

## **Budget Consultation 2010/11**



## Headlines for 2010/11 Budget

- Our overall approach is to protect key services, consolidate our revenue budget and minimise pressure in the Council Tax
- Savings of £7.1m required
- £2m to be set aside to prepare for an assumed grant loss of £4m in 2011/12
- Service improvement will come from capital investment



## Council Tax for 2010/11

Council Tax increases of between 0% 3.5%, in line with the unitary business case

Former District Areas	2010/11
Bridgnorth	3.50%
North Shropshire	0.71%
Oswestry	0.00%
Shrewsbury & Atcham	1.29%
South Shropshire	0.00%

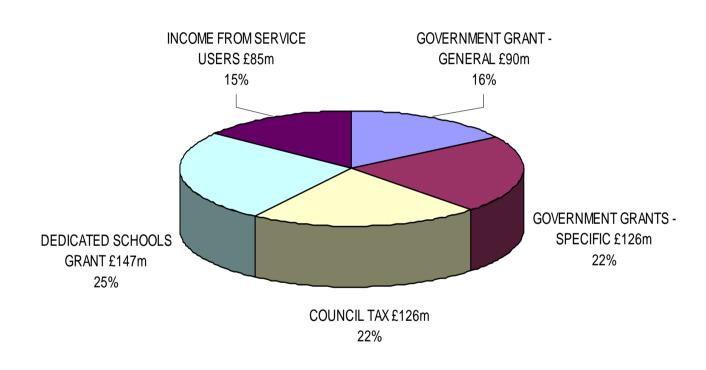


## What do we spend now?

	Gross	net		
	<b>Expenditure</b>	Income	Expenditure	%
	£m	£m	£m	
Education	224	15	209	43
Adult Social Care	97	25	72	15
Revenues & Benefits	67	1	66	13
Waste Collection & Disposal	29	0	29	6
Children & Families Social Care	24	1	23	5
Capital & Financial Charges	18	5	13	3
Highways Maintenance	14	1	13	3
Leisure & Outdoor Recreation	12	5	7	1
School Meals & Cleaning	12	12	0	0
Housing	12	1	11	2
Libraries, Culture & Heritage	11	3	8	2
Chief Executives inc. Corporate & Democratic Core	10	1	9	2
Planning	9	5	4	1
Public Transport	8	1	7	1
Street Scene	7	2	5	1
Other Services (Environmental health, parking, community	20	7	13	3
development, economic development, support services)				
	574	85	489	



## How we fund our expenditure





# We have listened to your priorities and will continue with, for example:

- Concessionary fares will continue to be provided on a equal basis across the county
- Street cleansing improvements are going ahead
- Under 18 & Older people free swimming will continue
- Local budgets spent by the Local Joint Committees will continue
- Disabled Facilities Grants
- Meeting Decent Homes Standards



# Does the budget consultation really make a difference?

Last year, following consultation:

- The Council Tax increase was reduced to 0% across the county (cost £1.5m)
- Additional growth for leisure and sports of £168,000 was added
- Improved access to out of hours services across the county was provided (cost of £50,000)



# Examples of Savings Required to Deliver £7.1m+

#### **Reduction in administration**

- Cuts in personnel, finance and legal savings
- Procurement savings
- Leasing savings

### **Making Efficiencies**

- Lean Reviews of Housing, Leisure, Planning and Environmental Services
- Rationalising accommodation, sharing accommodation with partner organisations

#### **Increases in Income**

Theatre Severn, meals on wheels, leisure centres, parking fees



### Pressures that we face in 2010/11

- Looked After Children
- Home to School Transport
- Special Educational Needs
- Meeting the needs of young people with disabilities leaving school settings



## Key Projects for 2010/11

- Scheme to provide 400 extra care housing units around the County, including facilities for the elderly mentally ill
- Savings to be delivered from carbon efficiency and energy management programme

### Schemes of local significance e.g.:

- New school built at Much Wenlock (William Brookes)
- Redevelopment of Music Hall in Shrewsbury
- A new leisure centre for Oswestry



## Further Consultations on Budget

- Full public consultations on 18<sup>th</sup> December and 14<sup>th</sup> January at the Council Chamber, Shirehall.
- Online consultation at www.shropshire.gov.uk

