



2018/19 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

We want to make things better for our community, which is why this year we will spend £39.9m on initiatives that will improve the lives of our population.

We will invest in individuals and families, to make sure that everyone has the best possible start in life, and can fully achieve their potential in whichever arena they choose.

Our enhanced tax-free family allowance will help make life more affordable for families and our nurseries investment will help to improve facilities, train staff and regulate these services to ensure that childcare is safe and suitable.

From early learning, through to secondary and higher education, we will provide access to high quality academic, vocational, and special educational needs studies.

We will also invest in our health and wellbeing services so that we can help prevent people from becoming ill, but also provide timely medical treatment when needed.

Our front line services will continue to receive support to improve their professional capabilities and to provide more opportunities for members of the community to take up a lifelong career within our emergency services.



We're spending £39.9m on people

We're spending £11.5m on our operating budget and investing a further £12.4m in capital spend for health and wellbeing services.

£23.9m for health and wellbeing

We will invest in a vulnerable persons unit in Stanley for people within our community who need extra support, to enable them to live full and independent lives for longer.

We will also refurbish King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, which will not only improve the overall environment, but will eventually allow us to provide more diagnostic and medical procedures locally, meaning fewer patients will have to travel abroad for routine care.

We will invest in a new outdoor sports complex to encourage everyone to get physically active and to provide local clubs with better facilities for people to practice and develop their sporting skills, whatever their age or ability.



We want everyone to be supported to enjoy a healthy lifestyle and receive high quality care and support across all of our health and social care services.

We're spending £2m on our operating budget and investing a further £1m in capital spend for families in the Islands.

£3m for families

Although everything we do aims to improve life for families, this year we are making significant investments in nursery provision. We're providing funding to improve facilities and deliver staff training, to ensure that all children receive safe and suitable early years support.

We will also provide enhanced tax-free family allowances, to help ease the cost of childcare and make bringing up a family more affordable. We want to give parents more choice in terms of choosing to work or stay at home, by easing some of the financial burden.

We will introduce a travel credit scheme for Falkland Islanders, to help families to broaden their horizons. Transport links can be costly and we want people to be able to travel around our beautiful home as well as further afield, to experience different countries and cultures. This scheme will help families save for the future.

We want our families to get off to a flying start in life by providing excellent early years support and ensuring that childcare remains affordable.



£9.5m for education



We're spending £7.4m on our operating budget and investing a further £2.1m in capital spend for education.

We will continue to invest in providing a consistently high standard of education for children across the Islands and ensuring that learning opportunities are equitable for our entire population. This year we will fund a series of improvements to Stanley House to ensure that students from Camp have equal access to an excellent learning environment and equipment.

We will also invest in lifelong learning through an enhanced apprenticeship scheme to support students interested in a vocational career and establishing a future trade.

We are committed to setting our children and young people on the best path to achieve their potential and provide meaningful academic and vocational choices for future school leavers.

We will fund improvements to redevelop Falklands College (previously the Training Centre) so that it can offer more choices for people to continue their studies beyond the age of 16. We will also review all of our existing educational facilities to ensure that they meet the needs of children in the Islands both now and in the future.

£3.5m for safety and security

We're spending £3.2m on our operating budget and investing a further £300k capital for safety and security services.

We are fortunate to live in a place where people enjoy a level of safety and security almost unparalleled elsewhere in the world, but to maintain this we need to invest in our front line services.

We will continue to fund the police improvement plan to develop the professionalism of the Royal Falkland Islands Police and provide new opportunities for local people to forge a career within the police force.

We will also move forward with our plans for developing the Falkland Islands Defence Force to enhance the capacity and capability of the organisation for the longer term.

We will invest in our fire and rescue service to ensure it can continue to do its vital work in responding to the needs of our community and keeping people safe from harm.

We will ensure that the Islands are a safe place for people to live and bring up their families and will provide first rate front line security services



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