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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......

The New Chancellor



Stability Rule: to ensure that in each fiscal event for the next two years, the current budget is forecast to be "in balance" by 2029-30 at latest – that is, resource spending is met from taxes and other revenues (with a surplus or deficit of no more than 0.5% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)). Thereafter, the current budget should always be in balance by the third year of the rolling forecast period;

Investment Rule: to ensure that in each fiscal event for the next two years, net financial debt (Public Sector Net Financial Liabilities) is forecast to be falling as a proportion of GDP by 2029-30 at latest. Thereafter, this ratio should always be falling by the third year of the rolling forecast period.

Budget 2024 – The headlines

- £1.3 billion extra funding for the next financial year
- Council tax cap of 5% remains
- 3.2% in real terms (£1.9 BN overall uplift)
- Extended Producer Responsibility £1.1 BN
- £90m to renovate and build children's homes;
- £30m will be provided to rollout free breakfast clubs in schools (tripling this funding

- An extra £500m for local roads maintenance
- Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) Phase 4, over £1bn of funding
- £5 billion for housing investment in 2025-26", to enable the Government to achieve its commitment to build 1.5 million homes over Parliament. The Affordable Homes Programme budget is increased by £500m, to £3.1bn
- Capital spend on remediating unsafe buildings is to rise to over £1bn in 2025-26
- £50m will be provided "to expedite the planning process"

Resource

MHCLG – Local Government: +£1.9bn (+15.0%)

- MHCLG Housing and Communities: +£0.1bn (+1.7%)
- Core schools: +£2.3bn (+3.8%)
- Other education: +£1.8bn (+6.7%)
- NHS England: +£10.5bn (+5.8%)
- Other Health and Social Care: -£0.2bn (-2.0%)
- Transport: -£0.0bn (-0.2%)
- Environment, Food and Rural Affairs: -£0.0bn (-0.5%)
- Culture, Media and Sport: -£0.0bn (-1.2%)
- Work and Pensions: +£1.1bn (12.3%)

Capital DEL:

- MHCLG: +£0.3bn (+3.3%)
- Education: +£1.2bn (+22.1%)
- Health & Social Care: +£1.8bn (+15.5%)
- Transport: +£1.2bn (+5.7%)
- Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:
 +£0.4bn (+19.6%)
- Culture, Media and Sport: -£0.1bn (-9.2%)
- Work and Pensions: +£0.0bn (+1.2%)

Homelessness

 £233m of additional spending in 2025-26 to prevent rough sleeping and further rises in the number of families in temporary accommodation.

Parks funding



What does this look like?



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