How does the Welsh Government spend its money?

Wales has its own government, which decides how it will spend its money each year to try to make people’s lives better. The Finance Minister, Rebecca Evans, sets out these decisions in the Budget.

Wales has more than £18 billion to spend between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021.

Most of this money comes from the UK Government and the rest comes from money we collect ourselves from people who live in Wales, which is called tax. 20p out of every £1 we spend in Wales comes from Welsh taxes.

Where does Wales get its money from?

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Capital borrowing by Welsh Government: £125m / Planned repayment of capital borrowing: £6m
Planned use of Wales’ revenue reserves: £125m

* Does not include annually managed expenditure (AME) or non-fiscal DEL
How are we planning to spend the money for Wales?

Health and Social Services - £8.74 billion

Paying for the doctors, dentists and nurses who help keep us healthy and on improving hospitals where we stay when we are unwell

Just over half of the Budget is spent on health and social services with most of the money, around £8 billion, supporting our National Health Service (NHS).

Encouraging everyone to look after their own health

We want to help people to look after their own health. We are spending £5 million on a healthy eating plan. We want people to make better decisions about their weight and what they eat because having a healthy weight is one of the best ways to lower the chances of you getting diabetes or a bad heart. We are also spending £2 million to help schools teach about the danger of illegal drugs; and we are bringing in a new law to help stop people drinking too much alcohol.
Housing and Local Government - £5.8 billion*

Paying for council services, including education and social care
Local authorities will be given almost £4.5* billion in 2020-21 to make sure we have schools and teachers, people who need to be looked-after get the help they need, and to provide the services you use in your local areas, like libraries and parks.

*These numbers include £1.1billion for non-domestic rates. This is a tax we collect from business properties.

Make sure people have a decent home to live in
We are spending more than £400 million in 2020-21 to help us meet our target of building 20,000 affordable homes over five years.

£23million is going into making 25,000 homes warmer and more energy efficient. People are less likely to become ill if they are living in warm homes. If the houses are built well it helps our environment because it doesn’t take as much fuel to heat them.

Education - £1.78 billion

Helping children to be more healthy
We are spending £2.7million for children aged 7-11 to be more active, eat healthy food and make new friends in school buildings during the school holidays.

Training for teachers and teaching assistants
We will be spending an extra £15million in 2020-21 - on top of the £24million in the last two years - to make sure people working in schools get the support they need to help them teach you and help them learn about the new subjects they have to teach.

Economy and Transport - £1.52 billion

Training and skills
Apprenticeships are where people are paid to learn how to do a job. They help people learn new skills that businesses need. We will spend £97 million next year as part of our plan to provide 100,000 apprenticeships over 5 years.

Improve access to IT, including computers, and broadband.
We are spending £14.5million in 2020-21 to make it possible for more people to use Superfast Cymru high-speed broadband. This will make sure there is fast internet in all parts of Wales.

Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs - £348 million

Protecting the environment
We have declared a ‘Climate Emergency’. We know looking after our environment is really important because we want the air we breathe and the water we drink to be clean and the food we eat to be safe. We also want to make sure we look after the plants and animals that are an important part of our environment.
Recycling more of our waste
Wales is the best country in the UK and third best in the world at recycling our household rubbish. We are looking to do even more and will spend over £50million next year and £250m over the five years of this government.

Preventing flooding
In this budget we are spending £64million in 2020-21 to protect the places we live from the worst impacts of climate change that are already happening.

International Relations and Welsh Language - £216 million

Protecting the Welsh language and encourage people to speak Welsh
The Welsh language is part of our culture and must remain part of our everyday lives. We want to see a million Welsh speakers in Wales by 2050. We will spend more than £20million in 2020-21 to help more people speak Welsh.

Promoting Wales as a place for tourists to visit
Visit Wales will have £13.2million to encourage people to come and visit our country and to work here, too.

Central Services and Administration - £386 million

This money is used for the Welsh Government to pay staff costs, I.T. services (including computers) and the Welsh Government buildings. It also helps to make sure everyone is treated fairly.

We are spending £7million to make sure everyone gets treated fairly. It doesn’t matter who you are or who you love, if you are rich or poor, a girl or a boy, the colour of your skin, what your religion is, if you are disabled, whether you speak Welsh or English or other languages, or where you live.

Every pound we spend can have an impact on your life.
To find out more about how we spend this money visit our website https://gov.wales/welsh-government-budgets where you’ll find each area organised by topic.

We want to know what you think about how the money we get in Wales is spent.
Write to the Minister in charge of something you are interested in and tell them what you think we should be spending the money on. Here’s a link showing what each Minister is in charge of. Click on their name to find out: https://gov.wales/cabinet-members-and-ministers

Here’s a link to the Ministers’ email addresses: https://gov.wales/contacting-welsh-government-ministers