



So what happened last year (even before welfare reform and phantom budgets?)



£876m

NI Budget cuts

**NORTHERN IRELAND
ASSEMBLY**
Spending above its means
**£200m overspend & £100m
loan**



Local Government in 2015: More than Services

- Devolution – Cities and Regions (2015)
- New Burdens Doctrine (2016)
- Financial Impact Review (2016)
- Additional Powers Report (2017)
- Programme for (Local) Government (2015)
- Political Skills Framework for all Councillors (2015-19)
- New investment in Councils (2015, EU / NUTS)
- New borrowing for Councils (2015 +)
- **A Local Government Sector - not 11 separate *administrations* (2016)**
- Fierce defence of local government & democracy (always)
- Affordable rates, quality services (always)



the voice of local government



Regional Policy & Local growth – Councils Investment & Community Plans have Big Ambitions to fulfil!

- **Regeneration**
- **Community Planning**
- **Historical preservation**
- **Higher education**
- **Social diversity**
- **Innovation & entrepreneurship**
- **Sports and recreation**
- **Event venues**
- **Arts and culture**
- **Housing options**
- **Transport options**
- **Sustainability & Well Being**

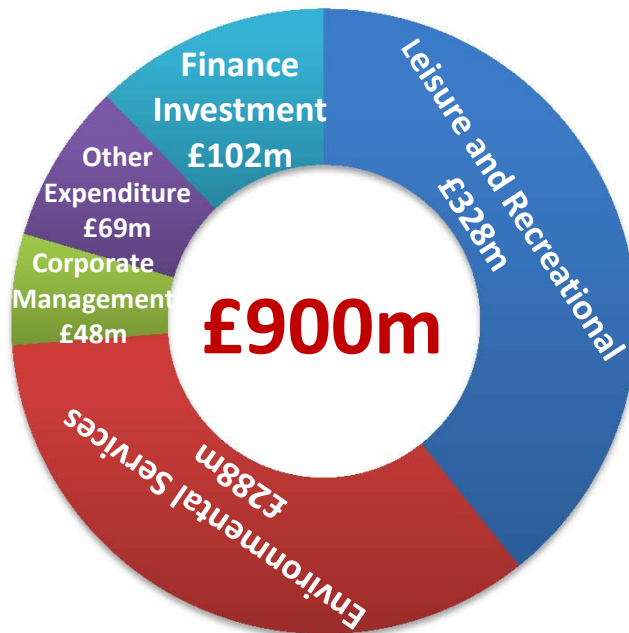
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**LOCAL
GROWTH
DRIVERS
Beyond Services**



Councils are prudent – Councils can enable growth

**Expenditure
(by Department)**



Receipts



**Effective Fiscal Deficit
= £18m**



Are you too busy to improve...

