

### **It all comes down to cost**

Surrey County Council (SCC) want to cut the SF&RS's budget by £2.5m an approximate saving for the average Council Tax Band D paying household of 8p per week.

But with the response times and establishment already causing massive problems it's likely that households will pay out more than that in rising insurance premiums levied through fire damage alone.

A saving of 8p per week to the household would drive SF&RS into critically dangerous situation.

However, an increase in SF&RS funding of £3m would be enough when added to internal efficiency savings and combined with innovative new ideas to;

- Fully establish the WT and maintain minimum crewing levels of 5 on ALL pumps on a 100% basis
- Fund the missing 50% of the RDS establishment needed to provide pump availability to virtually 24/7 standard
- Prevent any loss of WT pump availability whilst training is carried out and increase the crucial training to a high standard
- Response times would improve significantly as far more pumps would be available
- Crews being forced to resort to defence mode at emergency incidents would become a rare exception

**The approximate cost of funding these substantial improvements in service would cost a Council Tax Band D paying household an extra 10p per week.**

**The FBU think this is a choice the Surrey's residents and businesses should make given all the facts rather than the elected councillors from behind closed doors.**