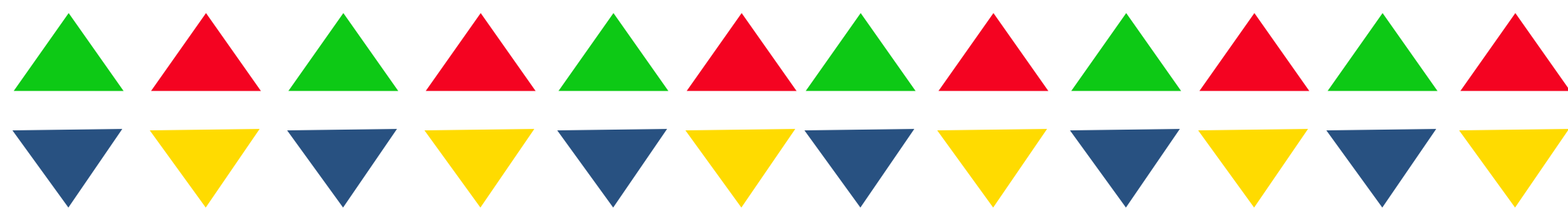


# FALKLAND ISLANDS BUDGET



## HIGHLIGHTS IN 2020/21

The 2020/21 Falkland Islands Government Budget is the third Budget of the current Legislative Assembly.

It aims to deliver continuity in delivering our capital plans, driving improvements in public services, and stability at a time of global uncertainty created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Budget proposes maintaining the current level of expenditure on the delivery of front-line services, on-going economic support measures, key social programmes to provide stability, benefit the wider community and respond to COVID-19.

We continue to invest in our people, with upward adjustments in wages, and welfare payments and no rises in fees and charges. We continue to invest too through our capital programme and support businesses - two key ingredients in sustainable growth in our economy.

The Budget once again is based on a prudent approach to expenditure, maintaining reserves, and the existing capital programme.

Please read on to find out more about the key highlights from the Falkland Islands Government Budget for 2020/21.

## Total Budget for 2020/21

**£81.7m**  
Operating Budget for 2020/21

Our total Operating Budget for 2020/21 is £81.7m, with a capital transfer budget of £29.1m

This includes the operating cost of running the Government and local services, and investments in new buildings, roads and technology

These figures are in addition to money that we are carrying over from 2019/20. COVID-19 support measures are £9m in 2019/20 and a further £4.8m in 2020/21.

## Investing in our community

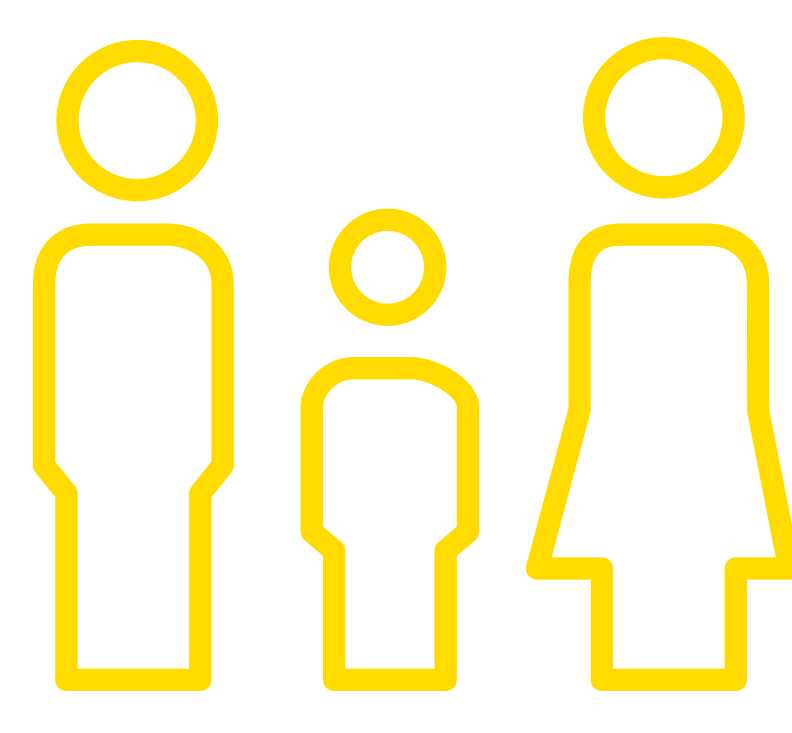
We're spending £25.3m on health and wellbeing services; this includes hospital improvements and the next stage in the new Tussac House development.

We're helping families with inflationary increases across all welfare allowances and from January 2021 and raising the living wage for everyone. We're also keeping fees and charges unchanged beyond those announced in the last Budget.

We're investing £8.9m in education, including enhancements for the just-opened Falkland College.

Our swimming pool will also be refurbished.

We're continuing to keep the community safe by supporting the development of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and Royal Falkland Islands Police.



**We're spending £41.1m on people**

## Supporting our economic growth

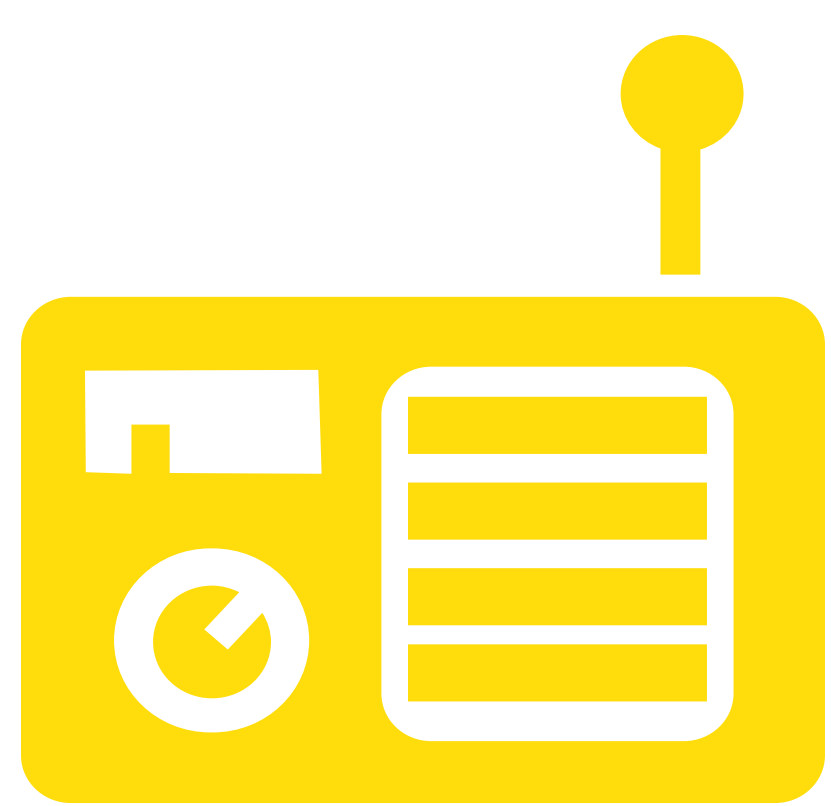
We're funding the first stage of design of a new port facility.

We're continuing to fund more housing and the ongoing surfacing of the MPA road as well as upgrading roads and jetties in Camp

We're improving connectivity across Camp by investing in a replacement VHF radio system as well as improved FM radio.

And we're investing a total of £3.2m in purchasing unsold wool from farmers that have been unable to sell due to the current COVID 19 pandemic. The Government has also provided support for affected workers and other businesses.

**We're spending £32.1m on prosperity**



## Preserving and protecting our home

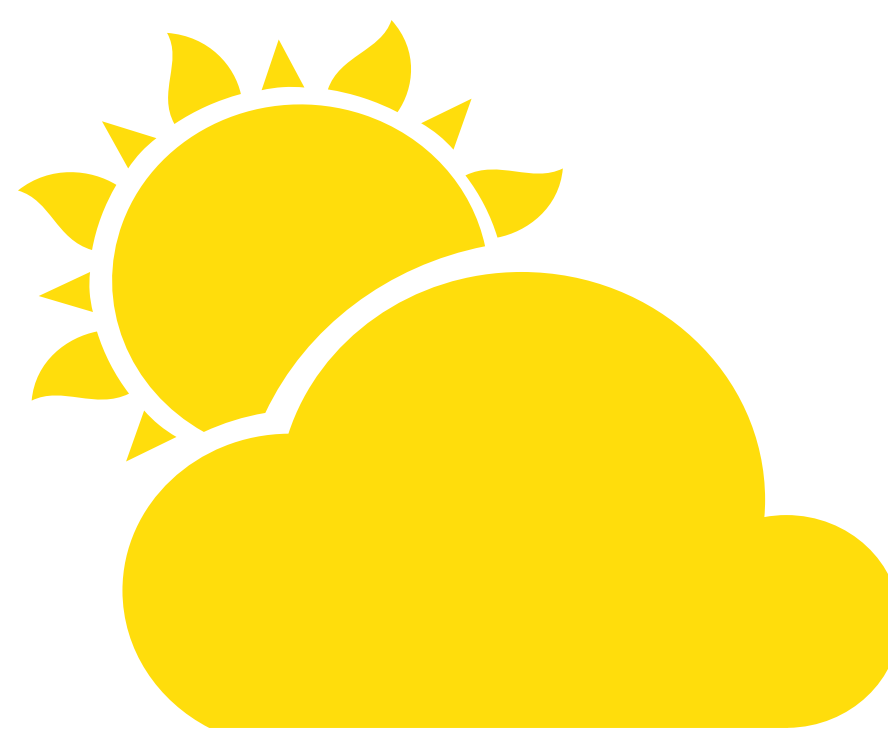
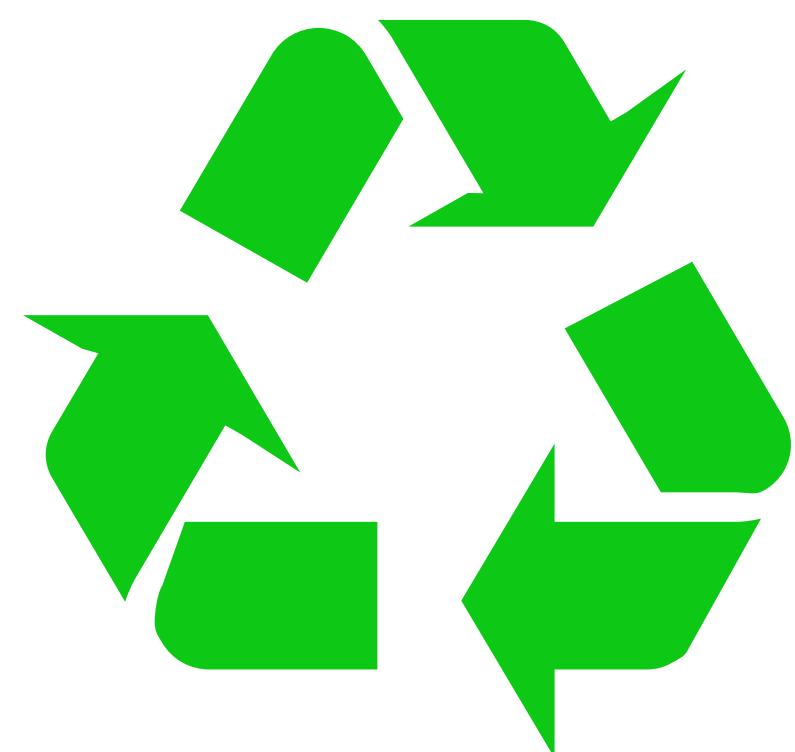
We've investing in improved waste management facilities for the Falkland Islands.

We're funding further scientific research to assist progress with shared fisheries conservation and data exchanges.

We're establishing a new Environment Department.

We're investing in our conservation partners to secure the future of our vital natural assets and unique biodiversity.

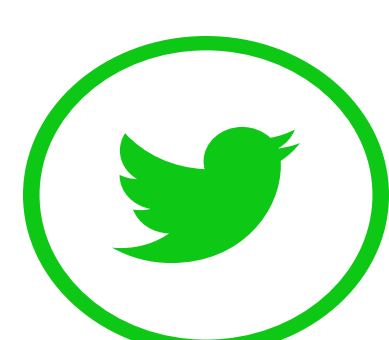
We're working with our entire community to maintain the Falkland Islands as one of nature's last pieces of paradise.



**We're spending £5.7m on our natural environment**

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