



Northumberland
County Council

A county that works for everyone

Local Area Councils - January 2020

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Outline

- Using Local Area Councils to debate State of the Area, and understand issues important to you.
- Delivering on our manifesto.
- Reviewing our achievements since 2017.
- Outlining our priorities for the future.
- Setting out how the council will deliver these and achieve budget savings.

Introduction

We are committed to ensuring that all of you:

- feel safe, valued, and part of your community
- live in distinctive vibrant places, which you value and of which you feel proud
- can easily get to work, to learning, and to the various facilities and services you want to use
- regardless of your age, have the right qualifications and skills to secure a good job that pays well and provides the prospect of a rewarding career.

In the last two years, we have made an extremely positive start, and started to deliver on many of our manifesto pledges, and have ambitious plans for the future.

DELIVERING ON OUR MANIFESTO

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LIVING

We want you to feel safe, valued and cared for.



ENJOYING

We want you to love where you live.



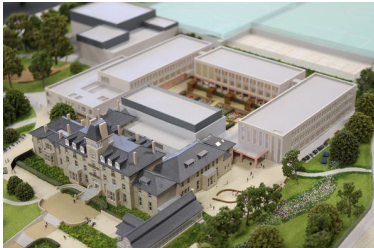
CONNECTING

We want you to have access to things that you need.



LEARNING

We want you to achieve and realise your potential.



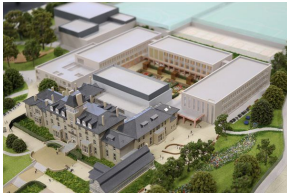
THRIVING

We want to attract more and better jobs.



FUTURE PRIORITIES

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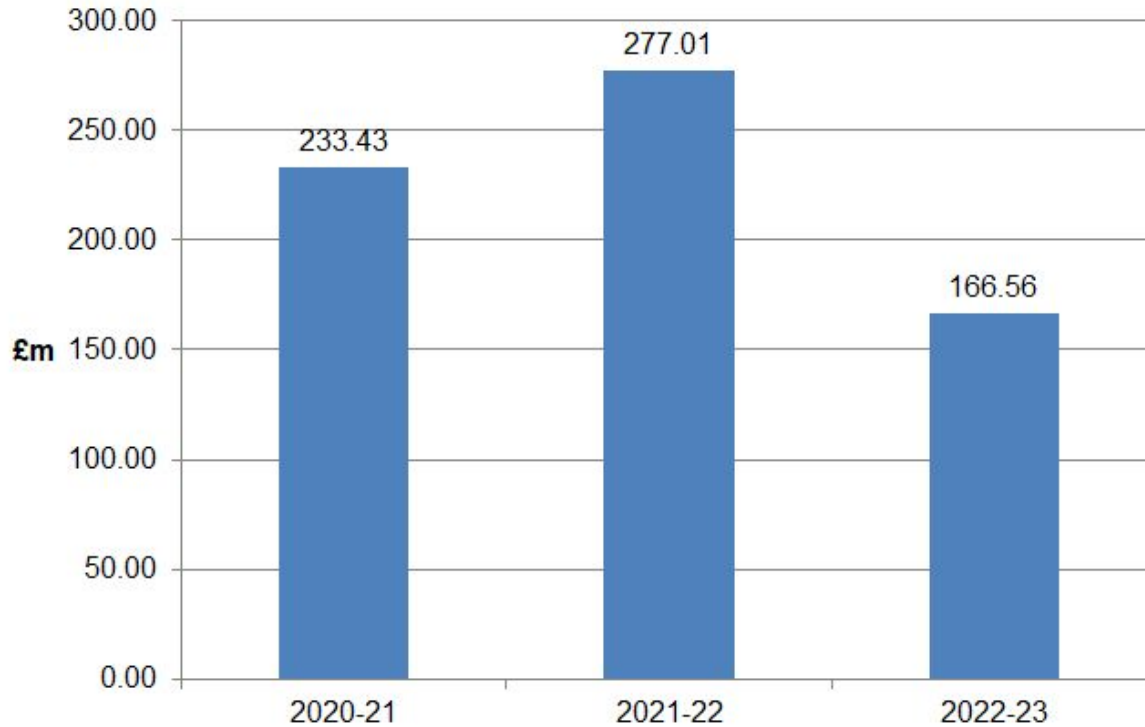
Budget Context

- Savings identified of £9.8m for 20/21 & work ongoing on 21/22.
- Increasing demand for services.
- Transition team driving service integration.
- Minimise impact on frontline services.

Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement

- A one year settlement as Fair Funding Review has been delayed until 2021-22.
- Grant funding remained largely the same as 2019-20 with some additional one off funding.
- Social Care Funding - £9.9 million for Northumberland.
- Basic Council Tax referendum limit - 1.99%.
- ASC Precept referendum - 2%.

Capital Programme 2019-2022



Budget - next steps

- Invite views from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Local Area Councils & On-Line.
- Final version to be considered by Full Council in February 2020.



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Any questions?

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Summary of savings by year

	2020-21 £m	2021-22 £m	Total £m
Total	£9.8	£11.9	£21.7

Summary

- Our budget position, whilst challenging, is under control - £21.7 million savings.
- Through managing debt better, revising assumptions around social care and local government reform, we've reduced the savings gap.
- The organisation is in much better shape to do more, with less.
- Financial prospects remain extremely challenging.
- Increased costs and growing pressures in demand remain, particularly in adult and children's services.
- Tough decisions still to be made but remain committed to protecting the most vulnerable where possible.
- Ambitious for our future with targeted £677 million capital investment programme.
- Investment from North of Tyne Devolution Deal will really make a difference to people's lives.
- Borderlands Growth Deal could act as a catalyst for further investment.
- Determined to shine a light on all that is great about Northumberland as a place to work, live, visit and do business.



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