32,179	39,146	37.71	136.88
Silchester	10,213	13,000	30.86	130.03
St Mary Bourne	15,225	16,200	27.34	126.51
Stratfield Saye	2,000	2,500	18.50	117.67
Tadley	121,525	170,347	40.10	139.27
Upton Grey	6,000	7,000	21.04	120.21
Whitchurch	67,136	69,642	37.09	136.26
Wootton St Lawrence	3,200	2,500	8.70	107.87
If you do not live in one of the areas above				99.17

Want to know more?

If you want to find out more about the council's plans and finances, see:

- **The Detailed Budget Book** – giving a breakdown of the council's budget.
- **The Council Plan** – outlining our future priorities and plans.
- **The Statement of Accounts** – detailing our past performance.

All are available on the website at **www.basingstoke.gov.uk** or from the Civic Offices in London Road, Basingstoke, or by calling the customer contact centre on **01256 844844**.



Looking after Hampshire, looking out for you

As one of the largest local authorities in Britain, Hampshire County Council provides vital services to over 1.2 million residents every day. In 2008/09, we will provide £1,656 million of services. You may use these services regularly, for example when recycling waste, receiving care at home, going to school, choosing a library book or travelling on local roads.

Below are our priorities as a council, based on what you say matters most to you, and some more examples of the services we provide.

Making Hampshire safer and more secure for all is our top priority and is about developing and supporting stronger, safer communities. We have a team of Community Safety Officers to combat low-level anti-social behaviour. We're working with 350 Hampshire schools on safer routes to school; promoting Older Driver Assessments; and working with retailers to reduce under-age sales of alcohol and other age-restricted goods.

Maximising wellbeing is about maintaining and improving quality of life, for example developing a new type of sheltered housing that gives the elderly their independence while providing extra support as they become more frail. For people of all ages, to keep body and mind fit and active, there are country parks, the

countryside, museums and discovery centres - a new concept in libraries.

Enhancing our quality of place is about making the county a good place to be. We have invested in recycling and disposal facilities, including three state-of-the-art Energy Recovery Facilities to generate electricity equivalent to that which would power more than 50,000 houses.

To ensure Hampshire continues to prosper without risking our environment, we are helping schools to recycle more, cut their use of energy and water, and buy food from healthy, local sources.

These are just some of the things we do for you. For more information on the County Council's performance and how your Council Tax is spent, please read the spring edition of *Hampshire Now*, due through your letterbox at the end of March, or visit www.hants.gov.uk/corporatestrategy or www.hants.gov.uk/hampshirenow.

Where the money comes from

	£'000s
Budget for 2007/08	598,223
Adjustment for funding and function changes	17,145
Adjusted budget for 2007/08	615,368
Efficiency improvements	-15,046
Increased spending on services	22,765
Inflation	19,593
Budget for 2008/09	642,680
Which is financed by:	
General government support	
- national business rates	125,220
- Government general grant	17,432
Surplus on district councils' collection funds	2,966
Balance to be met by council tax payers	497,062

Budget breakdown

Apart from giving a direct grant for schools, the Government provides just over 20% of the funding for our budget. The rest comes from Council Tax. For the first time, the Government has agreed its funding levels for individual authorities for a three-year period. It has given us a 2% increase for 2008/09, well below the current rate of inflation. The increase in the following two years will be even lower:

1.75% and 1.5%. This is the smallest percentage increase for any county council in England. We receive only a third of the funding per head of the best-funded county council in England.

The main budget pressures for 2008/09 result from changes in life expectancy and the landfill tax. We have growing numbers of vulnerable people needing continuing support. Medical advances and healthier lifestyles mean people are living longer and we have more young people with disabilities living into adulthood. Our waste disposal costs are under pressure as a result of national policies to reduce the use of landfill by taxing it more heavily.

In 2008/09 we expect to spend £1,656 million on services, compared with £1,570 million in 2007/08. Towards this we will get specific and area grants from the Government, including a grant to cover the full cost of Hampshire schools, and £152 million income mainly from fees and charges. Allowing for grants and income, we have set a spending budget of £643 million, which is an increase of £27 million. This means a Council Tax rise of 4.5%.

Making your money go further

We aim to continue to provide Council Tax payers with high-quality services, while maintaining one of the lowest Council Tax rates. To do this we are continually looking at new ways of doing business and saving money. We are planning another £15 million savings for 2008/09, on top of the savings identified in previous years. We are looking at how our buildings, use of technology and support services can help us make savings. For example, we are carrying out our



biggest-ever review to match the number and location of County Council buildings with the changing needs of residents and service users. We will sell or lease any surplus land and buildings identified in the review, generating capital that can be used to

fund improvements in service delivery and pay for maintenance of the remaining property.

We are also changing the way we deliver our services to make sure we meet your changing priorities and needs while ensuring cost efficiency and effectiveness. When fully operational

our new Contact Centre, Hantsdirect, will save £1 million a year and make it easier for you to contact us.

As more residents need more services, our challenge is to adapt and innovate so we can continue to provide high-quality services and support within our resources.



Budget by service Total £642.7m

£'000s



As in previous years, despite pressures on the budget and the minimum increase in Government funding, our efficiency savings have enabled us to protect our front-line services and to help meet increasing demand and the rising cost of providing services.



For more information on the County Council and how your Council Tax is spent visit our website www.hants.gov.uk/finance/budget See the back of this leaflet for further contact details.

Claim the benefit

For information on Council Tax Benefit see your Council Tax bill or contact your district council (see back cover for details). Also, for information on Pension Credit please ring 01329 243778.



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The background

Hampshire Police Authority is an independent organisation that sets the policing budget and is responsible for overseeing Hampshire Constabulary.

The Police Authority and the Chief Constable together set the strategic direction for Hampshire Constabulary and ensure that policing services are provided as efficiently and effectively as possible within available resources.

The seventeen members of the Police Authority, who are elected councillors, magistrates or members of the public, represent the views of the people of Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

The results of the Police Authority's ongoing consultation with local people feed into the process of setting the annual police objectives and priorities. These objectives and priorities are published in a local policing plan each year and an annual report shows the extent to which these were achieved. In 2007 a summary of local policing performance was printed in the local authority publications Hampshire Now (Hampshire), Flagship (Portsmouth), City View (Southampton) and One Island (Isle of Wight) to provide an 'at a glance' view of how Hampshire Constabulary is performing. We intend to publish similar information later in 2008.



Policing priorities

The results of the Police Authority's public consultation have been fed into the Constabulary's planning process. As a result, for 2008/09 the policing priorities are:

- **Safer neighbourhoods**
working with communities to build and maintain neighbourhoods where people are safe and feel safe
- **Safeguard people**
protecting the vulnerable
- **Protect our communities**
from terrorism and domestic extremism and prepare for emergencies and major incidents
- **Prevent, reduce and detect crime**
targeting criminals, protecting victims

To find out more about what these priorities mean, the local policing plan for 2008-11 will be published at www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org and www.hampshire.police.uk from April 2008. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact us (see alongside for more information) and we will send you a copy.

For more information...

Further explanation about the Police Authority, its members, committees and the amount for policing in the council tax can be viewed at www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org If you do not have access to the internet or require information in an alternative version such as Braille, large print or audio, please contact us in one of the following ways:

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E-mail: police.authority@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

If you have a comment to make about policing in your area, please contact your local police station. The telephone number for all non-emergency calls to the police is **0845 045 45 45**. In an emergency, always dial 999. Hampshire Constabulary's website address is www.hampshire.police.uk.

Where the money comes from

Policing is funded mostly through Government grants and partly by an amount for policing set within the council tax.

The budget for 2008/09 is £294.2m compared with £281.9m in 2007/08. The increase is £12.3m or 4.3%.

	£000
Budget for 2008/09	294,186
Police grant	118,472
Revenue support grant	10,237
National business rates	73,533
Total general Government grants	202,242
Surplus on council tax collection funds	297
Council tax precept	91,647

Council Tax for 2008/09

In 2008/09 the policing element for a council tax band D is £135.54, compared with £125.37 in 2007/08, an increase of £10.17.



How the money will be used

In 2008/09 the Police Authority will invest £331.0m gross expenditure into policing Hampshire and the Isle of Wight compared with £318.0m in 2007/08. After deducting income, specific grants and use of reserves, this results in the budget of £294.2m.

This year, we have increased the police part of the council tax in order to meet growing demands of essential policing activity and to continue the commitment to increases in neighbourhood policing over recent years.

In achieving the budget, difficult decisions on savings have still had to be made. Savings of £3.2m will be achieved in areas that impact least on frontline policing and with the most scope for efficiencies. Growth of £3.2m has only been provided for issues that are statutory, regulatory or operationally critical.

In 2008/09 the Police Authority will invest a further £17.1m in its capital assets. This will be spent on police buildings (£13.6m) and vehicles (£3.5m).

	£000
Employees and training	276,470
Running costs	50,274
Capital financing	1,117
Provision for inflation	3,161
Gross revenue expenditure	331,022
Income & interest received	11,847
Specific grants	24,807
Contributions from reserves	182
Budget requirement	294,186



We make life safer

Our corporate aims are at the heart of everything we do. They represent what we intend to do to reduce risk in our local communities and make Hampshire a safer place to live, work and visit.

We aim to:

- reduce deaths and injuries from accidental fires by 20% by 2010;
- reduce the number of deliberate fires by 20% by 2010;
- reduce the number of fires by 20% by 2010;
- work with others to reduce deaths and serious injuries on the road by 40% by 2010;
- be in the top ten fire and rescue services in the country by 2010.



Our achievements in 2007/08

We have achieved our ambitious target to carry out 20,000 Home Fire Safety Visits in Hampshire during the last year, helping to care and protect people living in our local communities. Next year we will be focusing our resources towards the more vulnerable and harder to reach residents, such as the elderly, people with disabilities and families with young children.

During the last year we launched our Arson Task Force, established in conjunction with Hampshire Constabulary. For the first time we have a specialist detection dog and handler, used to identify the use of ignitable fluids at scenes of deliberate or suspicious fires. Since its introduction, this partnership has already shown positive benefits in terms of arson reduction, arson detection and conviction rates.

We have been determined to achieve a significant reduction in the number of unwanted Automatic Fire Alarms

we attend as they divert our resources away from real emergencies. Since setting up a specialist team to tackle this problem, we are extremely proud to have achieved an impressive 25% reduction in calls. Apart from the reduction in unwanted calls, it has also resulted in considerable resource savings.

If you want to know more about our plans for the next three years please take a look at our latest Fire and Rescue Service Plan. You can see it on our website: www.hantsfire.gov.uk/plan which is also full of useful safety advice for all ages. Or you can call us on **023 8064 4000**.

Following an external audit, we are thrilled that the Service was awarded Investors in People accreditation in December 2007. This national award is recognition of the hard work and effort of all staff across the Service.

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Good value for money?

We think so, and hope you will agree.

The budget for 2008/09 is £64.6 million. This is 3.4% more than the equivalent budget last year, with most of the increase arising from national pay awards for staff and the cost of inflation. Additional money has also been provided for community safety improvements in the home and other Service needs.

The Authority is committed to keeping Council Tax increases as low as possible so we have reviewed how some of our services are delivered to make them more efficient. We have also been able to make savings due to the success of our community safety work in reducing demand for our services; in particular driving down the number of false alarms and incidences of arson.

Band A	£38.82	Band C	£51.76
Band B	£45.29	Band D	£58.23

Our budget for 2008/09

Here is how we arrived at our budget for the year ahead:

	£'000
Budget for 2007/08	62,450
Inflation pay and prices	1,313
Service developments	396
Replenish/adjust reserves	441
Budget for 2008/09	64,600
Which is financed by:	
National business rates	24,786
Government grant	3,450
Surplus on collection funds	163
Balance from Council Tax	36,201

The cost to you

We are increasing our Council Tax this year by 3.85% which is below the rate of state pension increase. It is important that you know what this means in cash terms. For a Band D property the increase is just over four pence per week (or £2.16 per year).

The table below shows you exactly how much you will pay for your fire and rescue service in 2008/09:

Band E	£71.17	Band G	£97.05
Band F	£84.11	Band H	£116.46

Where your money goes

Over 80% of our budget is spent on employing staff – our most valuable resource. The remainder is spent on essential supplies and services: transport, property and information and communications technology, as well as to fund our capital programmes.

Every year we spend about £2 million on our vehicle replacement programme to ensure we have a modern, well-maintained fleet of vehicles. We are increasing our investment in building improvements. In 2007 we completed the building of a new vehicle workshop facility at our headquarters in Eastleigh,

making the previous site at Winnall available for the development of a new fire station for Winchester in 2008/09.

Budget 2008/09

	£'000
Preventing incidents	4,021
Protecting life and property	2,664
Responding to emergencies	55,369
Borrowing costs	1,375
Capital paid for from revenue	730
Movement on reserves	441
Total	64,600



Full budget details and information about how your Council Tax is spent are available on our website:

www.hantsfire.gov.uk/theservice/budget.htm

If you have any questions our contact details are on the back of this booklet.