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**North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
and your Council Tax 2026/2027**



North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority provide a Fire and Rescue Service for people across North Wales, serving a population of more than 697,000. The Service operates from 44 fire stations across the six counties of North Wales.

This leaflet explains how the Service is funded. The financial challenges we face now and in the future, and the important work we do to keep our communities safe.

What we do as a Fire and Rescue Service

Our main role is to help keep people safe. We do this by:

Preventing fires and other emergencies through community engagement and safety advice.

Protecting people and businesses by giving fire safety advice and taking legal action where safety laws are not followed.

Responding quickly to emergencies using trained staff, specialist equipment and clear procedures.

The Service is risk based, not demand led. This means we plan and resource the Service in advance to manage known risks, even when incidents do not happen often.

North Wales covers a large and varied area, with different types of risk, including:

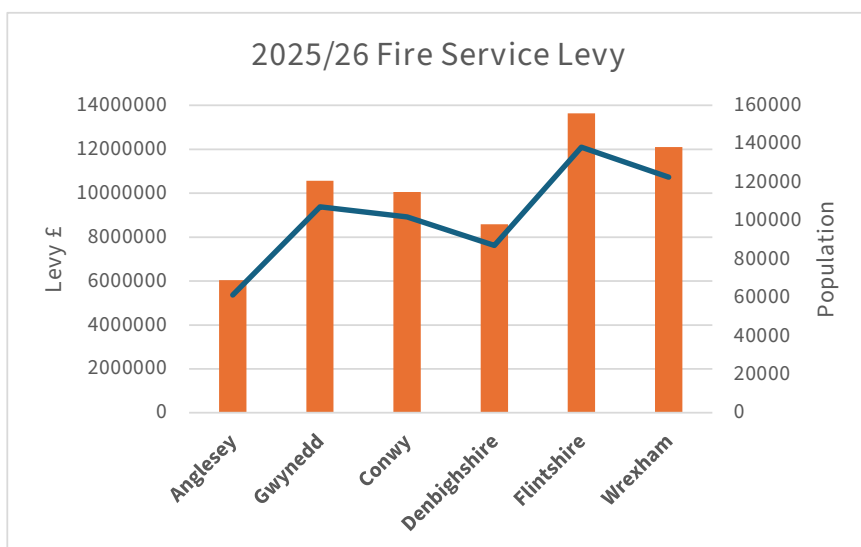
- Major industries in the east of North Wales, as well as a ferry port and two airports
- Eryri National Park, a long coastline and inland waterways
- Rural and farming communities, along with many smaller industries
- A large increase in visitors during the summer months

Funding

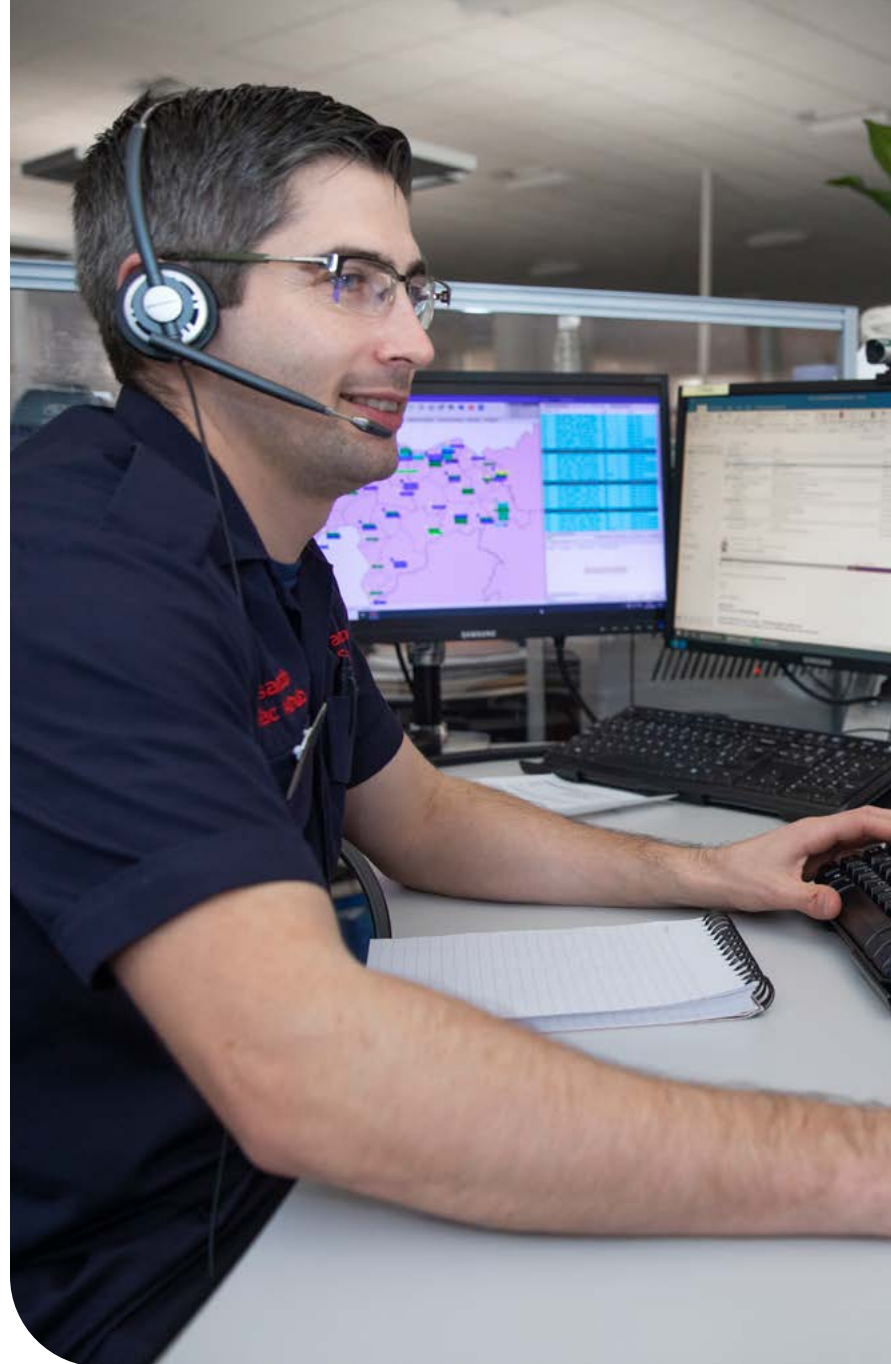
Each Fire and Rescue Authority is made up of several county and county borough councils. These councils receive funding from the Welsh Government, known as the Revenue Support Grant. Part of this funding is used to pay a levy to support the Fire and Rescue Service.

Each December, the Authority provides an estimate of how much funding it will need for the next financial year (April to March). This figure is confirmed by 15 February. How much each council contributes is based on population, so councils with larger populations contribute more than those with smaller populations.

For 2026/27, the contributions from each council are shown below.



While the Authority has set a balanced budget for 2026/27, future years remain uncertain. This is mainly due to changes in national pay awards, inflation, and the level of funding provided by the Welsh Government. The Authority will continue to manage its finances carefully to ensure it can deliver a safe and reliable Fire and Rescue Service for the communities of North Wales.



The Budget

The budget needed to run North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority in 2026/27 is £54.104 million.

Financial challenges ahead

The main source of funding for the Authority is the levy paid by the six North Wales councils. The Authority also receives some grant funding from the Welsh Government. In some years, the Authority may use reserves to help manage budget pressures. This is a one off measure used to smooth changes between years and does not fund day to day services.

The table below shows how the budget is spent.

2025/26 Forecast £m	Income and Expenditure	2024/25 Budget £m
37.419	Employees	39.574
3.344	Premises	2.578
1.671	Transport	1.405
5.732	Supplies, Services and Third Party Payments	7.484
4.906	Capital Financing	4.501
-1.406	Income	-1.166
51.667	Budget requirement	54.375
0	Use of Reserves	-0.271
51.788	Constituent Local Authority Levy	54.104

Like many public sector organisations, the Authority faces financial challenges over the coming years. It will continue to review how it works to ensure it provides value for money, while meeting its legal duties and keeping the public safe.

More information about how the Authority plans for the future can be found in its Medium-Term Resource Strategy, [available here](#).

Your Council Tax

Your council tax helps to pay for local services, including the Fire and Rescue Service, the police, and your local council. This section shows the part of your council tax that helps to fund North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.

The table below shows how much this costs on average.

2025/26		2026/27
£74.93	 Cost per person in North Wales	£77.61
£160.87	 Average Cost per council tax property in North Wales	£166.89



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