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Local authority frontline service challenges



Mission
Based
Government

The five missions

1. Kickstart economic growth

to secure the highest sustained growth in the G7 – with good jobs and productivity growth in every part of the country making everyone, not just a few, better off.

2. Make Britain a clean energy superpower

to cut bills, create jobs and deliver security with cheaper, zero-carbon electricity by 2030, accelerating to net zero.

3. Take back our streets

by halving serious violent crime and raising confidence in the police and criminal justice system to its highest levels.

4. Break down barriers to opportunity

by reforming our childcare and education systems, to make sure there is no class ceiling on the ambitions of young people in Britain.

5. Build an NHS fit for the future

that is there when people need it; with fewer lives lost to the biggest killers; in a fairer Britain, where everyone lives well for longer.

Meanwhile... on the frontline

- Local authority budgets
- Skills shortages and workforce matters
- Homelessness / temporary accommodation
- Adults and Childrens' Services
- SEND
- Neighbourhood services; waste and resources, parks and public realm, leisure, highways, school meals......

What does this look like?



Upcoming budget



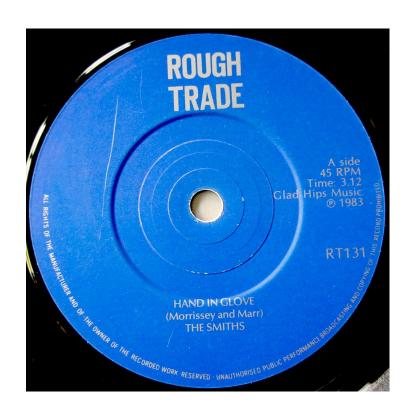
Local authority finances.....

- Gaps in budgets and growing
- £6.4 billion in day-to-day spend in 2024/25
- Homelessness, Asylum Support and Families in temporary accommodation
- Adult and Childrens' Services, SEND /SEND Transport
- IFS data 1.9% cut (at best)

And growth....?

- Growth of 2.6%
- Between 2010 and 2019 the UK only twice performed at 2.6% in a calendar year.
- Bank of England forecasts UK economic growth from 2024 to 2027 will be 1.3% to 1.4% on average annually

Sluggish growth and public sector cuts?



The role of local councils in Economic Growth

- 'Wealth creators'
- Disparity in both funding and outcomes
- Public sector role in markets; stimulus, redistribution, interconnectivity in housing, transports, skills and creating the conditions for investment

Final thoughts

- Value for money or public interest test?
- Data return on investment?
- Addressing debts and preventing further S.114s?
- Suppression of capital? Why?
- Invest to save not to be confused with spending!
- Treatment of public spending

More than one way to



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