

# Have your say

Public consultation on council priorities and budget options



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# Responding to this consultation

**This consultation runs from 22 November 2010 until 31 January 2011.**

You can respond to the consultation either using the form at the back of this document or online at **cumbria.gov.uk**. You can also email comments to **yoursay@cumbriacc.gov.uk** or write to:

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To be kept up to date as the consultation progresses we would recommend becoming a member of our consultation website at **cumbriacc.ning.com**. You can also follow the consultation on Twitter **@cumbriacc**.

The council's Cabinet will receive regular updates on responses during the consultation period. Once the consultation closes all feedback will be collated and a final summary report presented to Cabinet at the start of February 2011. Cabinet will consider the feedback before they agree a final Council Plan and budget to recommend to Full Council later in February.

This report will be publicly available and include responses from the council to issues that emerge through the consultation.

## Community events

The council will also be running 6 community events across the county through January 2011. The events will be an opportunity for you to hear about the council's proposals first hand, ask questions and provide feedback. Events will be held in:

District	Date	Venue	Time
Allerdale	11 Jan	Christchurch, Cockermouth	7-9pm
Eden	12 Jan	Evergreen Hall, Penrith	7-9pm
South Lakeland	13 Jan	County Council Offices, Kendal	7-9pm
Carlisle	18 Jan	Richard Rose Central Academy, Carlisle	7-9pm
Barrow	19 Jan	Forum 28, Barrow-in-Furness	7-9pm
Copeland	20 Jan	Egremont Market Hall, Egremont	7-9pm

If you would like to attend an event it would be helpful if you could pre-register by emailing **yoursay@cumbriacc.gov.uk**.

# Where should your money be spent?



**Eddie Martin, Leader of Cumbria County Council, explains the challenge facing Cumbria County Council**

It is a challenging time for Cumbria County Council. As the coalition government takes steps to reduce and repay the national deficit we know that the level of funding that the council receives from the government will reduce significantly.

However, this enforced stringency does present an opportunity for us to go 'back to the drawing board' to ask ourselves as your representatives, but to ask you also, what the role of the county council is, what our priorities should be, and what should be, in your opinion, the most important services we continue to provide or support. In other words, where should our money be spent?

It is clearly important that we prioritise the considerably reduced funding we expect to receive in order to shape our services to meet both the needs and the aspirations of the people of Cumbria. This will mean that some very difficult decisions must be made – it simply will not be possible to go on doing or delivering as much we do at the moment. We need to look carefully at how we do things; at what could be provided more efficiently by other organisations; at where we can work more closely with partners; and at how we can support and encourage local people and communities to take control and make a difference.

All of this will mean looking at different and new ways of providing some of the services that will be familiar to you. It may mean that we have to reduce some services in order to protect those that you have told us are the most important. We are proposing, therefore, three key priorities which will guide how we target our resources and how we should change our services. Namely by:

- Challenging poverty in all of its many forms including financial poverty and the poverty of ambition and opportunity;
- Ensuring that the most vulnerable people in our communities receive the support they need; and,
- Improving the life chances of the most disadvantaged in Cumbria

We believe these are the right priorities at this difficult time when these tough decisions need to be made. To this end, I have instructed that many of our services need to be completely re-engineered, not simply restructured.

However, please be assured that we remain enormously ambitious for Cumbria, and no less committed to helping Cumbria achieve its full potential as a first-class place to live, to work and, indeed, to play.

May I encourage you to take the time to read through this document and give us your honest and constructive feedback. In shaping the options identified in this document, council officers have taken into account the feedback you kindly provided at the first stage of public consultation earlier in the year. You have my word that we will carefully consider your feedback to this consultation before we make any final decisions.

Thank you

**Eddie Martin,  
Leader of Cumbria County Council**

# What we do

The council is responsible for providing or supporting a large number of services and functions - over 800 in total. Below is a summary of what we currently do.

Service	What we do now
<b>Adult social care</b>	We support vulnerable people and their families to stay healthy and live as independently as possible. We do this by providing advice and information and by paying for care services or directly providing them. We work closely with individuals, family carers, partners in the NHS and the Third Sector to make sure the support that people receive is as personalised as possible.
<b>Children's services</b>	We protect the most vulnerable children, and provide support to families in most need. We help children to stay safe, make healthy choices, enjoy and achieve at school and make a positive contribution to their communities. We provide fostering, adoption and residential care services, and provide services to support early years' development, youth and adult education, together with sport and recreation.
<b>Schools</b>	We work with schools and other partners to ensure every child has a school place, that those with special educational needs are supported, and that standards and the quality of education in Cumbria's schools are high. We also provide a range of finance, legal, governor support and property services to schools as well as catering, cleaning and school crossing patrols.
<b>Registration and Coroners' services</b>	We register births, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths and provide and keep the important records relating to this. We conduct marriages, renewal of vows, civil partnership, citizenship and civil naming ceremonies. We offer a nationality checking service, and support HM Coroners in Cumbria with their sensitive work.
<b>Archives</b>	We care for the historical records of Cumbria from the 11th to the 21st century and make them available for research to family and local historians, teachers, students and the public.
<b>Libraries</b>	We run a comprehensive libraries service across the county, through static libraries, mobile libraries and Library Links. We also operate a dedicated library service for schools, a home delivery service and a library service for HMP Haverigg. The library service has about 100,000 active users and Carlisle library is the 20 <sup>th</sup> busiest in England and Wales.
<b>Supporting businesses and the economy</b>	We promote Cumbria as a dynamic and competitive destination for inward investment, providing programmes to help establish new businesses and support existing businesses as well as supporting the development and delivery of Britain's Energy Coast. We remediate land to create new employment sites; provide support to over 700 social enterprises; secure and manage regeneration funding from external bodies including Europe. We address worklessness through identifying and establishing new programmes that address poverty in all its forms. We manage and operate the Port of Workington.
<b>Sustainability</b>	We lead the council's drive to reduce our carbon emissions and encourage better use of resources and work with partners to reduce the impact of and adapt to climate change.

Service	What we do now
<b>Waste and recycling</b>	We dispose of waste and manage 14 household waste recycling centres working with residents and communities, schools and other organisations to drive down waste to landfill and raise recycling rates.
<b>Roads and rights of way</b>	We manage and maintain 7,700km of highways, 1,700 bridges and highways structures and 44,000 streetlights and electrical appliances as well as public rights of way and open access land.
<b>Buses and transport</b>	We develop passenger transport services and support bus services where there is a clear need; co-ordinate the Rural Wheels and voluntary drivers schemes; support community bus provision; provide home to school and college transport, and adult social care transport; manage community rail partnerships.
<b>Planning and environment</b>	We provide a statutory planning function to protect and enhance Cumbria's environment and ensure sustainable development including: developing the county's Minerals and Waste Development Framework; working with partners on nuclear and related issues; providing development control services and specialist advice on strategic planning applications; deciding planning applications for the county council's own developments; advising on archaeological, ecological and landscape matters, maintaining the county's register of Common Land and Town and Village Greens.
<b>Trading standards</b>	We are responsible for the enforcement of a wide range of legislation controlling the advertising, marketing, distribution and supply of goods and services throughout the manufacturing, importation, distribution and service delivery chain. Our remit covers civil, criminal and contract law and includes food standards, product safety, fraud, consumer credit, animal health and welfare, weights and measures, trade mark protection, e-commerce and unfair trading practices.
<b>Fire and Rescue Service</b>	The core duty of our Fire and Rescue Service is to respond to a range of events from fires and road traffic accidents to major flooding and chemical incidents. We also work with residents and businesses to promote fire and road safety. We engage with young people across the county to help raise awareness of fire and road safety and reduce antisocial behaviour. We are also responsible for building fire safety enforcement.
<b>Emergency planning</b>	We work in partnership with the emergency services, military, health and voluntary groups to prepare emergency plans and other arrangements to respond to major emergencies in Cumbria. We also work to protect Cumbria's communities and help them recover.
<b>Community safety</b>	We work with partner agencies on community safety plans to address crime, antisocial behaviour and substance abuse.
<b>Health and safety</b>	As an employer we have duties to protect the health and safety of our employees, service users and members of the public who may be affected by our activities.
<b>Customer services</b>	We process and respond to residents' enquiries over the phone, online and in person via our customer contact centre and at our nine Local Links across the county.
<b>Supporting local communities</b>	Through our community-based teams and neighbourhood forums we listen to and respond to the needs of local people and bring together a range of people and organisations to address local issues. Working with councillors we provide financial help for community and voluntary groups.

## 2 What we are trying to achieve

### What's important for Cumbria

Whilst the public spending cuts dominate the news and the council considers how it can do more for less, it is important not to lose sight of the long-term aspirations we share with partners for Cumbria and its communities. The council remains clear about what is important for Cumbria in the longer term – which can only be achieved with everyone playing their part and working together.

***We want Cumbria to be a place with a thriving economy where we challenge poverty in all its forms.***

***A place where you can live in a high quality and sustainable environment and you can move safely and easily around the county.***

***More than that, we want Cumbria to be a great place to be a child and grow up in; a place of opportunity where young people are able to live happy and productive lives; a place where young people will want to live and work in the future.***

***We want you to enjoy an independent and healthy life and to be safe from harm, with more control over your life and a say in the decisions which affect you.***

***And we want you to have the best chances in life and to be able to fulfil your potential.***

### The council's role

Everyone has a part to play in creating the future of Cumbria. Individuals and community groups, public and Third Sector organisations, and the business sector will all contribute in different ways.

Over the coming years we propose that the role of Cumbria County Council should be to:

***Create the conditions for Cumbria's communities to thrive by putting people at the heart of everything we do, and work with others to deliver excellent services for those who need us most.***

### The council's priorities

We propose our overall priorities will be:

- ***Challenging poverty in all its forms;***
- ***Ensuring that the most vulnerable people in our communities receive the support they need; and,***
- ***Improving the chances in life of the most disadvantaged in Cumbria***

## What we will focus on

It is equally important that we have the same level of clarity within each part of the council. Therefore, over the next three years, each part of the council will focus their activity in the following ways:

### What we will focus on for **adults and older people:**

- Helping people live independent lives
- Working closely with partners to ensure people get the care they need
- Using new technology to help keep people safe
- Promoting active living

### What we will focus on for our **economy:**

- Supporting the county's Local Enterprise Partnership
- Maintaining and supporting economic development and regeneration activities which tackle poverty, develop skills, and drive the development of a thriving economy

### What we will focus on for **children:**

- Making sure every school is a good school, and that we have the right number of school places where they are needed
- Making sure that children are safe from harm
- Making sure vulnerable children and young people, and those with a disability, have every opportunity to achieve in and out of school
- Making sure that services work together at a local level to support those children and young people who most need additional help

### What we will focus on to ensure our **communities are safer and stronger:**

- Protecting people from fire, crime, road accidents and other emergencies
- Reducing risks to the people, businesses, heritage and landscape of Cumbria

### What we will focus on for our **environment:**

- Delivering highways maintenance where most needed to protect our critical infrastructure assets
- Protecting and enhancing Cumbria's environment through our planning and natural environment functions
- Providing passenger transport services which help local communities access key services; focusing on transport measures that support improved public health through active travel and improved air quality
- Ensuring we continue to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on Cumbria's roads
- Driving down the council's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and working with partners to ensure we reduce the impact of and adapt to climate change

### What will we focus on for **libraries, registration services and archives:**

- Continuing the modernisation of the library service, what it offers people and the places that it does this from
- Ensuring that we have an efficient archive service
- Modernising the way that registration services work with the public

### What we will focus on to make the whole **council more efficient and effective:**

- Making sure the council puts customers first, provides great customer service and keeps people informed
- Working in new ways to deliver services
- Working with partners to join up services and drive out waste
- Using ICT to improve our business
- Rationalising our building stock
- Effective procurement and commissioning of services
- Working with communities to make sure their voice is heard and that services meet their needs

## 3 How much have we got to spend?

**Until early December we will not know the exact implications for Cumbria of the coalition government's Comprehensive Spending Review. The information they have provided so far is about the decisions they are making at the national level. But we can be pretty clear about the overall scale of the challenge facing the council to save money.**

### How much we need to save

We estimate that the council will lose around £43m in revenue funding from government over the next 4 years. We also expect a 45% cut in capital funding (that's the money we use to build new schools and roads, repair buildings etc).

All this represents a very significant amount of money and a reduction in funding of this size means we cannot avoid making difficult decisions about how services are delivered in the future.

We also know that the council is already fully committed to spending in certain areas over the next 4 years; these are known as 'budget pressures' and are over and above the current budget provision. They include things like: a growing elderly population; protecting children in looked after care; inflation and potential fines from government if we do not reduce waste and energy usage. These budget pressures amount to approximately £13m in 2011/12.

In recent years we have been working hard to identify areas where we can save money; these areas are covered in the council's Medium Term Financial Plan and include the council's "Better..." programmes in transport, highways maintenance, property rationalisation, children's and adult services which are designed to modernise how we work and become more efficient. The total savings already identified amount to £27m over the next 4 years. These have been the subject of public consultation in previous years.

So over the next 4 years, taking what we think we will receive from the government, potential Council Tax income and budget pressures into account, we estimate we will need to make additional savings of:

- £24.8m in 2011/12
- A further £1.2m in 2012/13
- A further £7.6m in 2013/14
- A further £16.4m in 2014/15

This gives a total saving over 4 years of approximately £50m.

## Savings in 2011/12

Some saving options will only deliver partial savings in 2011/12 with increased savings in subsequent years. This is due to the timescales needed to deliver them. The options for change included below refer to the savings that would be delivered in 2011/12 which will contribute to the £24.8m we are required to save in this year.

To achieve this we are seeking to make significant savings through changing the way we do things within the council to make us more efficient and reduce costs. For example centralising human resources functions, management restructures, getting better value from external contracts, sharing services with partners and changing how we purchase goods and services. These are things that will not have an impact on services to the public but will make significant savings. Many of these are already planned based upon the work we did in our Medium Term Financial Plan a year ago. However we have identified further savings this year of £2.2m that would be achieved in 2011/12.

However, even by implementing all these changes we will not save enough money. This means that we also have to consider making changes to the services we provide to the public. These are the “Options for Change” described later in this document. At the moment these are only options. No decision has been taken to implement any of them.

The total saving that would be achieved in 2011/12 if these options were implemented would be £7.7m.

## Changes to specific grants

Government is also cutting targeted grants which fund specific services, mainly relating to children and young people, adult’s services and the environment. It is also introducing new grants in some areas, however currently there is little information available about these.

The total value of these specific grants in 2011/12 is estimated at £58.5m. We do not expect to lose all this funding but we are still waiting for final decisions from government as to whether some of the funds would continue but at a reduced level and as part of our main general funding from government. We would then have the choice to continue funding a reduced level of activity if particular services are seen as priorities.

While we wait for final decisions from government we are considering each area of service supported by an affected grant to decide whether or not we would continue funding the service from another source. But as a rule of thumb if government cuts the grant then the council proposes to cut the service it supports. The affected grants are described later in this document.

In terms of jobs we estimate that a number of posts in the hundreds would no longer be needed as a result of the savings options in this document. The council is doing all it can to reduce the impact of potential job losses, looking to achieve the savings required through other options such as; a continued freeze on recruitment, an increase in flexible working and the launch of a Voluntary Redundancy scheme. However it is unlikely that the council will be able to achieve the scale of the efficiencies required without reducing the workforce.

# 4 Options for change

Following the Comprehensive Spending Review, it is anticipated that we will need to find savings of approximately £50m over the next four years. Simply tinkering around the edges, and making small changes here and there, will not be enough to deliver the savings we need. We will not be able to carry on providing every service and activity that we do now, in exactly the same way.

Our options are grounded in three principles:

- We will place our **customers** at the heart of everything we do.
- We will **prioritise** and target our resources where they are most needed – protecting the more vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities.
- We will **re-engineer** our services and activities, changing them to make them as efficient and effective as possible. We will be innovative and find new ways to do things.

## Savings options and grant reductions

The council's Cabinet has asked council officers to identify options for change.

Below, in Part A, we have listed the options officers have put forward for you to consider.

In Part B we have listed the specific government grants that we know, or expect, to be reduced or stopped entirely. We are interested in hearing from you whether or not you feel the services that are supported by these grants are so important that the council should try and find money to continue with the service, bearing in mind that doing so means more savings have to be made elsewhere.

**No decisions will be made until we have clarity about the financial position from government in December and have and listened to your views.**

**Following this consultation the council's Cabinet will decide which of the options should be implemented. They will recommend these options to Full Council in February where all the county councillors will vote on whether they approve Cabinet's recommendations. Their decision will ultimately determine which options are implemented.**

# Part A Savings options

## Adults and older people

Option	Description	Saving in 2011/12 (£000s)
Review contracting arrangements for domiciliary care	We contract the independent sector to provide home care to older adults. The price the council pays for this care depends on the rates the provider charges, so prices can vary considerably from area to area. The option would involve the council setting a maximum amount it was usually prepared to pay for home care.	958
Review Supporting People contracts	Supporting People services provide help and support for vulnerable people to maintain independent lives. We contract these support services from a wide range of organisations, 59 in total. Almost all these contracts are now up for review and re-tendering. We aim to get better value from new contracts.	995
Review day services for older and disabled people	Currently the council provides or funds day services for older people. There is a reduced demand for this traditional type of support. Our research shows that people want services better matched to their individual need. This review would allow the council to deliver more flexible, responsive and efficient services that better meet need.	1089
Review social care transport payment arrangements	People who currently receive a social care personal budget would have transport costs brought into their allocation. This would allow them more choice and control over how they arrange transport to meet their needs and make more efficient use of the funds available to support this service.	50
	<b>Total saving</b>	<b>3092</b>

## Children

Option	Description	Saving in 2011/12 (£000s)
Remove funding for community use of swimming pools	The county council provides funding to support community use of swimming pools. This proposal would remove this funding. Pools in Cumbria are operated by a range of different organisations. In response to withdrawal of this funding they may choose to reduce costs or increase income to ensure the continued operation of their pool. There are examples of this being achieved in other parts of the country.	250
	<b>Total saving</b>	<b>250</b>

# Savings options

## Environment

Option	Description	Saving in 2011/12 (£000s)
Implement charging for on-street parking	Unlike other places, there are currently no charges for on-street parking anywhere in Cumbria. We propose to introduce charges for on-street parking in city and town centre areas and tourist hotspots. Blue Badge holders would not be affected by these charges.	<b>700</b>
Review operation of household waste recycling centres	We operate 14 household waste recycling centres across the county. Some operate seven days a week from 8am to 6pm. Others are open fewer days and for shorter hours. We propose to review the operation of each site taking into account usage. This option will mean fewer sites and reduced opening hours in some areas.	<b>1419</b>
Remove recycling credits payments	We pay recycling credits to the third sector (charities, voluntary and social enterprises) and private organisations which collect materials that can be recycled. This is a discretionary activity and this option is to stop payment of recycling credits to these organisations.	<b>194</b>
Reduce waste prevention activities	Waste prevention activity drives down the amount of waste produced in the county and increases recycling levels. This is a discretionary activity and as such, we are proposing to cut the waste prevention budget by 50% in 2011/12.	<b>325</b>
Reduce countryside access services to statutory minimum	We will focus and prioritise the delivery of our legal obligations, namely protecting the 7500km of Public Rights of Way in the county. Under this proposal activities that would no longer continue include: Rights of Way improvement plan, the Parish Path initiative, volunteering and promotional activities.	<b>806</b>
	<b>Total saving</b>	<b>3444</b>

# Savings options

## Safer and Stronger

Option	Description	Saving in 2011/12 (£000s)
Reduce staffing levels at stations with one pump and Landrover stations to one pump station levels	As part of a previous Integrated Risk Management Action Plan (2007/08), the decision was taken to replace the second fire engines at some retained stations with a specialist Wildfire Unit (Landrover). The crewing at the time of the decision was still at the levels required to mobilise both vehicles at the same time. It is therefore appropriate that crewing levels are reduced to allow the attending crews to choose which is the most appropriate vehicle to take to the incident.	70
Low Level Activity Response model arrangements	Fire fighters would work a day shift on duty followed by a time on-call with the total spanning 24 hours. During the on-call period they would be based in a property close to the fire station, not in the station itself. They would respond to emergencies but not undertake any other tasks during this period. Response times would not be affected. This system has already been introduced successfully in other North West Services. The proposal is to look at the principal of introducing this Low Level Activity and Response model in Cumbria. The first station to be considered would be Barrow fire station.	345
	<b>Total saving</b>	<b>415</b>

## Libraries, registration services, archives and other services

Option	Description	Saving in 2011/12 (£000s)
Review registration services	This would involve a full review of the registration service including opening hours, facilities, charges and how to make better use of premises and technology.	25
Review library and archive services	We will undertake a review of library and archives provision aimed at improving efficiency and reducing costs.	150
Reduce grant giving and funding to the third/ private sector	The council provides grants and funding to a range of local organisations through a number of different schemes. We propose to work with groups to make efficiencies and increase focus on outcomes through the grants we give. Where we buy services, we will provide clarity on what we need for the money and we will work with groups to re-engineer service provision to make savings.	348
	<b>Total saving</b>	<b>523</b>

# Part B

## Grant reductions

### Children's Services

Grant	Description	Value of grant (£000s)
Sure Start	Sure Start is a programme aimed at delivering the best start in life for every child by bringing together early education, childcare, health and family support. This programme funds the operational costs of Children's Centres across the county.	<b>13,582</b>
Connexions	This grant provides the core funding for Connexions services to young people. Connexions is the government's support service for young people aged 13 to 19 in England. It also provides support up to the age of 25 for young people who have learning difficulties or disabilities (or both). Through multi-agency working, Connexions provides information, advice, guidance and access to personal development opportunities for young people. It aims to remove barriers to learning and progression, and ensure young people make a smooth transition to adulthood and working life. It is currently unclear as to whether this service will continue to be funded.	<b>3,721</b>
Adult education	Adult education provides a wide range of learning opportunities for people aged 16 years onwards. There are courses for people of all levels and interests, both qualification bearing and non accredited in a wide range of subjects. A statement on future national funding for Adult education is expected shortly.	<b>2,599</b>
14-19 Grants	These grants provide social support to young people aged 14-19 for example, to help them into apprenticeships, provide support to young parents.	<b>1,664</b>
Aiming High Grant	This grant funds short breaks for carers of children with disabilities.	<b>1,619</b>
Youth offending	The Youth offending Grant funds preventative measures to target those children and people whose behaviour causes most public concern and aims to reduce the risk of youths offending in the first place. It aims to meet the needs of communities, families, victims and children and young people, whose behaviour can have a damaging effect on those around them and themselves as well.	<b>1,407</b>
Children's Fund	The Children's Fund is a universal, preventative service aimed at children aged 5-13 and connects Government initiatives that address social exclusion amongst children, young people and their families. It aims to shift the agenda from remedial to preventative action, contributing to the achievement of future outcome targets.	<b>883</b>
Learning and Skills Council	This grant provides the funding for the strategic commissioning of services for people aged 16-19 including learners with disabilities and learning difficulties.	<b>756</b>
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)	The CAMHS enables the local authority to develop joint strategies with Health and other agencies to support the mental health needs of children and adolescents within the county.	<b>648</b>
Sports grants	This grant provides funding into sports and recreation services.	<b>603</b>
Positive activities for young children	Positive activities for young people funding is focussed towards creating opportunities for young people disengaged from services, or engaged in risky and/or anti-social behaviour, to be involved in structured activities aimed at their personal and social development.	<b>586</b>
Carers grant	This grant provides funding to support carers.	<b>475</b>
Think family grant	This grant provides targeted support to families.	<b>359</b>

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<b>Care Matters</b>	This grant supports Local Authorities in reviewing and developing Corporate Parenting arrangements, improving children's participation through children in care panels, developing strategy and strengthening commissioning for Children Looked After to improve placement choice and stability.	<b>346</b>
<b>Extended right to free travel</b>	This grant is used to fund extended rights to free travel for children from families with low income. This is a statutory function as set out in the Education and Inspections Act 2006.	<b>334</b>
<b>Youth Opportunity Fund</b>	This fund provides payments to youth groups.	<b>271</b>
<b>Teenage pregnancy</b>	The teenage pregnancy grant aims to assist the reintegration and support of school age mothers back into the education system, and to support appropriate educational projects in schools aimed at reducing the rate of teenage pregnancy.	<b>258</b>
<b>School Improvement Partners (SIP)</b>	The SIP programme was developed to challenge and support school leaders as they assess how well their schools are performing, plan for the future and identify the support their school needs to raise levels of achievement for all its learners. The SIP service is fully funded by this grant which is to be withdrawn. The outcomes of this service are a statutory requirement of the council under Section 13A of the Education Act 1996, c.56.	<b>244</b>
<b>Primary National Strategy - central co-ordination</b>	This grant contributes to local authorities' costs for central co-ordination in delivering the Primary National Strategy, including supporting the introduction of revised literacy and numeracy frameworks.	<b>228</b>
<b>Secondary National Strategy - central co-ordination</b>	This grant targets under-attainment, improved leadership and targeted underperformance in schools.	<b>209</b>
<b>Substance misuse</b>	This grant provides early intervention and prevention programmes for tackling substance misuse and is targeted at young people.	<b>176</b>
<b>School intervention</b>	This grant provides support to local authorities to foster new and constructive support arrangements between strong and weak schools and other partners and to prevent or rapidly remove schools from Special Measures, Notice to Improve, Red and Amber categories and ensure their sustained recovery. This function is a statutory requirement under the 1996 Education Act.	<b>164</b>
<b>Flexible 14-19 Partnership</b>	This grant ensures that there are the necessary systems to support choice, diversity and collaboration in 14-19 partnerships. This includes supporting the 14-19 Partnership and the 14-19 Consortium, delivering local area prospectus, developing common timetables and dealing with the logistical challenges arising from collaboration and delivering the 14-19 reforms.	<b>137</b>
<b>Education health partners</b>	This grant supports to the Healthy Schools Programme, which provides a framework in which health outcomes for children and young people can be achieved.	<b>120</b>
<b>Post 16 transport</b>	This grant provides funding for all post 16 travel.	<b>120</b>
<b>Independent State School Partnership</b>	This grant provides funding to encourage the sharing of experience and good practice between state and independent schools.	<b>108</b>
<b>Secondary behaviour and attendance - central co-ordination</b>	This grant supports integration of behaviour and attendance into the Secondary National Strategy for school improvement.	<b>94</b>
<b>Children's social care workforce</b>	This grant provides training and development of the children's social care workforce. For example enabling the county council to meet national minimum standards and support its workforce with continuing professional development.	<b>89</b>

## Children's Services

School travel advisors	The Travelling to School Initiative aims to develop a strategic approach to school travel issues promoting the use of walking, cycling and public transport and reducing car dependency for journeys to school. School Travel Advisors are responsible for working with schools, and local education and transport authorities to produce strong and effective travel plans.	<b>72</b>
Child Death Review Panel	This grant enables the local authority to carry out reviews of any child deaths within the county.	<b>51</b>
Designated Teacher funding	This grant provides funding for supply cover for teachers attending training or child protection conferences in relation to Looked After Children.	<b>50</b>
Integrated children's systems (IT System)	This grant provides investment into technology supporting child care services.	<b>48</b>
Choice advisors	This grant enables practical support to be targeted at those parents most likely to need extra help with the school admissions process.	<b>41</b>
Children's Workforce Development Council	This grant provides training for social care staff.	<b>33</b>
Child Trust Fund	This initiative provides an investment for children.	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,104</b>

## Adult's Services

Grant	Description	Value of grant (£000s)
Supporting People Main Programme	This programme monitors, reviews and improves housing related support services to provide additional assistance and support to enable vulnerable people to live independently.	<b>10,104</b>
Adult Social Care Workforce Development Grant	This grant provides training and development of the adult's social care workforce, for example, enabling the county council to meet national minimum standards and support its workforce with continuing professional development.	<b>1,514</b>
Carers Grant	This grant provides funding to support carers.	<b>2,050</b>
Learning Disability Development Fund	This grant funds implementation of the 'Valuing People' strategy including provision of advocacy and development of person centred planning.	<b>452</b>
Mental Capacity Act/ Independent Mental Advocate Service	These grants support implementation of the Mental Capacity Act, assisting people who lack capacity to access services and make decisions.	<b>310</b>
Mental Health Grant	This grant funds staff and services to support those with mental health problems.	<b>1,593</b>
Preserved Rights Grant	This grant supports 120 people in residential care.	<b>1,397</b>
Social Care Reform Grant	This grant is used to deliver the transformation of adult social care as set out in 'Putting People First', including investment in personalisation, preventative services and the promotion of wellbeing, independence and dignity.	<b>2,563</b>
HIV/AIDS Grant	The grants supports staff training for those providing personal social care to those with HIV/AIDS.	<b>55</b>
Stroke Grant	This grant funds services for stroke survivors and their carers.	<b>182</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>20,220</b>

## Environment and community safety

Grant	Description	Value of grant (£000s)
De-trunking	£884k of the de-trunked grant is delegated to local committees to maintain the de-trunked network and surrounding arterial roads. The remaining £852k is contractually committed to the Carlisle Northern Development Route (CNDR) contract for maintaining the de-trunked roads in the CNDR contract.	<b>1,736</b>
Rural bus subsidy	This grant supports bus services in Cumbria. A reduction in grant will result in a reduction in the number of bus services we support.	<b>1,731</b>
Road safety	This grant provides funding for road safety initiatives. The council also contributed approximately £500k of funding to this area and we propose to continue doing so. Clearly even with the council continuing its funding with the withdrawal of the grant we will have to review and change what we do to fit our new budget. Our review will focus on safety cameras, road safety training and awareness campaigns.	<b>701</b>
New responsibility: English National Concessionary Travel Scheme	From 1 April 2011 the responsibility for running the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS), or 'free bus pass', transfers from the district councils to the county council. The funding for this will be included in our overall formula grant allocation, and we expect a reduced funding level of around £600k compared to current scheme costs. Therefore in order that we do not exceed the funds available, we will have to provide a scheme at the statutory minimum level. This will be subject to further consultation.	<b>600</b>
Community Safety grant	This grant supports the activities of the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and some county wide community safety activity. This work aimed to reduce the incidence of crime and improve people's quality of life.	<b>525</b>
Animal movements payment	DEFRA provides funding to recompense the county council for the costs incurred through the licensing and control of livestock movements in order to minimise spread of disease.	<b>250</b>
Aggregate levy sustainability fund	This grant supports communities affected by quarrying activities.	<b>150</b>
Cycle training	This grant provides cycle training in schools.	<b>120</b>
Transport asset management	This grant provides funds to ensure a correct and complete inventory of assets is held which is essential to enable the assessment of the maintenance requirement.	<b>97</b>
Surface water grant	This grant is contributing to the development of a Cumbria Surface Water Management Plan to support us in our statutory role as the lead flood authority in the county.	<b>84</b>
National Trail	This grant supports the management, monitoring and maintenance of National Trails.	<b>66</b>
Economic assessment duty	This grant provides funding to produce an economic assessment document which is a statutory duty.	<b>65</b>
Habitat regulations assessment	This grant provides funding to enable the council to comply with habitats regulations in relation to species and habitat conservation.	<b>17</b>
Open access grant	This grant is used to help us monitor and assess usage levels of open access land.	<b>12</b>
Ramblers grant	This grant supports open access land improvement and improvement to the Cumbria Way.	<b>3</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,157</b>

Have your say



# Your feedback

**1. We have identified the following as the top priorities for Cumbria County Council. Do you agree?**

- Challenging poverty in all its forms;
- Ensuring that the most vulnerable people in our communities receive the support they need; and,
- Improving the chances in life of the most disadvantaged in Cumbria

**Comments:**

**2. We have identified the following as the key areas of focus for each of our services. Do you agree?**

**What we will focus on for adults and older people:**

- Helping people live independent lives
- Working closely with partners to ensure people get the care they need
- Using new technology to help keep people safe
- Promoting active living

**Comments:**

**What we will focus on for children:**

- Making sure every school is a good school, and that we have the right number of school places where they are needed
- Making sure that children are safe from harm
- Making sure vulnerable children and young people, and those with a disability, have every opportunity to achieve in and out of school
- Making sure that services work together at a local level to support those children and young people who most need additional help

**Comments:**

**What we will focus on for our environment:**

- Protecting and enhancing Cumbria's environment through our planning and natural environment functions
- Delivering highways maintenance where most needed to protect our critical infrastructure assets
- Providing passenger transport services which help local communities access key services; focusing on transport measures that support improved public health through active travel and improved air quality
- Ensuring we continue to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on Cumbria's roads
- Driving down the council's CO2 emissions and working with partners to ensure we reduce the impact of and adapt to climate change

**Comments:**

**What we will focus on for our economy:**

- Supporting the county's Local Enterprise Partnership
- Maintaining and supporting economic development and regeneration activities which tackle poverty, develop skills, and drive the development of a thriving economy

**Comments:**



**What we will focus on to ensure our communities are safer and stronger:**

- Protecting people from fire, crime, road accidents and other emergencies
- Reducing risks to the people, businesses, heritage and landscape of Cumbria

**Comments:**

**What will we focus on for libraries, registration services and archives:**

- Continuing the modernisation of the library service, what it offers people and the places that it does this from
- Ensuring that we have an efficient archive service
- Modernising the way that registration services work with the public

**Comments:**

**What we will focus on to make the whole council more efficient and effective:**

- Making sure the council puts customers first, provides great customer service and keeps people informed
- Working with partners to join up services and drive out waste
- Using ICT to improve our business
- Rationalising our building stock
- Effective procurement and commissioning of services
- Working with communities to make sure their voice is heard and that services meet their needs

**Comments:**

### 3. Your views on our options for change

Having reviewed the options the council has identified for making savings we'd like know to what extent you support or oppose each option. The option titles are listed below.

(1 = Strongly support 5 = Strongly oppose)

#### Adults services options

	1	2	3	4	5
Review contracting arrangements for domiciliary care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review Supporting People contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review day services for older and disabled people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review social care transport payment arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Children's services options

	1	2	3	4	5
Remove funding for community use of swimming pools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Environment

	1	2	3	4	5
Implement charging for on-street parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review operation of household waste recycling centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Remove recycling credits payments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduce waste prevention activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduce countryside access services to statutory minimum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Safer and stronger options

	1	2	3	4	5
Reduce staffing levels at fire stations with pump and Landrover	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low level activity response model arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Libraries, archives, registration and other services

	1	2	3	4	5
Review registration services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review library and archive services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduce grant giving and funding to the third/private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Further comments on any of the options being considered:**

Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.



## 4. Grant reduction

Having reviewed the activity that these grants currently support we'd like to know if you feel there are any activities which are priorities that the council should continue to fund from other sources.

Listed below are all the grants which support activity in **Children's Services, Adult's Services** and **environment and community safety**. Select those you think are a **top priority** that the council should continue to fund.

### Children's Services

- Sure Start
- Connexions
- Adult education
- 14–19 Grants
- Aiming High Grant
- Youth offending
- Children's Fund
- Learning and Skills Council
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)
- Sports grants
- Positive activities for young children
- Carers grant
- Think family grant
- Care Matters
- Extended right to free travel
- Youth Opportunity Fund
- Teenage pregnancy
- School Improvement Partners (SIP)
- Primary National Strategy – central co-ordination
- Secondary National Strategy – central co-ordination
- Substance misuse
- School intervention
- Flexible 14–19 Partnership
- Education health partners
- Post 16 transport
- Independent State School Partnership
- Secondary behaviour and attendance – central co-ordination
- Children's social care workforce
- School travel advisors
- Child Death Review Panel
- Designated Teacher funding
- Integrated children's systems (IT System)
- Choice advisors
- Children's Workforce Development Council
- Child Trust Fund

### Adult's Services

- Supporting People Main Programme
- Adult Social Care Workforce Development Grant
- Carers Grant
- Learning Disability Development Fund
- Mental Capacity Act/Independent Mental Advocate Service
- Mental Health Grant
- Preserved Rights Grant
- Social Care Reform Grant
- HIV/AIDS Grant
- Stroke Grant

### Environment and community safety

- De-trunking
- Rural bus subsidy
- Road safety
- English National Concessionary Travel Scheme
- Community Safety grant
- Animal movements payment
- Aggregate levy sustainability fund
- Cycle training
- Transport asset management
- Surface water grant
- National Trail
- Economic assessment duty
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- Open access grant
- Ramblers grant



**Further comments of any of the grants:**

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