

# **Austerity Conference: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016**



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# Austerity: Annual Impact on Hampshire County Council

- £22m a year average loss of government grant
- £18m a year average unfunded pay and price inflationary pressures
- £10m a year average unfunded social care growth (adults and children)

= £50m a year pressure

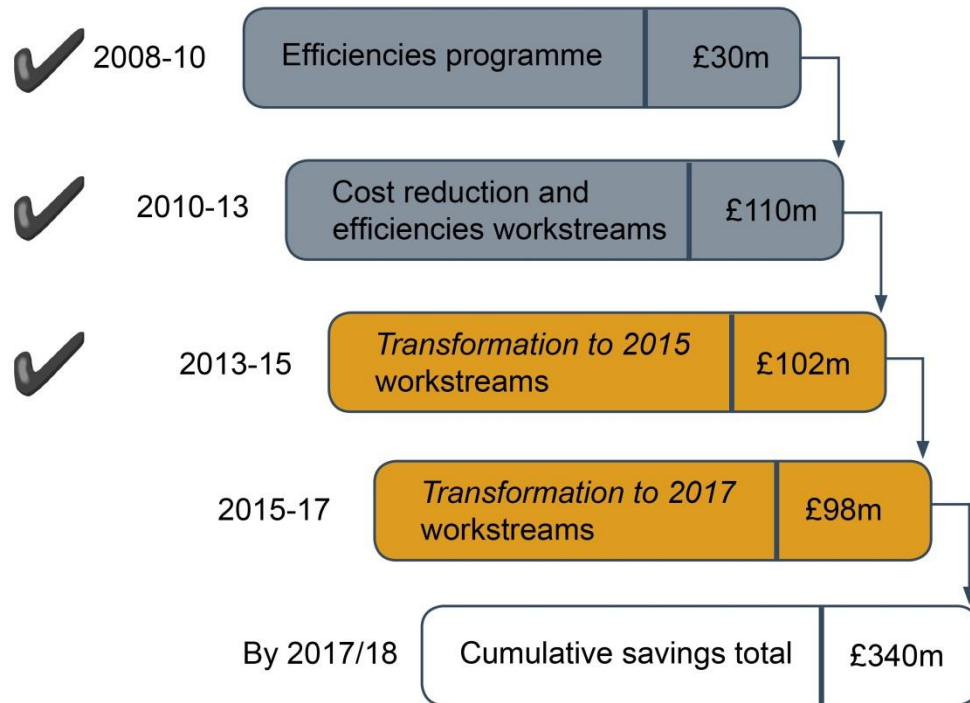


# Council Tax

- 1% Council Tax increase generates around £5m additional income
- Government restrict maximum to 1.99% plus (since 2016/17 only) a further 2% for adult social care. (However, this raised only £10m against an increased adult social care pressure of £32.6m.)



# Hampshire County Council's Cost Reduction



- Plus a further £140m savings by 2019/20 due to the size of government grant cuts and the need to release funds to ensure that key services remain safeguarded.

# Hampshire County Council: still investing in and serving Hampshire

Budget of £1.9bn for 2016/17,  
spending:

- £762m on Education
- £264m on Children's Social Care
- £442m on Adult Social Care
- £149.4 on Culture, communities and other services
- £146.1m on Highways, Transport, Planning and Waste disposal.



# Hampshire County Council: - supporting resilient communities

- Strong communities help reduce demand for high cost services
- We want to promote more support within communities – friends, families, carers, voluntary groups
- We maintain a strong grant programme for this purpose of £8m (2016/17)



# Transforming the County Council

To mitigate the impact of austerity on front line services, the County Council has:-

- Modernised - with more efficient processes and systems operating across the County Council
- Shared services with partner organisations
- Made better use of office space – saving £2m every year in running costs.



# The County Council has also ...

- Invested in mobile and digital technology eg for highways and social workers



- Reduced number of senior managers

- Made greater use of volunteers eg in the library service





# Impact of Austerity on Vulnerable Groups

- As the majority of local government services are targeted on the vulnerable – there will inevitably be an impact
- County Councillors receive an Equalities Impact Assessment report for every decision they are required to make
- County Councillors need to make informed decisions
- Hampshire County Council is committed to equality and takes the Public Sector Equality Duty seriously

# My personal commitment to Equality

- 2005-2010 Executive Member for External Affairs and Equality and Diversity
- 2006-2010 Co-Chairman and founder member of Hampshire Interfaith Network



# The Importance of Working Together:

- It is important for Hampshire County Council to listen to its communities and involve them in decision making
- Important to work together to find solutions to shared issues



# Questions?

