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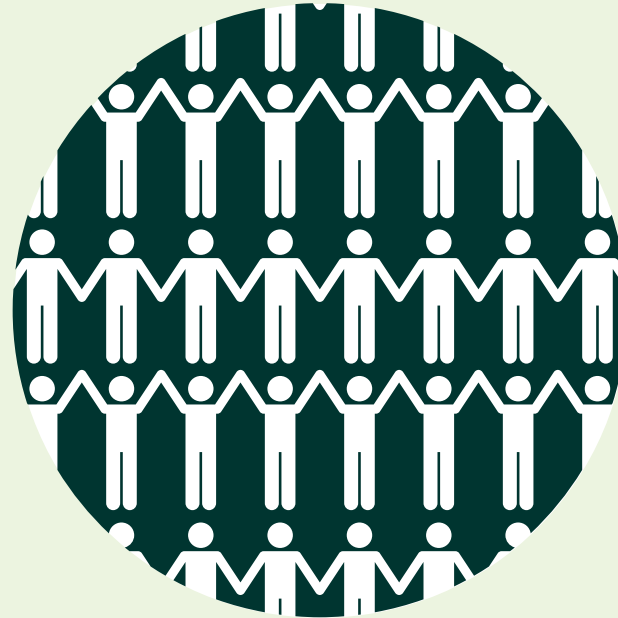
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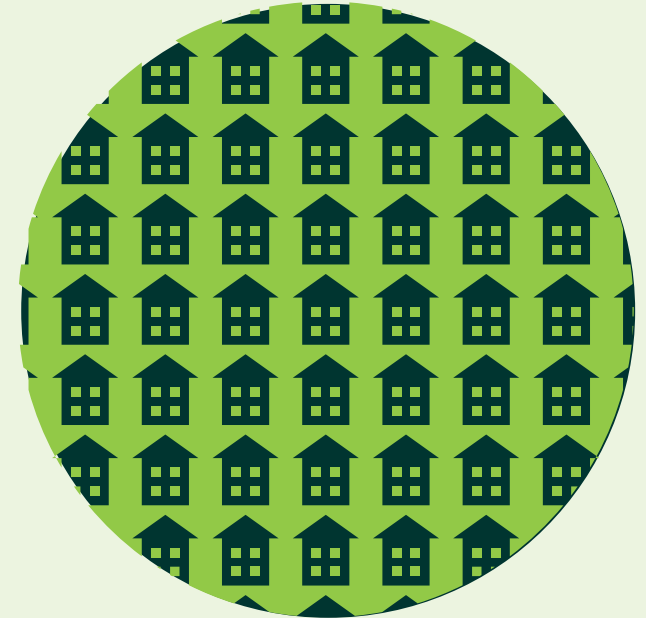
# Your Council



- We provide over 1,000 different services which help to *improve people's lives*



- We do this for 147,800 people



- Living in over 65,000 households

# *Your Council*



- And our population just keeps growing



- The largest growth is for children under five, and people aged over 65



- The Council provides employment for over 6,000 people

# Where does our money come from?



- Support grants from Welsh Government are our main sources of funding - but they have been drastically cut in recent years



- Council Tax only meets 20% of our costs (in most councils this is nearer to 25%)

# *Where does our money come from?*

20%

- Your Council Tax pays for 1/5th of the services you actually receive



- Council Tax levels in Newport remain the second lowest in Wales

# *Why do we have a financial challenge?*



Financial pressures and demands on our services are increasing due to:

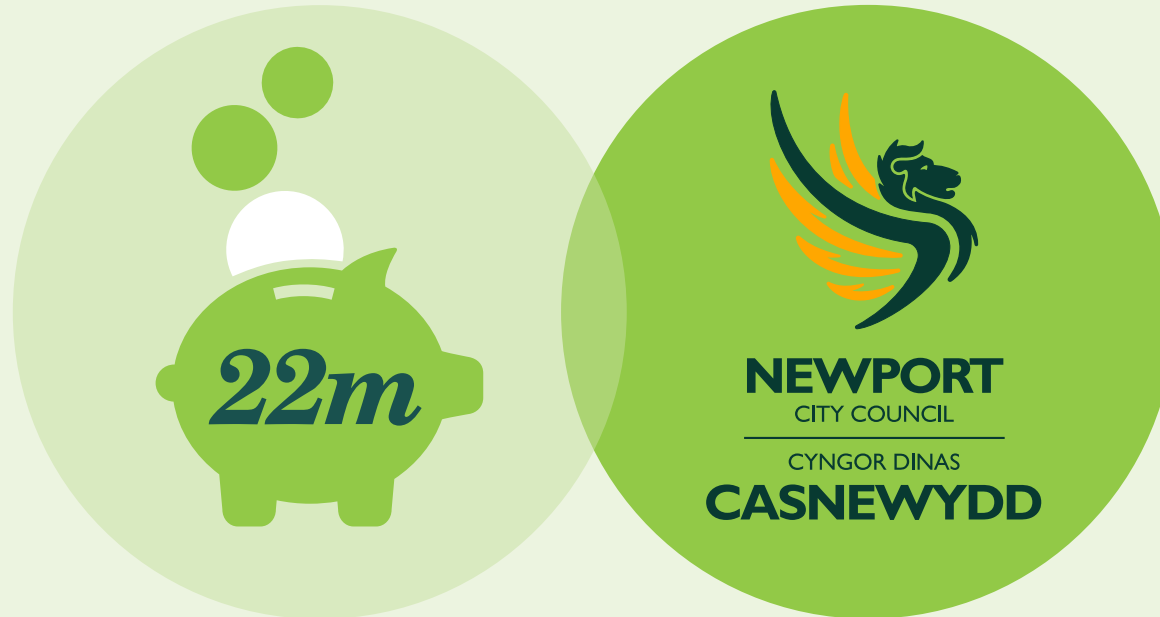
- Ageing population, increases in demand led services, care for the elderly and children, schools funding, National Minimum Wage, inflationary costs

# *Why do we have a financial challenge?*



- £48m of savings already made in the last 5 years
- We still need to find savings of £5.7m in 2017/18
- We have already identified savings of £2.2m, so still need to find £3.5m

# *Why do we have a financial challenge?*



- £22m more savings need to be found by 2020/21
- By law we must set a balanced budget each year – we can't spend more than we have



# *£5.7 million of savings for 2017/18, how much is that?*



- £88 less to spend per household



- About 6% of what we spend annually on schools



- 9% of the social services budget



- The salaries of around 250 council staff



# *So what have we been doing to meet this challenge?*



- Reduced council staffing by one third since 2011 (staff directly employed by the Council)



- We have sold land, buildings and property we no longer use or need



- Set up a property services joint venture



- Set up a charitable trust for leisure services

# *So what have we been doing to meet this challenge?*



- Reviewed our services to become more efficient



- Run fewer libraries



- Reduced street lighting costs



- Helping people to live independently



# *Local people could make a big difference*



**With your cooperation we can make savings whilst minimising the impact on services**

- Supporting a further 70 older people to live independently at home would save £1.5m each year



# *Local people could make a big difference*



- Recycling 70% of household waste in Newport would potentially save millions of pounds in coming years



- More use of on-line services would save £150k



- Preventing fly-tipping would save more than £170k a year in clean up costs



- Volunteers could help to run services e.g. a community library



# *The 2017/18 budget consultation*

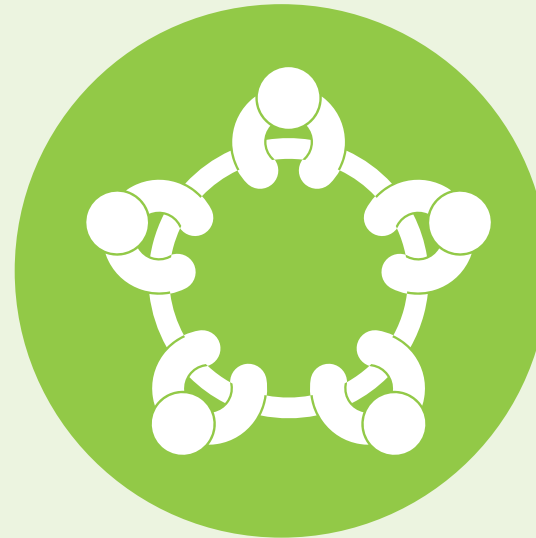
Up to December 2016, we will be –



- Asking you about the things that are most important to your wellbeing now and in the future e.g. services, facilities, places, community networks etc.
- Asking how you think we could do things better and save money?
- Considering the 3,000 plus consultation responses from the last two years
- Using accurate data on the population of Newport to plan services
- Working on further savings proposals for 2017/18

# *The 2017/18 budget consultation*

After cabinet in December –



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Public consultation on all the budget proposals

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The draft budget will be considered by Cabinet in February 2017

# *How you can keep informed about the council's budget*

Council budget web pages: [www.newport.gov.uk/budget](http://www.newport.gov.uk/budget)

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