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FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Wilton Fire Station

Public consultation event
Potential station closure



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Welcome




Savings and investments already made

Savings

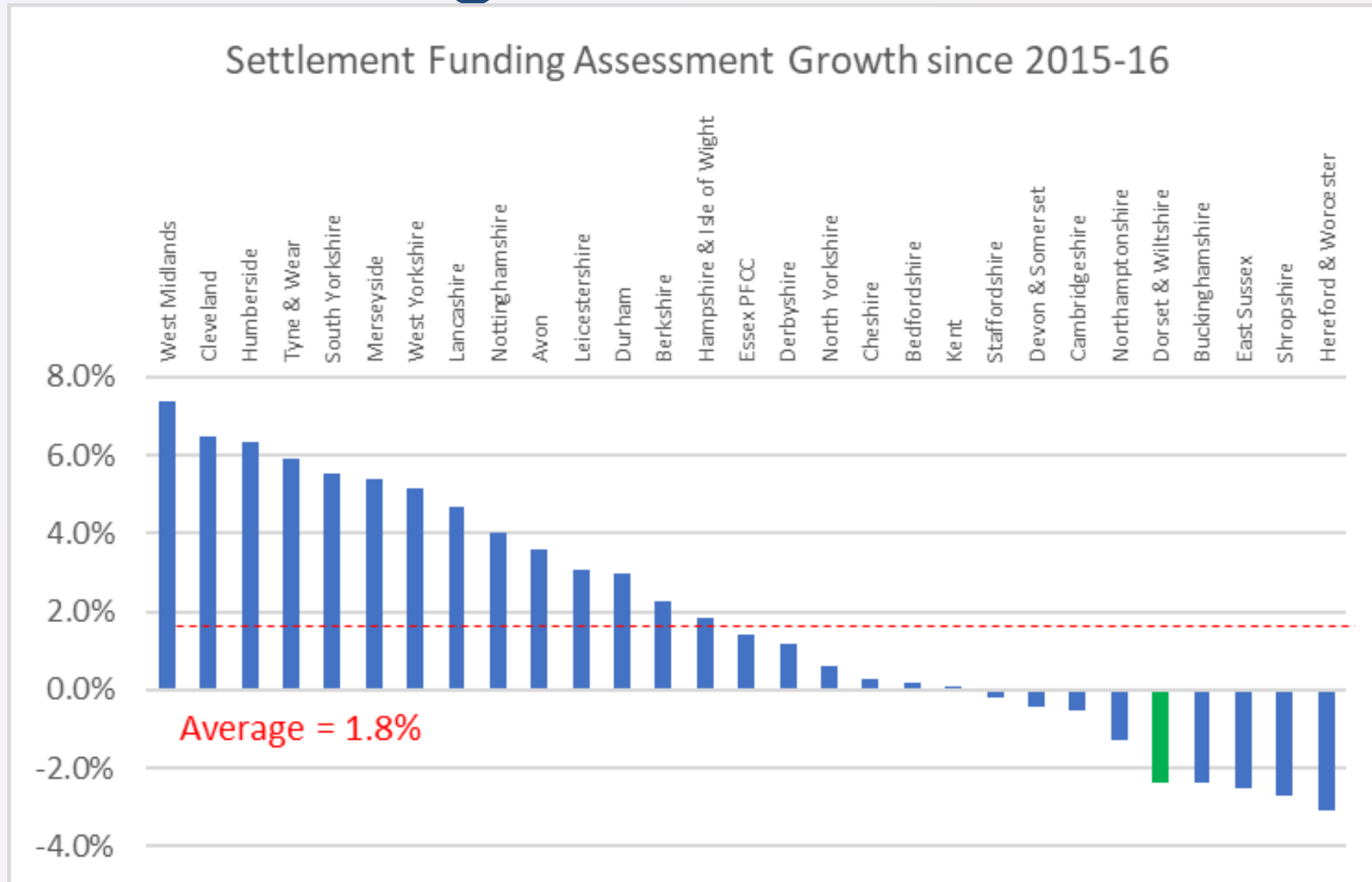
- £15m cumulative annual savings since 2016
- £6.75m of savings delivered since April 2022

Reinvestment

- £2.2m Wholetime firefighters across the Service

COST	£25.03	£30.80
 firefighter cost per person per year	firefighter cost per person per year	firefighter cost per person per year
 14.7%	 29.0%	
5-year local change	5-year change	

Historical funding from Central Government



Current financial position

	2026-27 £m	2027-28 £m	2028-29 £m
Total Funding	79.503	82.045	84.506
Estimated net expenditure	80.710	83.515	86.211
Budget Surplus (+) / deficit (-)	-1.207	-1.470	-1.705

- Council tax increase £5 for Band D (per year) - **10p per week**
- Only £12.758m received directly from Government
- Due to reduce to £10.268m in 2028-29
- 19.5% reduction over next 3 years

Data and information used

Data Period – 2019-2024

What's included:

- Pandemic year
- All incident types – fires, hazardous materials, flooding, RTC's
- When the station is available
- Local plans and risk information

What's not included:

- Cross border incidents
- Standbys on station

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About your station



How often is my station needed?



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Current availability and response times



64.72% availability
(mostly weekday
evenings & weekends)



50% of incidents
(where this station was
closest), occur between
8am and 6pm



10mins 52secs
calculated average
response time when
available



11mins 50secs
calculated average
response time when the
station is unavailable

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What changes if my station closes?



58secs
calculated average
response time when the
station is unavailable

When the station is unavailable, or if it were to be closed, a fire engine from another station responds. At the moment this happens 35.28% of the time.

Station costs



£1,788
per mobilisation
(vs average of £1,831
for a similar station)



£233,764
annual saving if station
closed

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Current and future risks

Summary of Known Future Developments

Type of Development	Community Impact	Risk to Service
Critical Infrastructure	N/A	N/A
Non-Critical Infrastructure	N/A	N/A
Housing Developments	+ 0 minutes 8 seconds	Minor
Commercial Developments	No change	Minor

Community Support to Wilton

Continue:

- Community engagement
- Home fire safety checks
- Business fire safety engagement and inspections

Dial 999 and you will continue to get a fire engine

Next steps

- No decision made
- Public consultation - February to May 2026
- Independent analysis of feedback
- Fire Authority decision - June 2026



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Questions

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority – Public Consultation

We know that proposing fire station closures will not be welcome news for many of our communities and staff. No decisions have been made.

The Fire & Rescue Authority has a statutory duty to set a balanced budget. Following a detailed review of service activity, response times, station availability and funding, we are consulting on proposals which include the potential closure of eight fire stations across Dorset and Wiltshire.

We want to hear your views before any decision is taken. Share your views by completing the consultation survey.

Scan the QR code to take part.



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