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The Local Government Challenge in Wales

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Rod Stewart was wrong as “The first cut is clearly not the deepest”

Welsh Budget 2016/17

Total managed expenditure £15.9bn

Health and Social Services	£7.1bn – up 4.1%
Local Government (inc Schools)	£4.4bn – down 2%
Education & Skills	£2.1bn – up 1.1%
Economy, Science & Transport	£977m – up 5.9%
Communities	£677m – up 10.7%
Natural Resources	£369m – up 2.6%
Central Services/Administration	£315m – up 3%

Source: Welsh Government

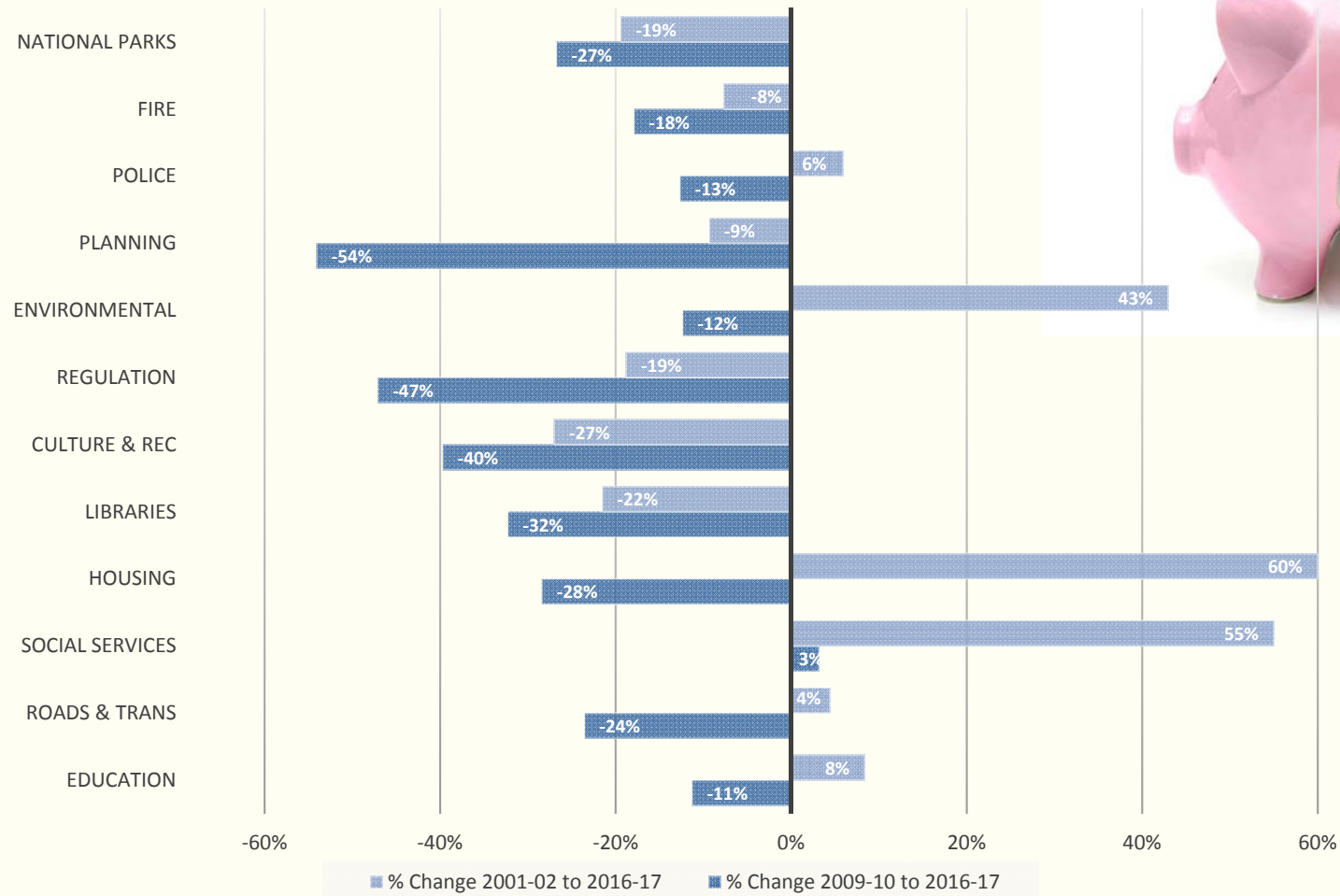




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How have we fared so far ?

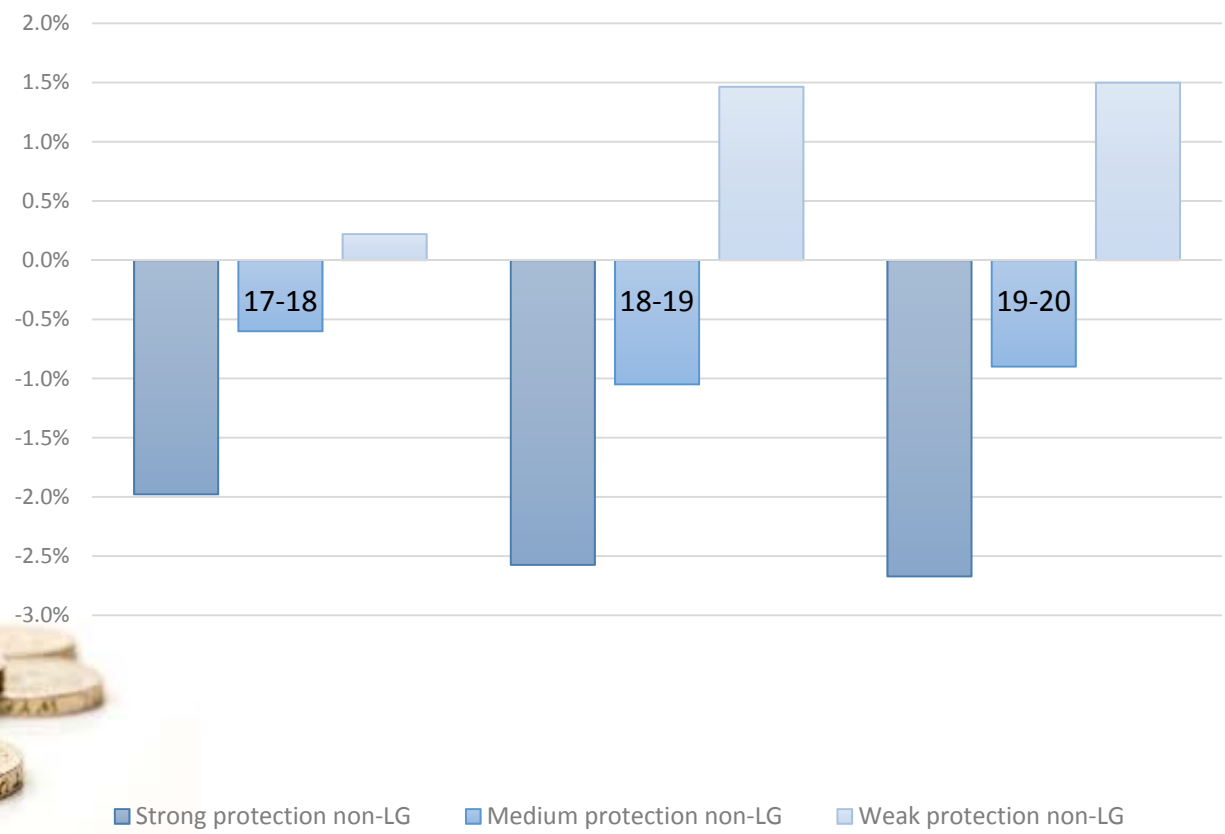
Change in per capita service spend (adjusted for inflation)





What does the future hold for local government in Wales?

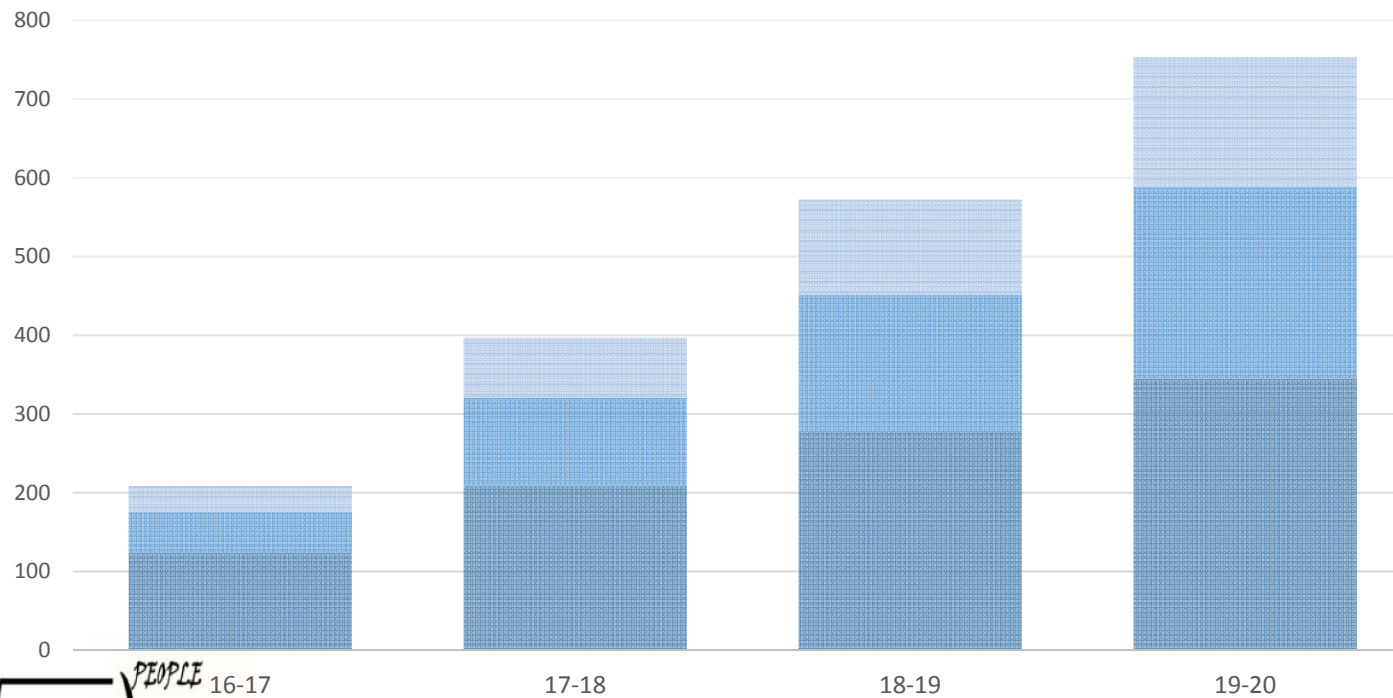
Future Funding Outcomes, AEF 17-18 to 19-20





What does the future hold for local government in Wales?

Future Budget Pressures to 19-20 (£m)



$\left(\sqrt{\frac{\text{VISION}}{\text{STRATEGY}}} \right)^{\text{PEOPLE}} = \text{GOALS}$

■ Pay & Pensions ■ Demography ■ Inflation



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Tony Travers is a very busy man



Ambition for change: Aiming higher

Independent Commission on Local Government Finance Wales





Williams, Draft Local Government Bill – The end of the “Back to the Future” Options?

PROPOSED NEW COUNCIL MAP

BASED ON 8 LOCAL AUTHORITIES



JAGUAR



New Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

LGR - The thoughts of Professor Mark Drakeford



"Not committed to any particular solution... we've got to be prepared to have a wider sort of conversation".

"People are very willing to agree that there are challenges facing local government that have to be faced up to and have to be solved,"

"Lines on a map is part of it, but only one part of it".

"The reality is that we couldn't in the last assembly - and we know that we couldn't in this assembly - summon the votes together to put that map into legislation.

"We must accommodate ourselves to that reality and find a different way forward."



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The City Region agenda

Cardiff Capital Region City Deal



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County Borough Council



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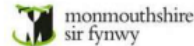
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Engaging with the Public



THIS IS OUR
MOMENT

Monmouthshire Engages Budget 2015/2016



The financial challenges that Monmouthshire County Council faces this year are set to get harder. We want to talk to you and explain the situation. We want to be open and honest with you about what we can afford to continue to provide. We want you to be honest and open with us about what is important to you. We are having a number of public meetings to make sure you have your say.

1st October	Monmouth Leisure Centre	6.00pm – 8.00pm
2nd October	Caldicot Leisure Centre	6.00pm – 8.00pm
6th October	Abergavenny Leisure Centre	6.00pm – 8.00pm
8th October	Usk Primary School	6.00pm – 8.00pm
9th October	Chepstow Leisure Centre	6.00pm – 8.00pm

#monmouthshireengages



Sir Fynwy yn



What are you looking for?

- Popular tasks
- Resident
- Business
- Things to do
- The council
- Get involved

CAERPHELLY'S BUDGET CHALLENGE

Budget consultation 2016/17

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Cardiff Debate
Sgwrs Caerdydd
£117m budget challenge

SHAPING BRIDGEND'S FUTURE



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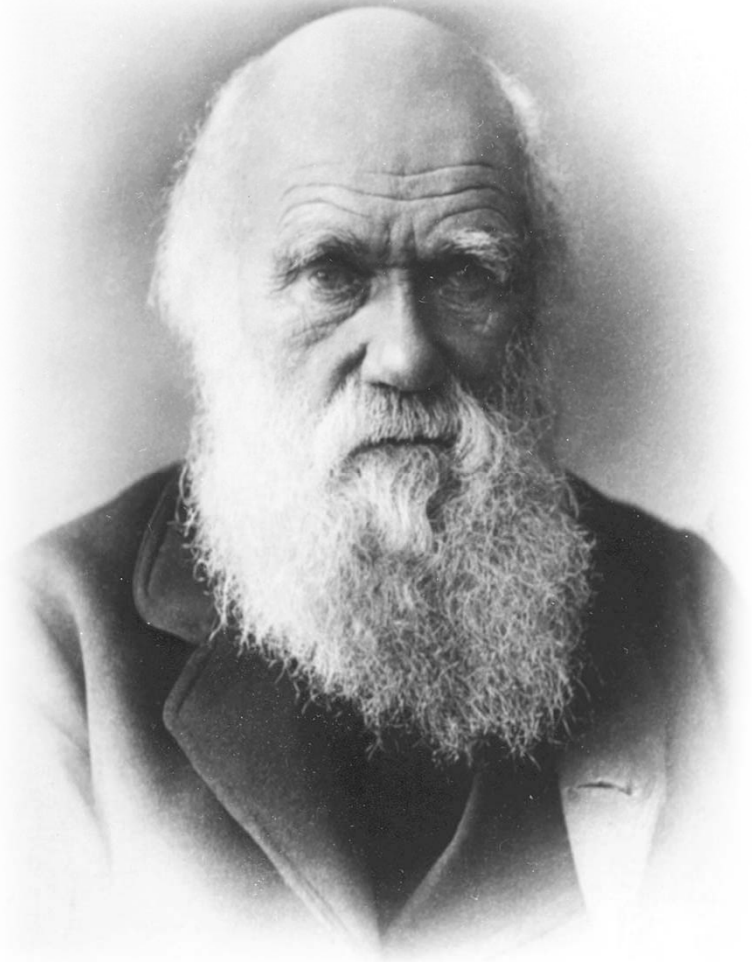
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Digitalisation – The next stage of service evolution





Does this tell us anything about local government reform?



“It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change”



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Thanks for listening

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