



BARNSELEY
Metropolitan Borough Council



Making Barnsley better, together

The changes we need to make in Barnsley will be significant. We'll be making radical change to what we do and how we do it.

We're remodelling our whole organisation, by looking at every aspect of what we do and considering how we can do it better and for less money. This hasn't been limited to senior or managerial staff, but employees at all levels. We've kept you, our customer at the heart of all of our thinking and planning, and this will show in the way we do business.

We want to share this work with you to get your feedback, to build different relationships with our customers and our communities. By working together we

can get the best for Barnsley. We can make it a better place to live, work and do business. You've told us you want to be involved in any changes taking place, so please give us your feedback on our ideas about doing things differently.

Having saved £59 million in the past four years, we've achieved a great deal in the face of increasing austerity, continuing to meet the national reductions to our revenue funding. We knew it would be a challenge to find another £28 million in savings, while still improving our services. But by working together, we can become a leaner, more productive, sustainable organisation, and continue to protect Barnsley's most vulnerable people.

We've still got a lot to do – and this coming year is going to be particularly challenging, but if we can get it right, we'll be more sustainable, and in a great

position to start working towards a brighter future, a better Barnsley. Our priorities are to achieve a thriving and vibrant economy, where people achieve their potential, and communities are strong and resilient. Everything we do from now on will be shaped around making sure we deliver against these priorities.

Please take a look at the outline information in the next few pages, and get in touch if you have comments or questions. We welcome your feedback on all of our plans. We'll be carrying out formal consultation on any big changes, with special emphasis on the people who are likely to be most affected. You can find more information about this on our website at Barnsley.gov.uk/futurecouncil.

Please send any feedback to communications@barnsley.gov.uk, comment on Facebook or Twitter using #BetterBarnsley, or write to communications, Gateway Plaza, Barnsley, S70 2RD. We need to finalise our proposals in January, ready to implement changes from April, so please make sure your feedback reaches us by Friday 2 January 2015.



Overview of savings



Barnsley Council's finances

Barnsley Council has been harder hit by government cuts than the average authority, and has less capacity to raise money locally through business rates and council tax.

Since 2010, Barnsley has lost funding equivalent to £306 per person living here. This is £95 worse than the average for England and £390 worse than some better-off authorities.

Over the past four years, we've saved £59 million. Government funding is due to be reduced over the next two years, so by 2017 we'll need to have saved another £28 million.

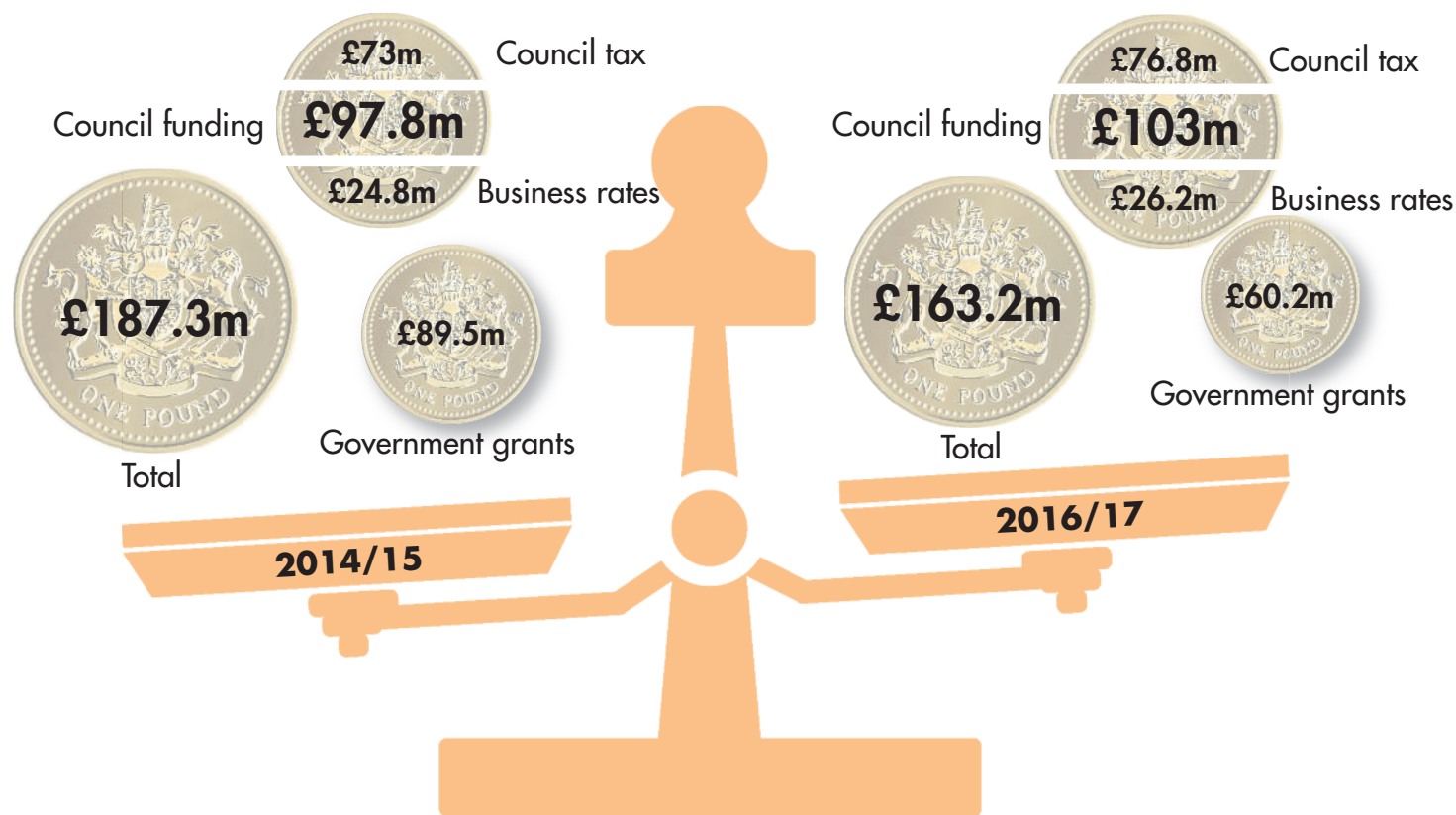
If we can work together and get this right, by the end of 2017 we will be in a strong financial position to meet any future challenges.

We will be spending £163 million in total with the majority of expenditure in the following priority areas:

Helping people to achieve their potential - £64 million

Creating strong, resilient, healthy communities - £32.3 million

Helping our economy to thrive - £41.2 million



Things we'll keep doing and do more of

We'll do more of this:

- Creating more and better jobs
- Attracting investment from businesses outside Barnsley
- Giving employment support to businesses, and promoting apprenticeships
- Helping people get into work
- Developing skills of 18-24 year olds
- Creating community hubs, with all services in one place
- Promoting Barnsley to attract more visitors
- Supporting vulnerable children
- Acting in a more business like way, including charging for some services to cover costs
- Helping people to do more online
- Supporting people to do more for themselves
- Supporting other organisations to offer more
- Working more closely with partners
- Buying services based on individual community needs
- Helping people to solve problems in their communities
- Developing the town centre and business parks
- Improving our cultural events programme
- Promoting sports and active lifestyles
- Supporting housing growth
- Making sure we're energy efficient
- Sharing resources with other authorities
- Working more closely with local communities
- Improving partnership working between different council areas

We'll keep doing this:

Maintaining

- Keeping the traffic flowing on the roads
- Filling pot holes and repairing roads
- Emptying the bins
- Cutting the grass
- Collecting fly tipping
- Maintaining parks

Safeguarding

- Safeguarding the vulnerable of all ages

Supporting

- Providing a youth offending service
- Effective school governance
- Assessing people to determine their needs

- Supporting people with mental health issues and learning difficulties
- Delivering adoption, fostering and residential services
- Delivering catering for schools
- Providing an independent living at home service
- Supporting communities to be strong, safe and healthy
- Supporting area councils and ward alliances
- Building community assets
- Responding to anti-social behaviour
- Supporting troubled families
- Providing support to enhance the quality of our housing
- Delivering public health functions
- Preventing ill health

- Making sure prevention is the starting point for all services
- Tax setting and billing
- Housing benefit payments

Planning

- Setting planning policy
- Building control
- Managing contributions from developers
- Planning validation
- Delivering a high quality cultural and heritage offer
- Maintaining bereavement services
- Maintaining statutory regulatory services



Things we'll do differently or stop



We'll do these things differently

- Improving our website, so more things can be done online
- Supporting people aged 14-25 with disabilities
- Helping people to stay at home for longer
- Shifting our focus to early intervention and prevention
- Reviewing the way screening and assessments are done
- Delivering common services in one place
- Creating a single contact centre for a better service
- Continually reviewing library services, changing some opening times
- Delivering health improvement locally
- Making it easier for community organisations to apply for grants
- A new approach to our town centre and district markets
- Reducing our financial contributions to external organisations such as Barnsley Premier Leisure and the Civic
- Creating new ways of working for our visitor attractions
- Promoting commercial opportunities
- Using council assets to support housing growth
- Streamlining management structures
- Using our vehicles more efficiently, using less fuel
- Reviewing our household waste and recycling centres
- Working differently with South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
- Reducing the levels of waste we produce
- Using technology more effectively
- Communicating at a local level
- Phasing out the MiCard
- Redesigning some public health services
- Promoting access to welfare services
- Arranging and providing transport for people
- Reducing printing and postage
- Reviewing archives services
- Collecting green waste in winter
- Charging for some non-statutory services



We'll stop doing these things

- Printing meeting papers
- Producing Open Door magazine
- Delivering services where they can be delivered more cost effectively by, or with, others
- Re-collecting bins that haven't been put out on time
- Delivering some free services such as housing management and landlord accreditation
- Offering an out of hours regulatory service
- Supporting some business centres
- Offering a mobile library service
- Letting bureaucracy get in the way of doing the right thing
- Supporting people who can support themselves
- Providing some intermediate care beds
- Contributing to Hospital @home and occupational therapy
- Providing a building-based universal children's centre service, by creating a whole family offer
- Providing a direct challenge service to schools that are good or better

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