



Surrey Council for Voluntary Youth Service  
Supporting the Voluntary Youth Organisations of Surrey

## Surrey CC Budget Report 2010/11

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The following notes are derived from Surrey County Council's Budget papers that are available on the Surrey CC website. This is intended as an accurate summary, but for more detailed background and verification you should go to the prime source.

### Key points:

- Government grant goes up by the minimum to shire counties of 1.5%, but the discretionary floor funding (worth £75 mill. to Surrey CC) is retained – it was thought to be at risk of being withdrawn
- Council Tax up by 2.5% for 2010/11
- Surrey CC projected **cash** budgets (excluding Schools – the Dedicated Schools Grant of £569 mill)) show a picture of a cash cutback of £20 mill over the four years of the current elected Council, as follows:

#### £ mill

2010/11:	680.4
2011/12:	675.6
2012/13:	667.7
2013/14:	660.2

- **BUT** the above figures conceal growth pressures (more potholes, looked after children, elderly people etc) of **£178.3 mill**
- The growth pressures have to be absorbed and therefore the scale of cuts – “efficiency savings and service reductions” will be unprecedented across all Services.

### Impact on Services

#### Children Schools and Families (CSF) :

- Reductions and efficiencies of £-17.16 mill scheduled for 2010/11 and -£39.9 over the four year period. The current budget is £155.7 mill.
- The Youth Development Service (YDS) is taking £1.014 mill of cuts in 2010/11 alone on its base budget of £6.9 mill. The intention seems to be to achieve £370,000 of cuts through reductions in staffing levels with the balance coming from elsewhere. This seems likely to affect current YDS grants to the voluntary sector (see letter of 5 Feb).

- The report of 27 Jan to the Safer and Stronger Select Committee states that the focus will be on maintaining statutory services – by implication Youth Justice, Connexions, and Surrey ‘s Alternative Learning Programme (SALP) for young people excluded from school.
- The Services to Young People budget (Youth Development Service, Connexions, Surrey Youth Justice, Surrey Alternative Learning Programme) is to be reduced from a gross budget of around £18 mill currently to £12 mill over the next four years.
- In commenting specifically on the YDS the report (para 12) states: *“In effect this will mean a shift of resources, from non – statutory to statutory, and from universal to targeted, and from wide targeted services to more narrowly targeted services”.*

**Adult Social Care:**

- A reduction of - £ 28.9 mill is planned for 2010/11 and a total of £ 76.mill over the four year period to 2014.

**Area Based Grant:** This is the Government grant to promote inter- agency partnership working. Its allocation is determined by the Surrey Strategic leadership Group.

- The total goes up from nearly £40 mill in 2009/10 to £56.2 mill in 2010/11, but this is due to the incorporation of the Supporting people grant into the ABG (£17.9 mill – down from £18.51)
- Key ABG changes are:

	£mill	
	2009/10	2010/11
Connexions	8.19	7.37
PAYP	0.27	0.36
Childrens Fund	1.04	1.04
Stronger Safer Communities	1.08	1.08

**Specific Grants:**

- The Youth Opportunities Fund is a Specific Grant, not ABG, and this is being held at £0.59 mill

*Every effort has been made to present these figures accurate , but you are advised to check details directly with SCC service leads.*

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