

# 2018/19 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



We have a unique and beautiful home, unlike any other. We are incredibly fortunate to be surrounded by exceptional landscapes, seascapes and wildlife.

Our natural resources are the bedrock of our economy and support our tourism, agricultural and fishing industries in a variety of ways.

As the Gateway to Antarctica we must not ever take our environment for granted, which is why we are investing in measures to both preserve and protect our natural assets.

This year we will invest in a comprehensive strategy for waste management, in order to respond to public concerns about existing practices, and to encourage the adoption of more sustainable and environmentally friendly behaviour.

We will also begin work on an overarching environmental strategy, as well as modernising our wildlife protection legislation and continuing with our biosecurity efforts, to prevent invasive species from taking a foothold in the Falkland Islands.

We will support science and conservation partners in their efforts and understand and preserve our flora and fauna, and invest in green schemes to preserve our local ecology.



**We're spending £2.5m on the environment**

## £1.4m on fisheries research

We're spending £1.4m on scientific research to support the sustainability of our fisheries in the longer term.

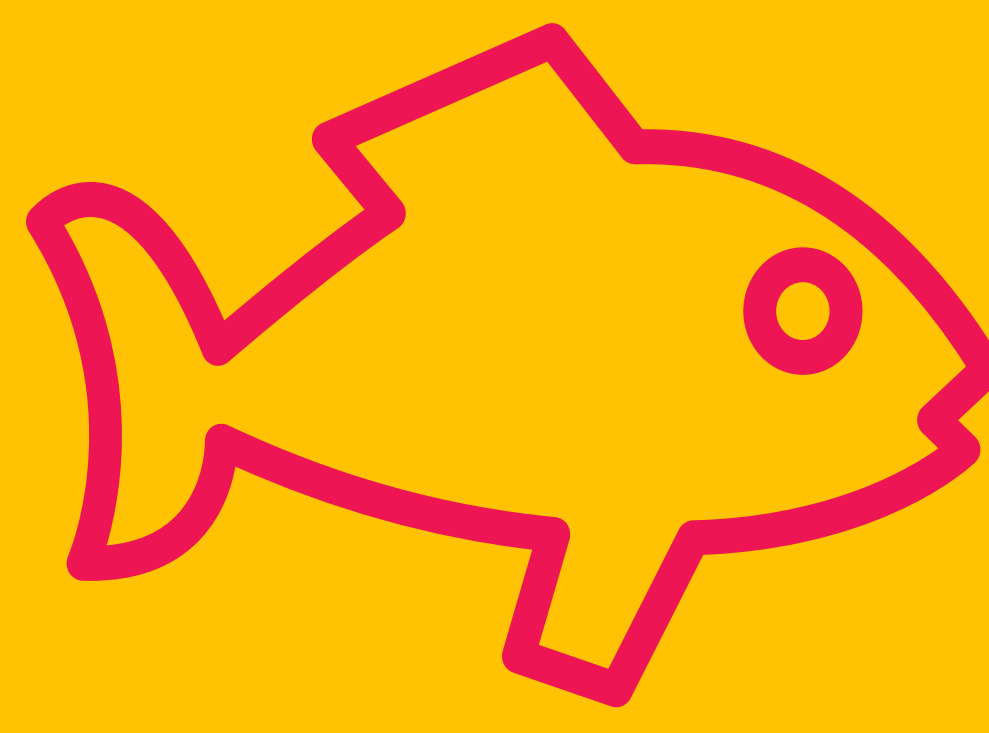
Our fisheries are the mainstay of our Islands economy; we have a duty to ensure we manage this resource effectively so it can sustainably deliver the output required now and in the future.

Alongside this research, we will continue to review the Individual Transferable Quota system to ensure we can maintain the benefits of this approach to fisheries management.

Our new Maritime Ordinance and Harbours and Ports Ordinance will be implemented this year and will allow us to establish a maritime legal framework to deliver a better regulated and safer marine environment across the Islands.

Additionally, the Harbours and Ports Ordinance will be the mechanism under which a Falkland Islands Marine Authority will be developed.

**We will support scientific research to help maintain and improve our fisheries and their future sustainability**



We're spending £353,000 on work with conservation and scientific partners to support our joint environmental aims.

## £353,000 on our partners

We will invest £143,000 in the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI) to support its research into natural and physical sciences, and build further capacity and scientific understanding between South Atlantic Overseas Territories.

We will provide £210,000 for Falklands Conservation to support their practical efforts to strengthen biosecurity, restore terrestrial habitats and enhance marine management.

The Falkland Islands offer an unparalleled experience for scientists and conservation specialists to experience one of the last great wildernesses on the planet, which is why we believe it is vital to invest in this research for the benefit of preserving our environment.



**We want to work with our partners in science and conservation to protect and preserve our natural environment and biodiversity**

We're spending £600,000 as a first step in improving waste management in the Falkland Islands.

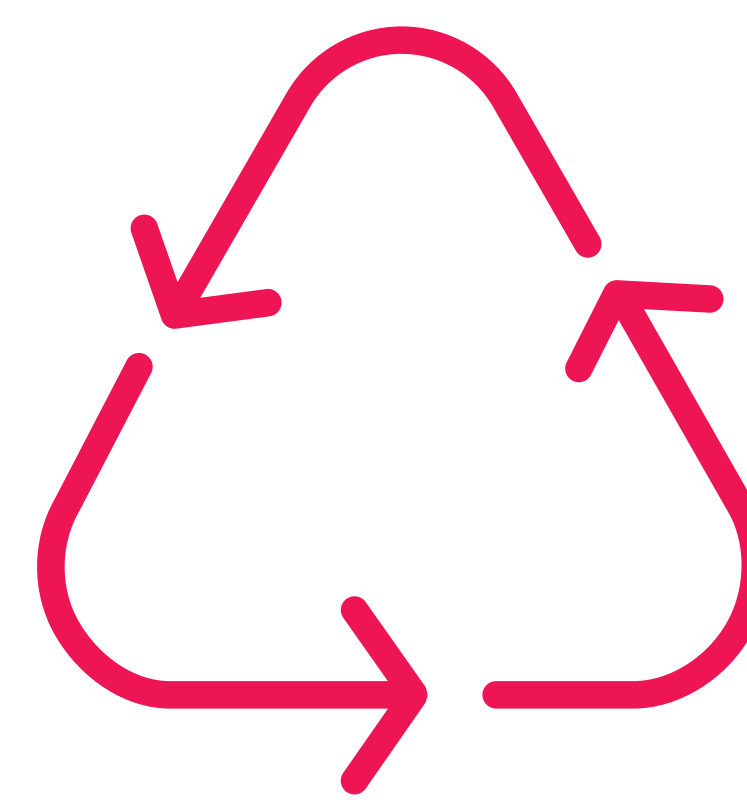
## £600,000 on waste management

We have listened to the public when they have told us that they are concerned with our current waste management practices, and so this year we will launch a new strategy to support a more environmentally friendly approach to waste.

Our strategy will look at the opportunities for the Falkland Islands in terms of long term treatment and disposal of waste. These will include options for refuse tips and recycling.

We will also work with partner organisations, including the private sector, to ensure that our plans for waste management can be pragmatically applied by local businesses and groups.

**We want to introduce sustainable and ecofriendly practices for dealing with waste across the Falkland Islands**



## £165,000 on energy and biodiversity

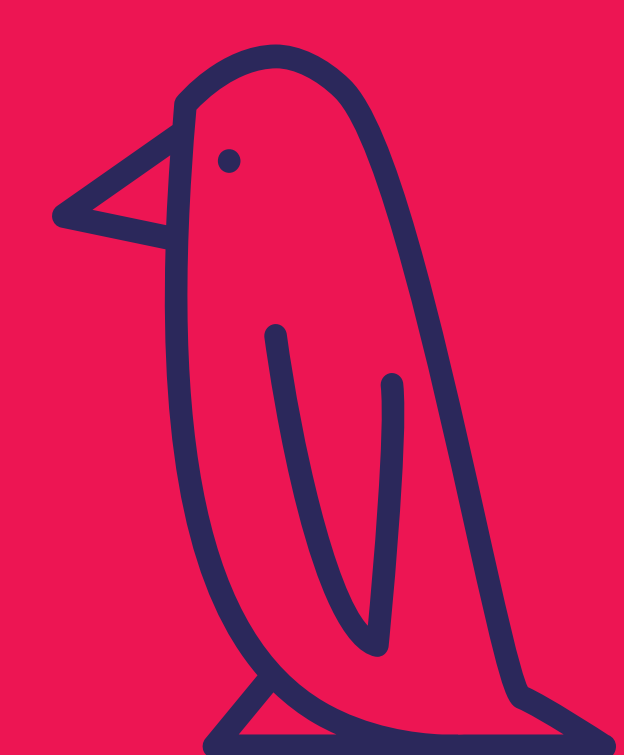
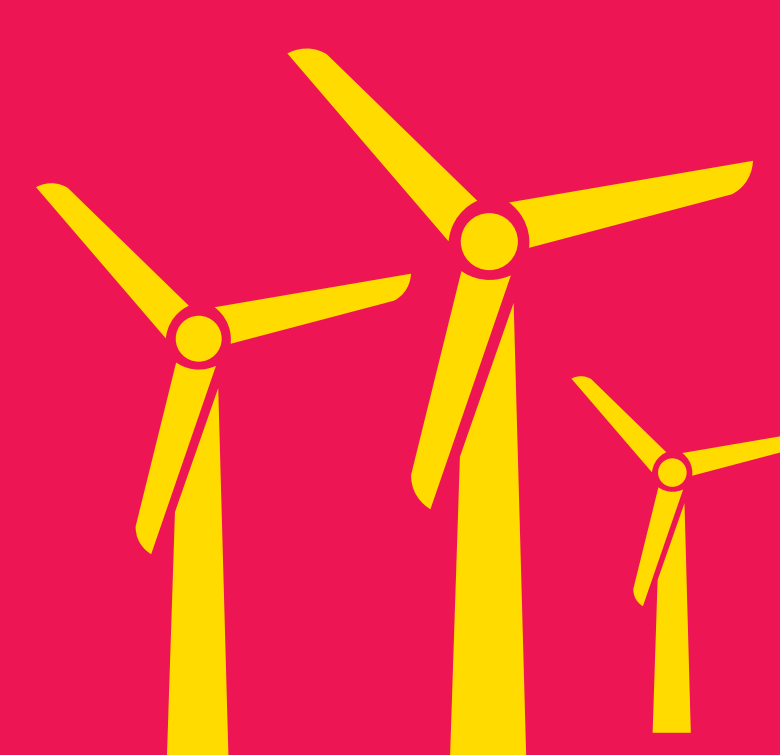
We're spending £165,000 on initiatives to support energy efficiency and research into our local biodiversity.

We want to look at a broad range of options for developing our capacity for renewal energy. This year we will invest £80,000 in grants for households who want to find sustainable ways of generating energy for their homes. We will also review our use of wind turbines.

We will also provide £85,000 to fund environmental research into our unique biodiversity, so that we can use proven scientific data to develop future plans for preserving our many indigenous species and habitats.

We will also launch a management plan for Stanley Common, to ensure that it can continue to be a resource that is enjoyed by everyone.

**We will respect our globally significant biodiversity and take a proactive and responsible approach to managing our natural resources for generations to come**



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