



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 123

Information pertaining to the allocation of funding from Dorset Council which came from charging second home owners a double council tax from the 2025/26 collection

Query:

According to records at Dorset Council, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue will receive or has received an allocation of funding from Dorset Council which came from charging second home owners a double council tax from the 2025/26 collection. How much did Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue receive?
How will the fire service spend that money?

Response:

In response to your query, any funding Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) has received has not come from Dorset Council, but the decision taken by Dorset Council to charge a council tax premium on homes identified as second homes means we get additional income directly from those residents. That totalled £360,324 in 2025/26.

This funding was not allocated for any specific purpose as part of the budget for 2025/26. It formed part of the wider balanced Service budget that was approved by the Fire Authority for 2025/26 in February 2025.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 11, June 2026