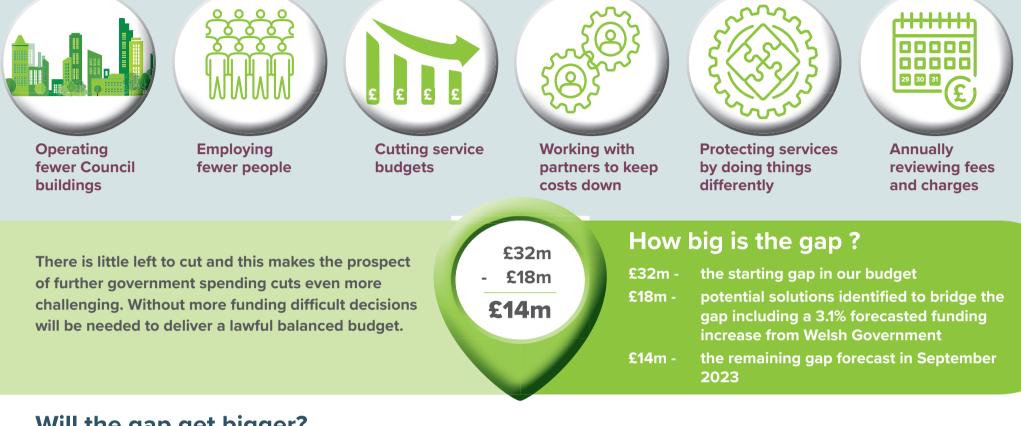
# Our Flintshire, Our Future Setting the Budget for 2024/25

Every year all councils across the UK have to set a budget that balances what they plan to spend with the money they receive to deliver services. It's the law!

Flintshire is a high performing yet low funded Council. Per head of population it's ranked 20 out of 22 councils in Wales for the money it receives to deliver services.

For well over a decade the funding given to councils by government has reduced and every year it gets harder and harder to make more savings.

Since 2008 Flintshire County Council has cut back on its spending by £110M through doing things like:



### Will the gap get bigger?

The Council continues to face a number of risks which have the potential to increase the gap.









### Increasing cost from external partners

- Homelessness
- Social care
- Nationally set waste and recycling targets

- North Wales Fire and Rescue
  - North Wales Coroners Service
- Social care providers

## Bridging the budget gap

It is too early to say with certainty what decisions will need to be taken to bridge the budget gap.

## What happens next?

- **Oct/Nov 2023**
- Elected members to scrutinise and consider service budget reduction options

Much depends on Welsh Government's budget announcement.

Over the summer suggested options to reduce spending and increase income were put forward and on 19 September 2023 they were referred by the Councils Cabinet to Overview and Scrutiny Committees for review.

It is recognised that Welsh Government is facing its own challenging budget situation, yet Flintshire alongside all Welsh councils and the Welsh Local Government Association is continuing to make a case for a better budget settlement.

Welsh Government announces its 20 Dec 2023 provisional budget settlement (grant) 16 Jan 2024 Flintshire County Council's Cabinet meet to discuss proposals to bridge the budget gap 11 Jan 2024 **Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee** Meeting of Full Council to formally agree 20 Feb 2024 the budget and set Council Tax for 2024/25 Final budget settlement announced by 1 March 2024 Welsh Government

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