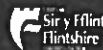


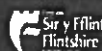
Local Government Provisional Settlement 2017/18

**Welsh Government Consultation
and the Latest Position**



Welsh Government Budget

- » Budget for 2017/18 published (mid-October) in draft form for consultation and scrutiny
- » The Local Government Provisional Settlement for 2017/18 is included within the budget
- » NHS in Wales given priority
- » Local Government core budget (Revenue Support Grant) 'flat-lined' at 2016/17 levels
- » Recognition of collective local government case on cost pressures - specifically social services



State of the Nation

- » A one year budget horizon in Wales only due to uncertainty at a UK level
- » The first Chancellor's budget announcement is imminent and is key to the future
- » Expectations of UK level capital investment for economic growth and infrastructure
- » Position on public services expenditure and austerity not yet clear
- » Possible positive impacts for Wales of any new funding commitments for social services



Local Impacts of the Settlement

- » £2.8m recovery of potential RSG loss
- » Possible further support for social services through additional resources for the NHS (e.g. winter pressures) and announcements to follow
- » Ongoing risks to unannounced specific grants including the Single Environment Grant
- » Communities First Programme to end
- » Domiciliary Care cap announcement imminent
- » Longer-term reform case recognised



The Flintshire Case

- » Case for a 'flat-line' Settlement met
- » Social Services cost pressures recognised
- » Use of Apprentice Tax Levy in Wales under consideration
- » Funding reform issues – such as NNDR growth retention – coming to the fore



Responding to the Consultation

- » Welcome the 'flat-line' position
- » Maintain the pressure with the case for social services and additional funding
- » Maintain the pressure for creative solutions for the Apprentice Tax Levy
- » Maintain the case for the retention of specific grant funding where it might be at risk
- » Continue to press for a review of local government funding to be opened with urgency



