# Isle of Wight Council Budget Consultation 2017/18

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## **PURPOSE OF THIS EVENT**

- Explain the Council's financial challenges
- Share the options for setting a legal and balanced budget in 2017/18
- Hear your views on where you would like the Council to focus its resources to deliver services in 2017/18



## **AGENDA**

- Welcome and corporate overview
- The revised medium term financial strategy
- The financial challenge
- Looking to the future
- Q and A
- Potential budget decisions for discussion



## **Welcome and Corporate Overview**





## **OUR VISION**

A great place to live, work and visit



## **OUR PRIORITIES**

Supporting growth in the economy, making the Island a better place and keeping it safe

Keeping children safe and improving their education

Protecting the most vulnerable with health and social care, investing in support, prevention and continuing care

Ensuring that all the resources available to the Island are used in the most effective way in achieving the Island's priorities



## **OUR CORE VALUES:**

Open and inclusive working

People first

Solution focussed

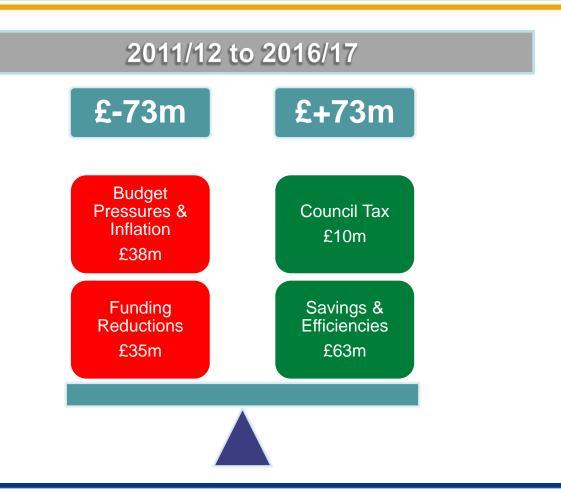
Supportive of partnerships

Value for money (financial and social)

Value staff and their input



### **OVERAL IMPACT OF AUSTERITY SO FAR**





# The Revised Medium Term Financial Strategy 2017/18 to 20/21





### MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

"In-year" expenditure matches "In-year" income over the medium term whilst regenerating the Island Economy and providing essential Value for Money Services for our Businesses and Residents.

For the period 2017/18 to 19/20 Reduce spending / increase income and funding by £20m



## **HEADLINE PROPOSITIONS**

## Reduce and "Smooth Out" Revenue Savings

Change the method of funding Debt Repayment - £2.0m in 2016/17 but reducing over time

Take a 5 year Debt "Repayment" holiday -£40m over the period

Use savings to unlock capacity to change and "smooth out" savings requirements

## Create Financial and Operational Capacity to Support Transformation

Maintain the £1m p.a. Regeneration package

Create a £1m Transformation Reserve with strict "payback" criteria

Any year end underspends used to increase / top up the Transformation Reserve

## Maximise Capital Funding for "Invest to Save"

Keep full 'ASDA' Receipt intact @ £17.5m

Review Capital Programme for all contractually uncommitted Capital Schemes

Cease "ring-fencing" of Capital Funding



## MTFS - GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Extend the overall plan from two to five years

Stronger emphasis on creating prosperity and wealth

Becoming more entrepreneurial and commercial to generate income

A stronger drive to public service transformation to improve services and outcomes

Addressing the unique island factors

Improving the overall financial resilience of the council



## MTFS – THE FOCUS

**SHORT-TERM** 

- Create financial and operating capacity to transform
- Increase efficiency and effectiveness

SHORT TO MEDIUM-TERM

- Entrepreneurial, commercial and collaborative activities
- Withdraw from or offer minimum provision for low impact services
- Improve the Island economy

MEDIUM TO LONG-TERM

Public service transformation



## MAKING THE ISLAND'S CASE

#### Discussions with Government:

- Unique geography and Island factors
- Combined authority / devolution
- Growing the economy
- Forensic analysis of spending



Fight for the Wight

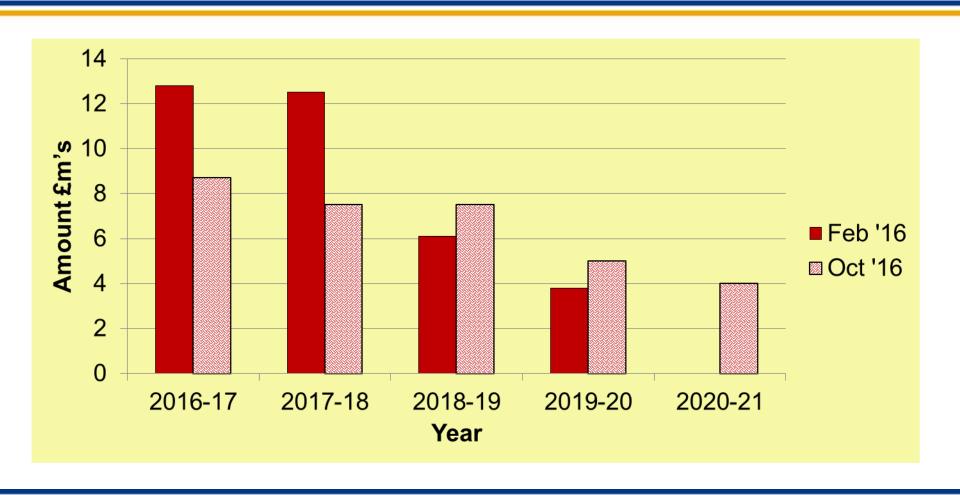


## The Financial Challenge:



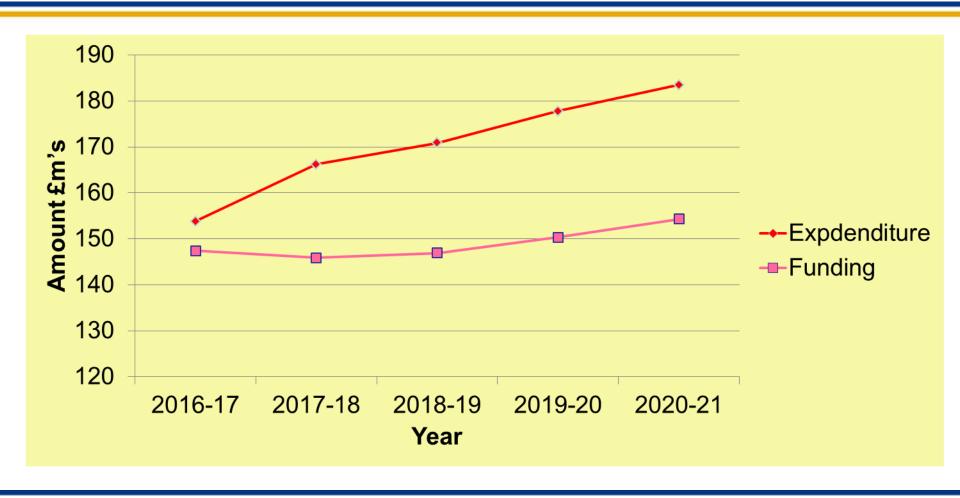


## **ANNUAL SAVINGS REQUIREMENTS**



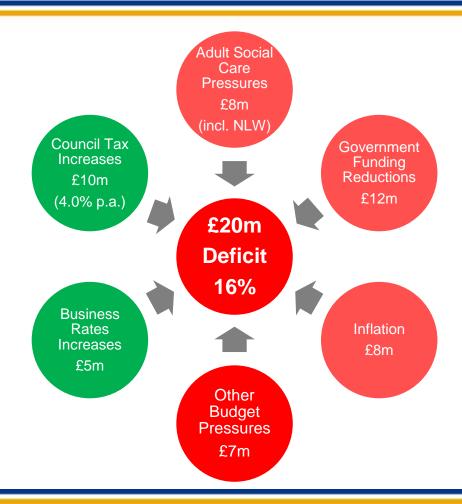


### FORECAST SPENDING AND FUNDING





## **FORECAST: NEXT THREE YEARS**





## **SAVINGS REQUIREMENTS**

## £20m Deficit Over 3 years

2017/18

2018/19

2019/20

£7.5m

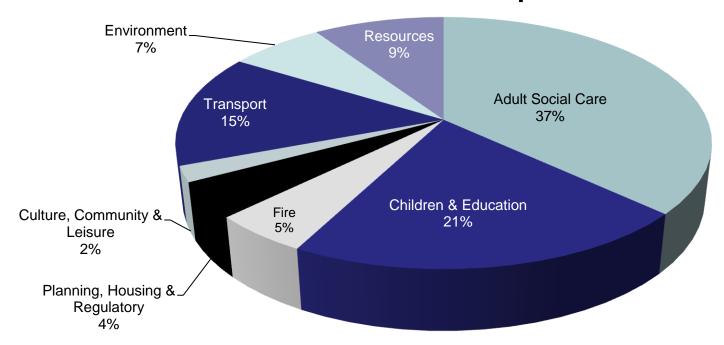
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£5m



## **Council Spending on Services – Current Year**

#### 2016/17 Net Controllable Expenditure of £128m

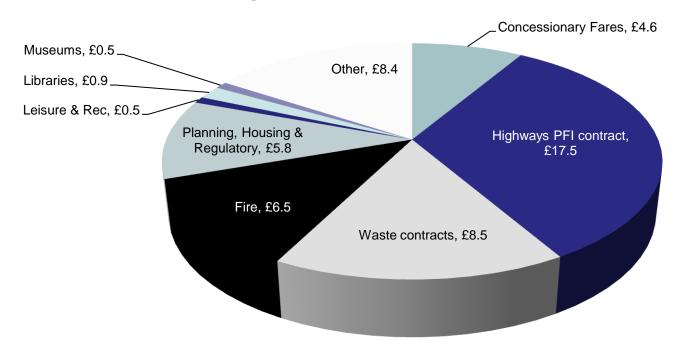


Savings required of £20m by 2019/20 (16% of controllable budget)



## Scope for Savings – Outside of ASC & CSC

## 2016/17 Net Controllable Expenditure £53m (excluding Adult Social Care and Children & Education)





## **SUMMARY**

Savings of £63m since 2011/12 (representing a reduction of over 30% in controllable spending)

Future savings required of £20m over the next three years – representing a further 16% controllable spending (if a "cuts" alone strategy is adopted)

58% of spend is consumed by Adult Social Care and Children and Education. If Highways PFI, Waste contracts and Concessionary Fares are added this climbs to 83%

Adult Social Care represents the greatest financial challenge for the council; the decision of the level of Council Tax will be critical for Adult Social Care Services on the Island

Savings requirement for 2017/18 amounts to £7.5m – to be found from increased income / funding and service reductions

Aspiration to create a prosperous and sustainable Island community based on the pillars of regeneration, growth and productivity.



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Areas for discussion and Q & A



## **QUESTIONS...**

- Where could greater use of technology be made to save money?
- Where could the council do more with the voluntary sector?
- What could the council do with other local authorities?
- Where should the council reduce its spending on services?
- Where should the council invest its capital funds to secure income?
- What could the council do to act more commercially / entrepreneurially?
- What improvements to the infrastructure should be pursued?
- Where and what type of businesses should be encouraged?
- To what extent should the building of new homes be pursued?
- Should the 3% council tax increase for adult social care be applied?



## **YOUR VIEWS...**

- Rank three areas for continued or increased financial investment?
   (1 is high)
- Rank three areas for reduced or no investment?
   (1 is most preferred less funding)
- List any service areas for review not already covered elsewhere in the presentation (free response)?
- What would be your views on a council tax increase of more than 4.99% (requiring a referendum)?



