

The Financial Challenge: The Budget

FACING THE CUTS



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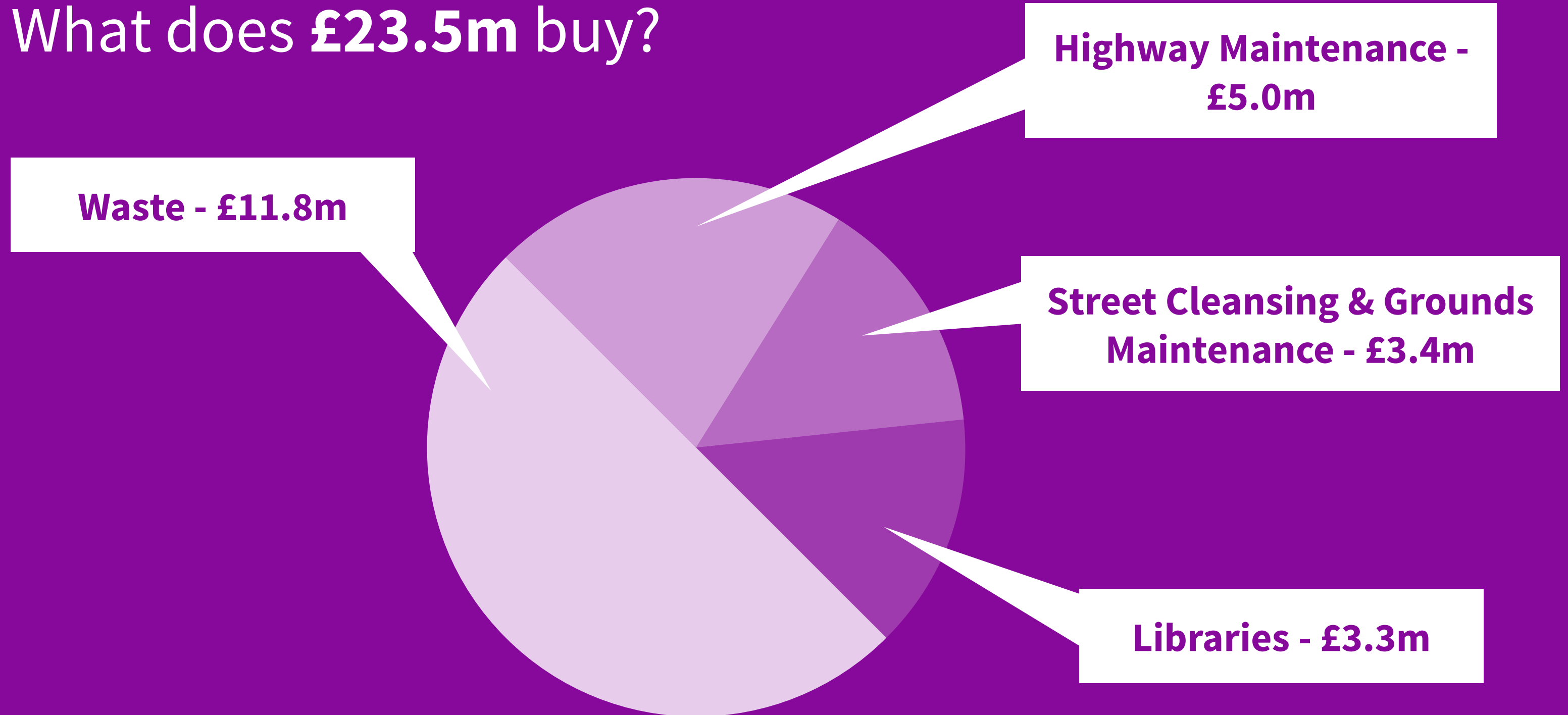
Scale of the challenge

We need to **reduce** our
spending by **£23m** for
2015/16



£23m

What does **£23.5m** buy?



Local Government - has borne a high proportion of Government funding reductions.

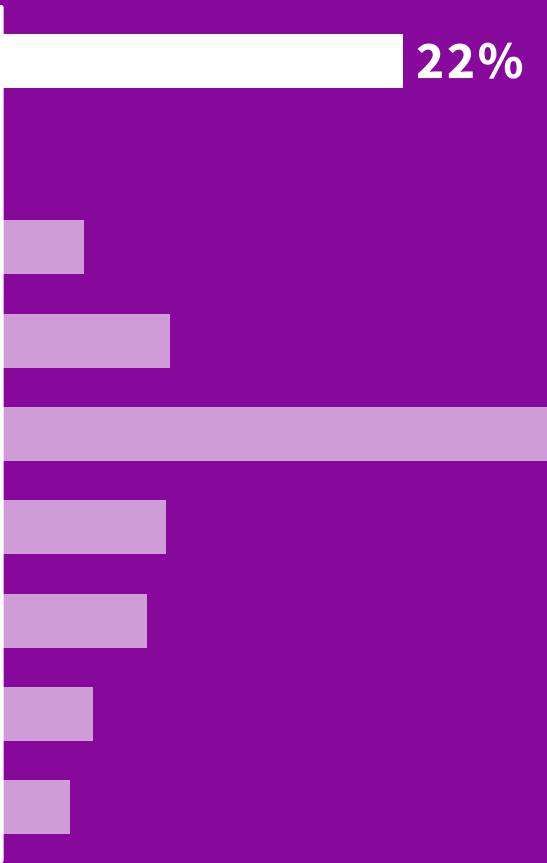
“Local authorities do not have adequate financial resources, are under severe constraints as a consequence of cuts and indebtedness, and are faring worse than other public sectors and the national government in weathering the effects of the economic crisis.”

Public Spending Cuts - Local Government compared to other public services.

Share of spending (2010-11)



Percentage of funding reductions by 2015



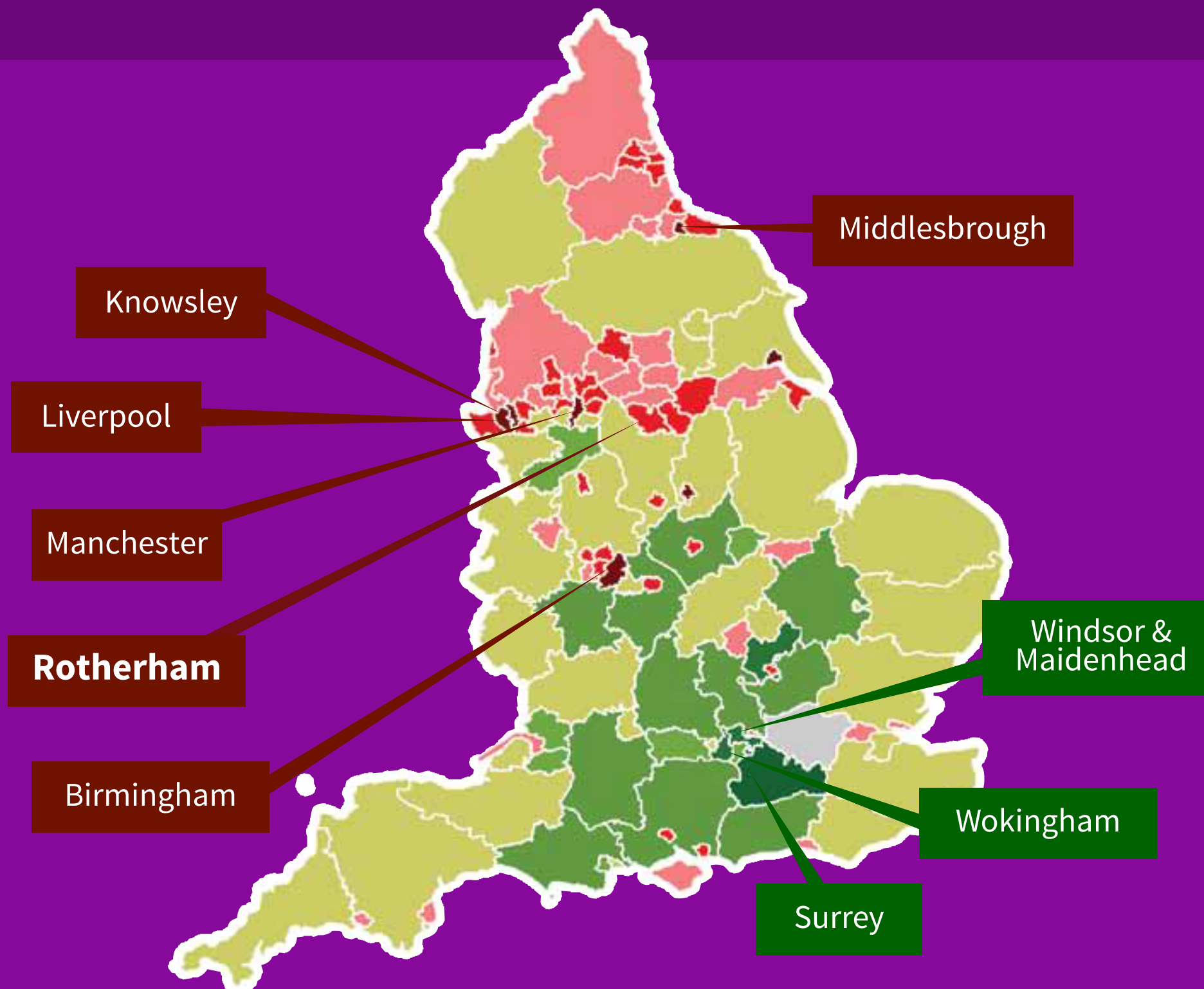
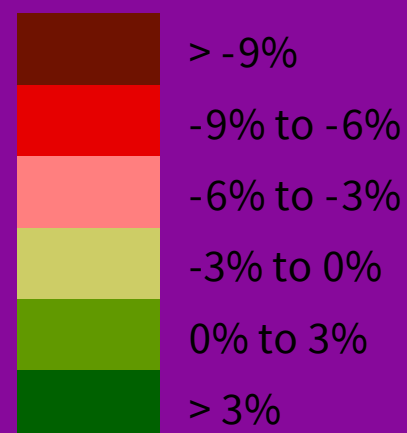
Source: A Fair Society,
Centre for Welfare Reform, 2013

Budget Cuts - have affected different places differently

There is a clear pattern to the cuts experienced by local authorities in England: councils in the North, in more deprived areas, and/or controlled by Labour have, generally speaking, seen more significant reductions in spending power than those in the South, in more affluent areas, and/or controlled.

Budget Cuts - Changes in spending 2013-14 to 2015-16

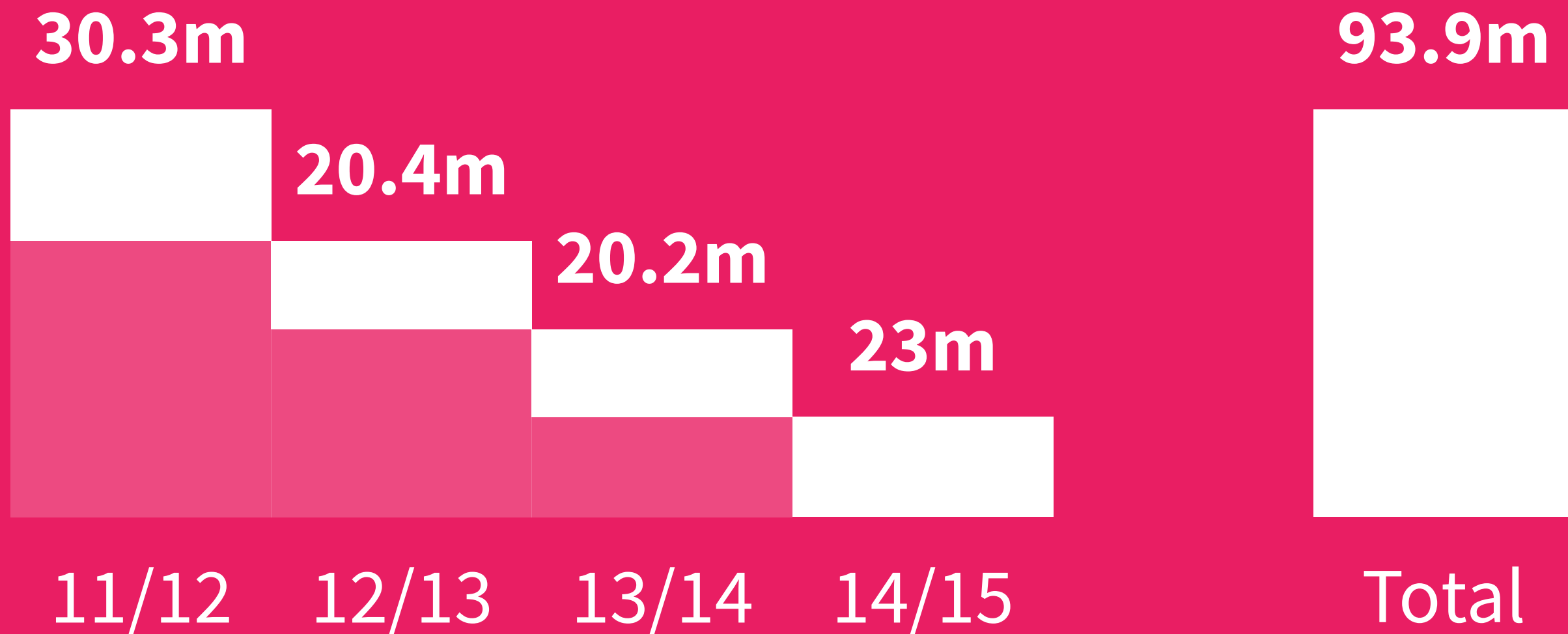
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Source: Public Finance, 2014; based on DCLG data

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Rotherham has experienced **Government cuts** amounting to more than **£93m** since **2010**



This is the equivalent of a
£360 reduction for **every**
person living in Rotherham



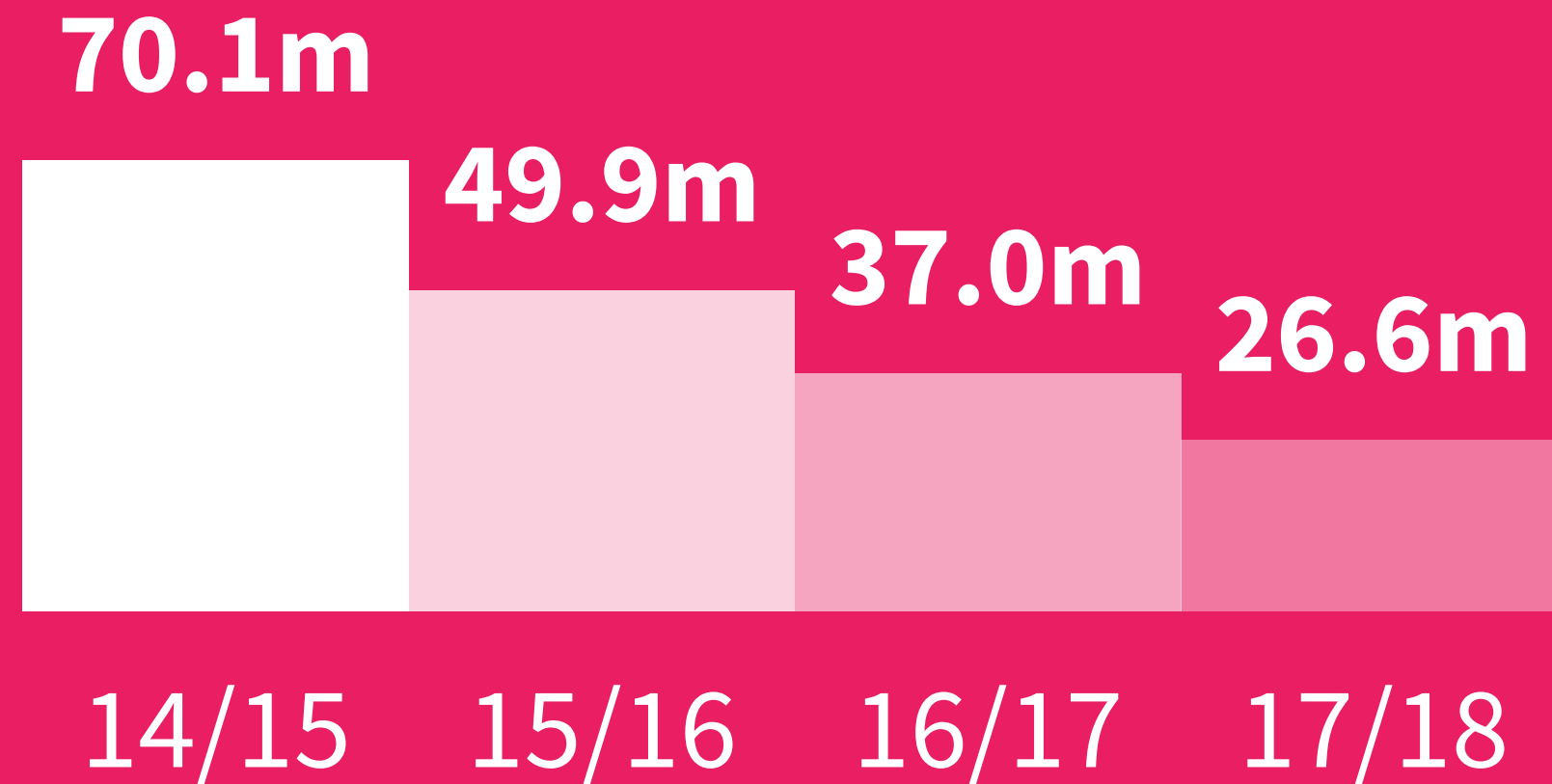
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And the cuts do not end there...

Over the next
three years
the Council
must save

£50.2m

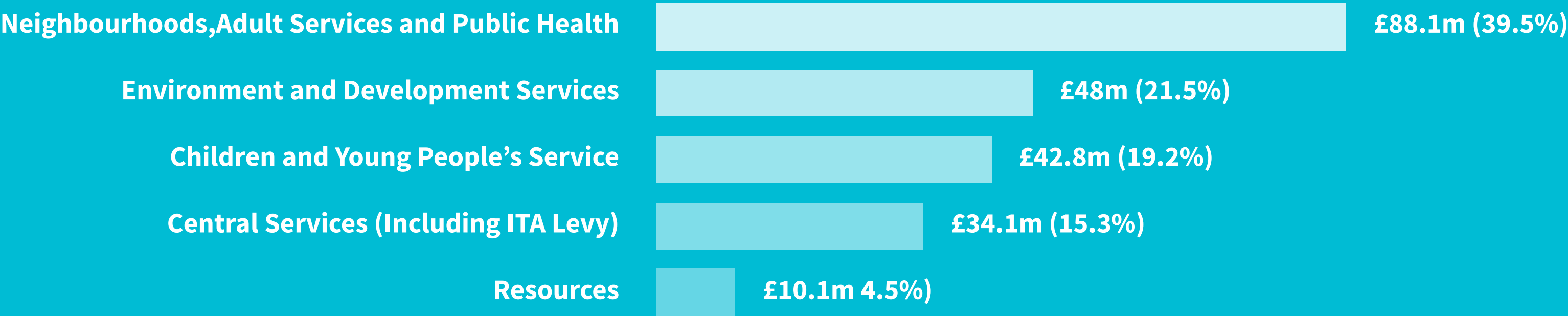
Revenue Support Grant from Central Government is forecast to reduce



62%

a reduction of £43.5m
over 3 years

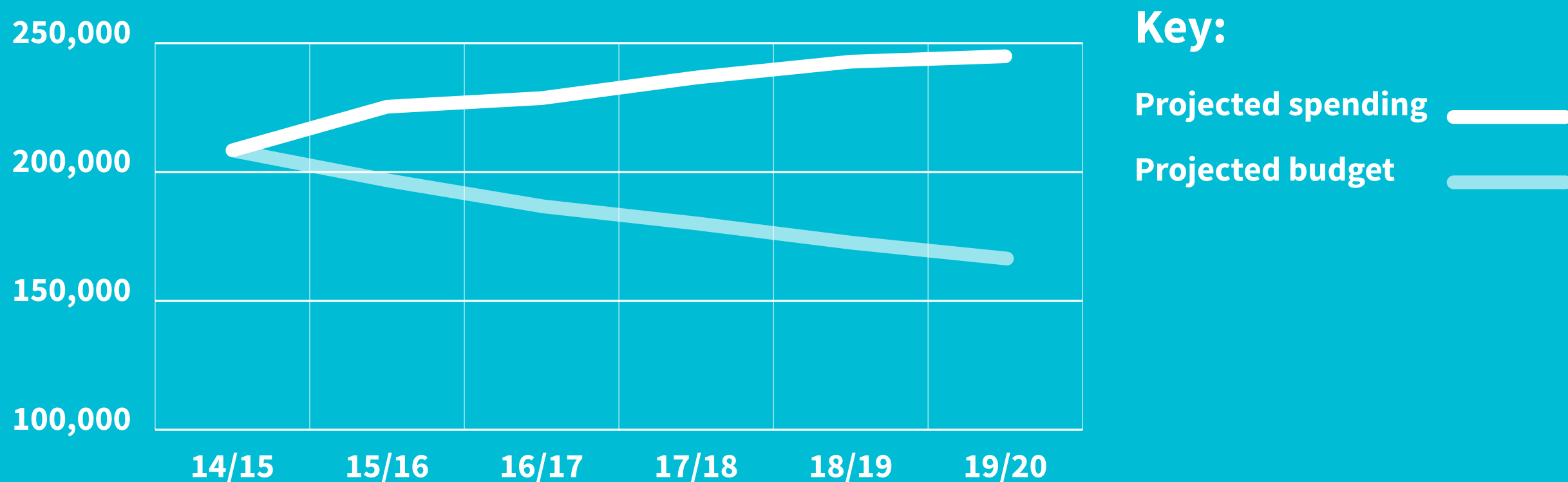
Where does most of the money go?



Note: Includes £15m Public Health Specific Grant

If the cuts continue at the current rate:

The amount of money needed to fund the ongoing operations **will not** be met.



We estimate we will have a **77.5m funding gap** by 2019/20

Examples of where we have made savings

£835,000 - A review of children's centres

£600,000 - Integrated multi agency team to deliver all SEND services

£400,000 - Reducing the cost of commissioned Learning Disability Residential Care placements

£200,000 - Reviewing processes and reduce staffing of Assessment and Care Management

£275,000 - Phase out Health and Well Being checks delivered by former resident sheltered wardens and restructure of the Enabling Service

£375,000 - Reviewing annual contract increase for Residential and Domiciliary care independent sector providers

We Asked, You Said, We Did...

You said: Make Rotherham Theatre more commercial to increase income.

We did – significantly, we revamped our programming to attract new audiences and income is up by £130,000!

You said: Stop funding community arts.

We did – and are now supporting partners to deliver these services. - This saved £60,000

You said: Don't collect garden waste in winter

We did - change seasonal collections of green waste - This saved £122,000

You said: Reduce home to school transport

We did - reduce the home to school transport service due to less demand - This saved £115,000

You said: Switch to energy efficient methods of lighting.

We did - de-illuminate bollards, install LED in residential streets, and introduce selective switch off of lighting. - This saved £104,000

Consultation will take place
during November and December

Cabinet meeting to propose budget
25 February 2015

Council meeting to set the budget
4 March 2015



The Council is proposing three priority areas:

1. Protecting our most vulnerable children and adults
2. Getting people into work and making work pay
3. Making our streets cleaner and better

Within these three priorities, the Council is asking people to comment on what areas they should specifically focus on.

And how do we support communities to help themselves?



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Or register on the community forum
community.rotherham.gov.uk

Or Email: communityengagement@rotherham.gov.uk



We want to deliver on the priorities of local residents, but we must also face up to the ongoing challenge of funding cuts. The next few years will continue to be very tough so we want to make sure we hear residents' views.



– Deputy Leader **Councillor Emma Hoddinott**

Questions and Answers?