



FIRE FIGHTERS POLL

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ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 513 adults aged 18+ by telephone on 23-24th November, 2002. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

Q1. From what you have seen or heard, do you think the strike action by the fire-fighters is justified or unjustified?

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| Justified | 52% |
| Unjustified | 40% |
| Don't know | 8% |

Q2. Would you be prepared to pay more in council tax in order to ensure the fire fighters get a 16% pay increase?

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| Yes | 52% |
| No | 43% |
| Don't know | 5% |

Q3. From what you have seen or heard, do you approve or disapprove of the way the government has handled the fire fighters dispute?

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| Approve | 24% |
| Disapprove | 67% |
| Don't know | 10% |

Q4. Which of the following comes closest to your own view?

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| The fire fighters should get an above inflation pay increase with no strings attached | 16% |
| The fire fighters should get above inflation pay increase but it should be linked to modernisation of working practices | 78% |
| Don't know | 6% |