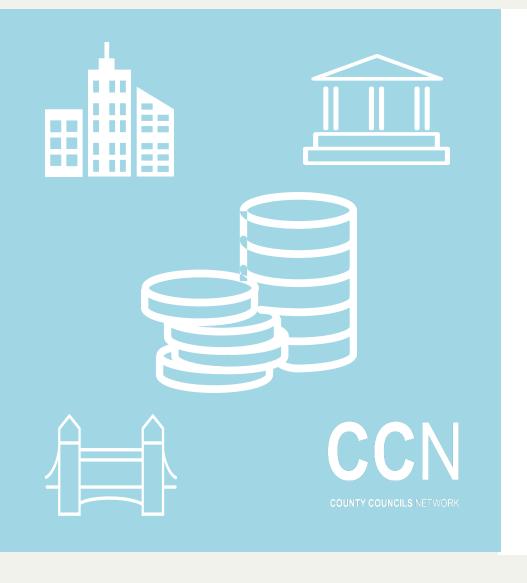




ADDITIONAL FUNDING

With local government facing unprecedented financial and demandled pressures, the Spending Review must set out additional funding for councils as part of a long-term sustainable settlement.



FAIRER FUNDING

Counties are the lowest funded upper-tier authority; hampering their ability to invest in public services. The new funding formula must be evidence-based, transparent and truly reflect all councils' present and future needs.



COUNTY DEVOLUTION

Government should reboot the 'devolution revolution' - and identify counties as strategic authorities; overseeing large-scale transport functions, devolved skills budgets, and planning over a strategic scale.



HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

If the government's social care reforms are to be successful, councils must be part of the equation, offering the local expertise and financial track record to make a success of the preventative and community health agenda.