

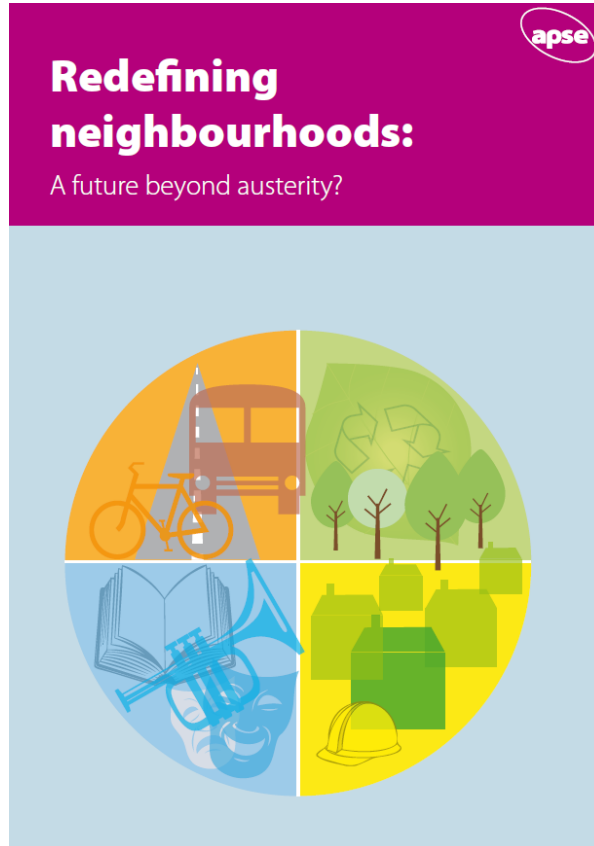


General Election 2017

**What does it mean to local council
finances and local authority
transport and fleet?**

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The big picture on finance



Reductions in spending



- Neighbourhood services have been the hardest hit of all local government services.
- Spending on neighbourhood services in England fell £3.1bn or 13 per cent between 2010/11 and 2015/16 while spending on social care rose £2.2bn.

Share of spend in the economy



- UK Local government's spending as a share of the economy is falling sharply. In 2010/11, UK local government current expenditure accounted for 8.4 per cent of the economy.
- By 2015/16, it had fallen to 6.7 per cent. By 2021/22, it will be down to 5.7 per cent, a 60 year low.

Spending in poorer areas



- The most deprived local authorities have seen the biggest fall in spending on neighbourhood services. Spending on neighbourhood services fell 22 per cent among the most deprived fifth of Local Councils over five years but
- Only five per cent in better off areas.

Spend as a share central government expenditure



- UK central government current expenditure has held up.
- For every £100 central government spent in 2010/11, local government spent £67
- By 2018/19, it will be down to £50.

Impact on frontline services



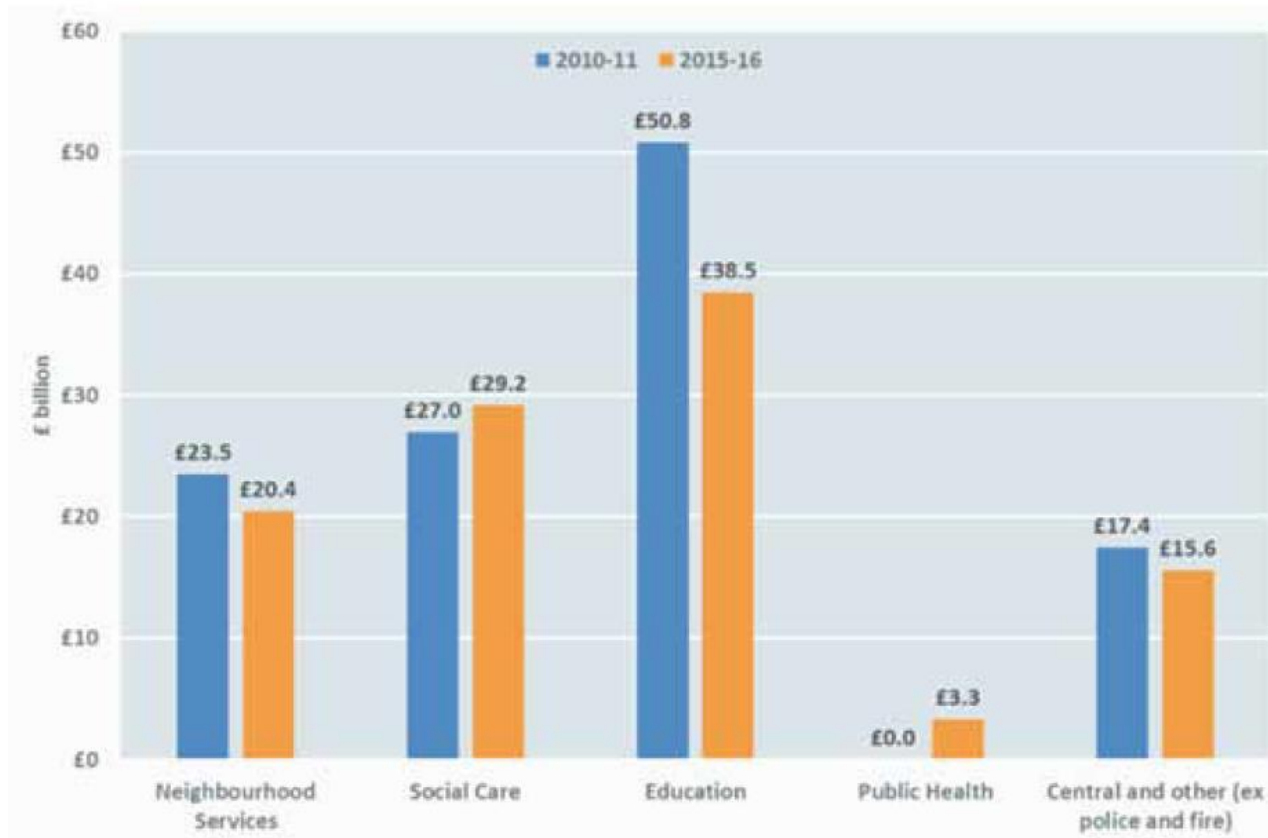
- The worst hit neighbourhood services have seen spending fall by 50 per cent, and most services have seen falls of at least 20 per cent.
- English local councils spending fell by 41 to 50 per cent in three of the 40 individual neighbourhood services
- By 31 to 40 per cent in four (including crime, safety and CCTV) and by 21 to 30 per cent in seven (including sport and recreation and road and bridge maintenance).

The share of spend in broad 'neighbourhood services



2015/16	£bn	Share
Neighbourhood services		
Highways and transport	£7.4	7%
Cultural and related	£3.8	4%
Environmental and regulatory	£6.8	6%
Planning and development	£2.5	2%

Spend between 2010/11 and 2015/16



Transport, safety, buses?



- Outcomes for the most deprived authorities in England are extraordinary. These include support for bus services down by two thirds; spending on crime reduction, safety and CCTV down by a half; road safety and school crossings down by a third; food and water safety down by a quarter. This is changing the very nature of local government.

Area by area reductions?



- 13% down in Highways
- 1% down in environmental and regulatory services
- 20% down in culture services
- 27% in planning and development

Impact on transport and fleet?



- Skewing effect on spend as service budgets reduce
- Investment strategies?
- Capital v Revenue Spend
- Best price or Best Value?
- Uncertainty in budget setting

And the small matter of the General Election





Immediate issues

- Brexit – The great repeal bill
- EU transport and vehicle regulations
- Domestic pressures – clean air zones?
- Diesel – will it be phased out?
- Local government finance settlement
- Social care –reform on hold?

Business rates? The reforms fell at the call for the General election – will they be revisited?



Council tax? If RSG disappears will your council raise enough from council tax?



What will councils now concentrate on?



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