

Draft Budget 2016 – 2017

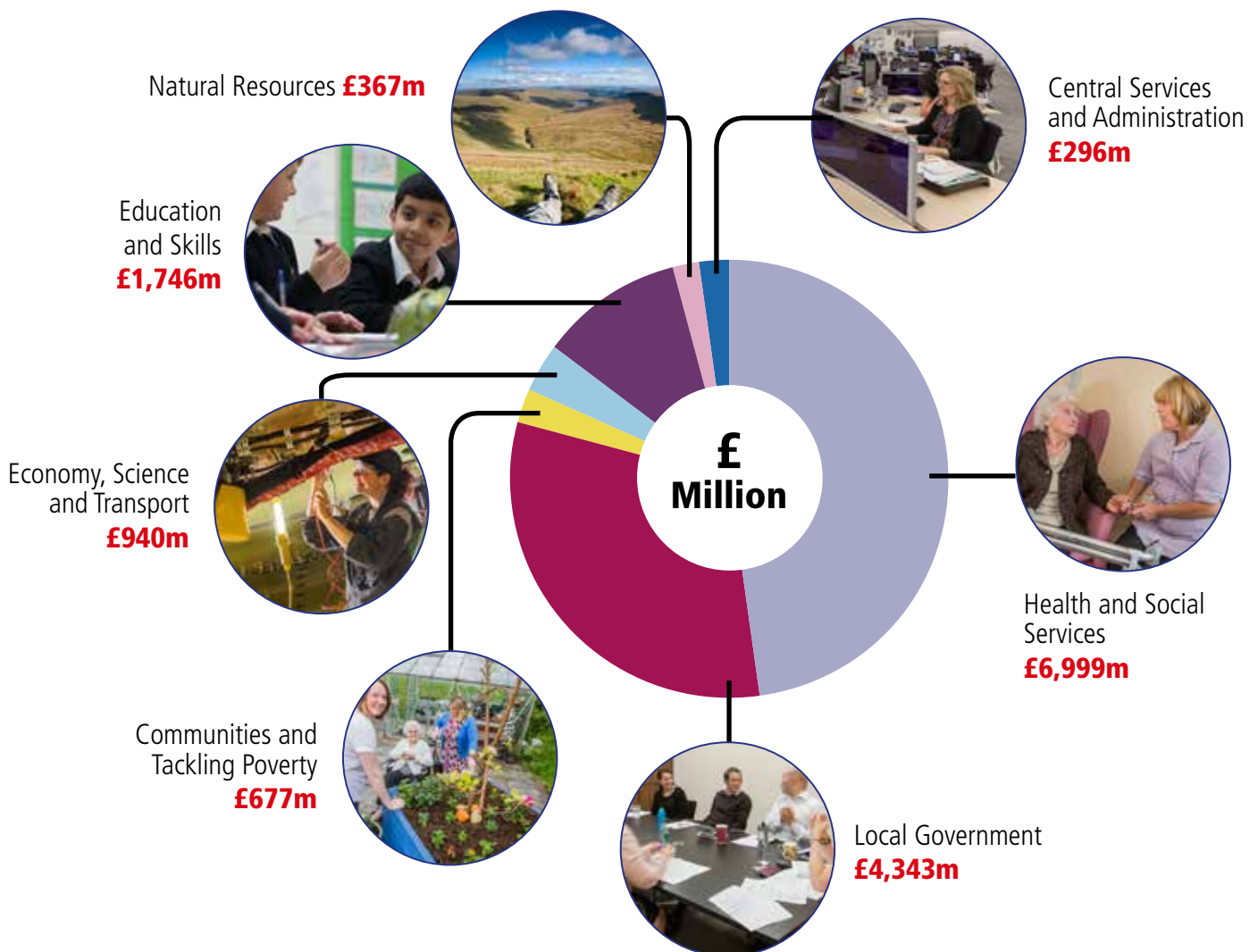
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Our spending plans next year focus on our priorities and the services which mean the most to the people of Wales. Next year, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act comes into force and we have used the framework of the Act to develop our plans.



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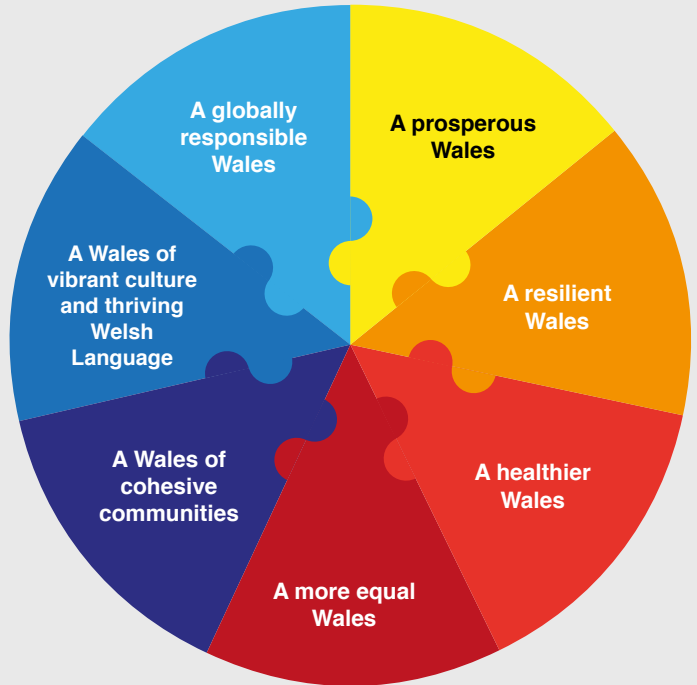
Financial Outlook

The Welsh Budget for the next four years was set by the UK Government in its Spending Review on 25 November 2015. We have had a challenging settlement which has seen the Welsh Budget cut in real terms over five years, on top of an 8% reduction over the last five years.

Despite the cuts, we are spending more per head on health than in England, more per head on health and social services combined and more per head on education. This shows the value we place on supporting our key public services in Wales.

Looking To The Long Term

We have had to make difficult decisions about how to spend our budget next year. As we look towards the future, our plans match our ambitions for the people of Wales. In April 2016, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act comes into force and it will influence the way that the public sector decides how to use resources. The seven well-being Goals provide a shared vision for all public sector bodies, duty-bound to the Act.



Involvement



Collaboration

During her Budget Tour across Wales, the Minister for Finance talked to people who work in public services on the front line, and the people who use our services, about their priorities.



Integration



Collaboration

We are working across traditional boundaries to drive the further integration of services to achieve better outcomes for the people of Wales.



Prevention



Long Term

We are focusing on services which try to prevent problems, or stop them getting worse. We are planning for demands now and in the longer term.

Our Budget Priorities for Wales

We are using our Budget to focus on four priority areas – Health and Health Services, Growth and Jobs, Educational Attainment and Supporting Children, Families and Deprived Communities. This is how we have allocated the Budget to support our priorities and on the services that matter most to the people of Wales. Our Draft Budget for 2016-17 reflects our priorities and values.



Health and Health Services

Protecting and boosting investment which contributes to achieving a healthier, more equal and prosperous Wales.

To drive up standards, improve outcomes for patients and secure a sustainable and universal health service, there is an **additional £260m revenue** and **£33.5m capital** for the NHS which will fund an extra:

- £200m to support hospitals and GPs
- £30m to boost the Intermediate Care Fund to £50m
- £30m for older people and mental health services
- £33.5m capital for equipment, ICT and infrastructure
- we are also protecting our funding for public health services.



Growth and Jobs

Protecting and boosting investment in infrastructure which contributes to achieving a prosperous Wales.

To drive sustained economic growth, support housing, the environment and to create jobs, there is an **additional £166.5m capital** which will fund an extra:

- £26m+ to extend Help to Buy Cymru – helping people afford their own homes
- £28m to support businesses in Wales
- £10m to improve transport links
- £10m for Green Growth Wales to reduce carbon emissions and make better use of our energy and water; and NEST to help keep people warm in their homes
- £10m for Flood and Coastal Risk Management.



Educational Attainment

Protecting and boosting investment which contributes to achieving more cohesive communities, a more equal and prosperous Wales and the vibrant culture of Wales.

To drive up standards in education and to improve life chances, there is an extra **£100m** for education and skills – an **additional £70m revenue** and **£30m capital** which will fund an extra:

- £40m for schools to help all pupils achieve their potential
- £15m for Schools Challenge Cymru to help under-performing schools improve their performance
- £5m to the post-16 sector for 2,500 new apprenticeships
- £10m for student support in Higher Education
- £30m for the 21st Century Schools programme – supporting school improvements and better educational outcomes
- Protecting post-16 sector budgets from cash reductions



Supporting Children, Families and Deprived Communities

Protecting and boosting investment which contributes to achieving a more equal Wales, cohesive communities and healthier, more prosperous Wales.

To provide effective support for people at different stages and circumstances in life and to sustain strong communities, there is over **£26m additional revenue** which will fund an extra:

- £21m for social services provided by local government
- £3m for Inspectorates to support safe and quality services in health, social care, and education
- £1.2m to cushion the impact of reductions and to support the Welsh Language
- over £1m extra for Universal Benefits – free school breakfasts, milk, swimming, prescriptions and concessionary fares.

We are also protecting preventative programmes at 2015-16 budget levels:

- Flying Start
- Communities First
- Supporting People

To find out more about the Draft Budget, visit our website: www.gov.wales.uk