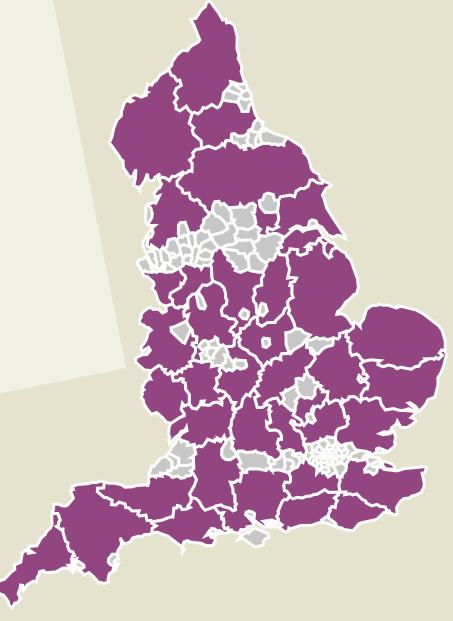


## COUNTYFUNDING

Ahead of the spending review



## The need for additional funding

£3.2bn

Worth of funding pressures in counties by 2020

DEMAND-LED PRESSURES £1.2bn

INFLATION £661m

GRANTCUTS& OTHERS
£1.4bn

## Funding pressures: the impact

How counties will balance their budgets



In 2018/19



- Council tax (£615m)
- Efficiencies & service reductions (£701m)
- **Reserves (£150m £200m)**

Frontline service reductions - 2018 to 2020

£466m

of earmarked savings will be 'visible' reductions in fontline services

44%

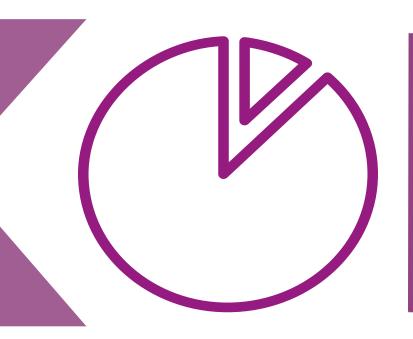
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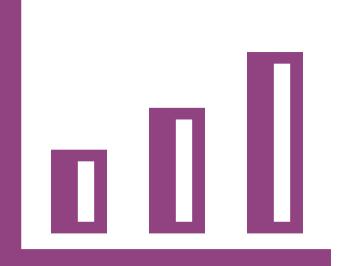






## N COUNTY LEADERS' CONFIDENCE SURVEY





HOW CONFIDENT ARE YOU OF SETTING A BALANCED BUDGET IN:

2018-19



100% - Confident

2019-20



64% - Confident

2020-21



34% - Confident



Cllr Paul Carter CCN Chairman

County authorities have delivered extraordinarily savings over the past eight years of austerity, helping to restore the public finances of this country. But costs outside of our control and demand for services, such as adults and children's social care, are adding additional unfunded costs of £1.5bn to our budgets over the next two years.

Recent research clearly shows that councils will need additional support next year in advance of the spending review. We will work hard to deliver the savings required this year, but the scope for making deliverable savings has dramatically reduced and decisions for next year will be truly unpalatable if we are to fulfill our statutory duties. Without additional resource, the worst is yet to come.

Counties want to work with the government. We need to start a sensible conversation with minsters this summer to provide sufficient short-term resources for the next financial year, ahead of a longer-term deal in the spending review.



