

Rhondda Cynon Taf Budget 2016/17

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RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL - PROFILE

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council was formed in 1996 from the three districts of the former Mid Glamorgan County Council, and is the third largest unitary authority in Wales in population terms, with a total of 234,300 living in the area. The County Borough Council occupies an area of 42,000 hectares in the South Wales Valleys stretching from the Brecon Beacons in the North to Cardiff in the South.

The three geographical districts that make up Rhondda Cynon Taf share a range of common socio-economic and cultural characteristics with high levels of relative poverty and social exclusion, particularly in the northern valleys which have some of the highest deprivation indicators in the United Kingdom.

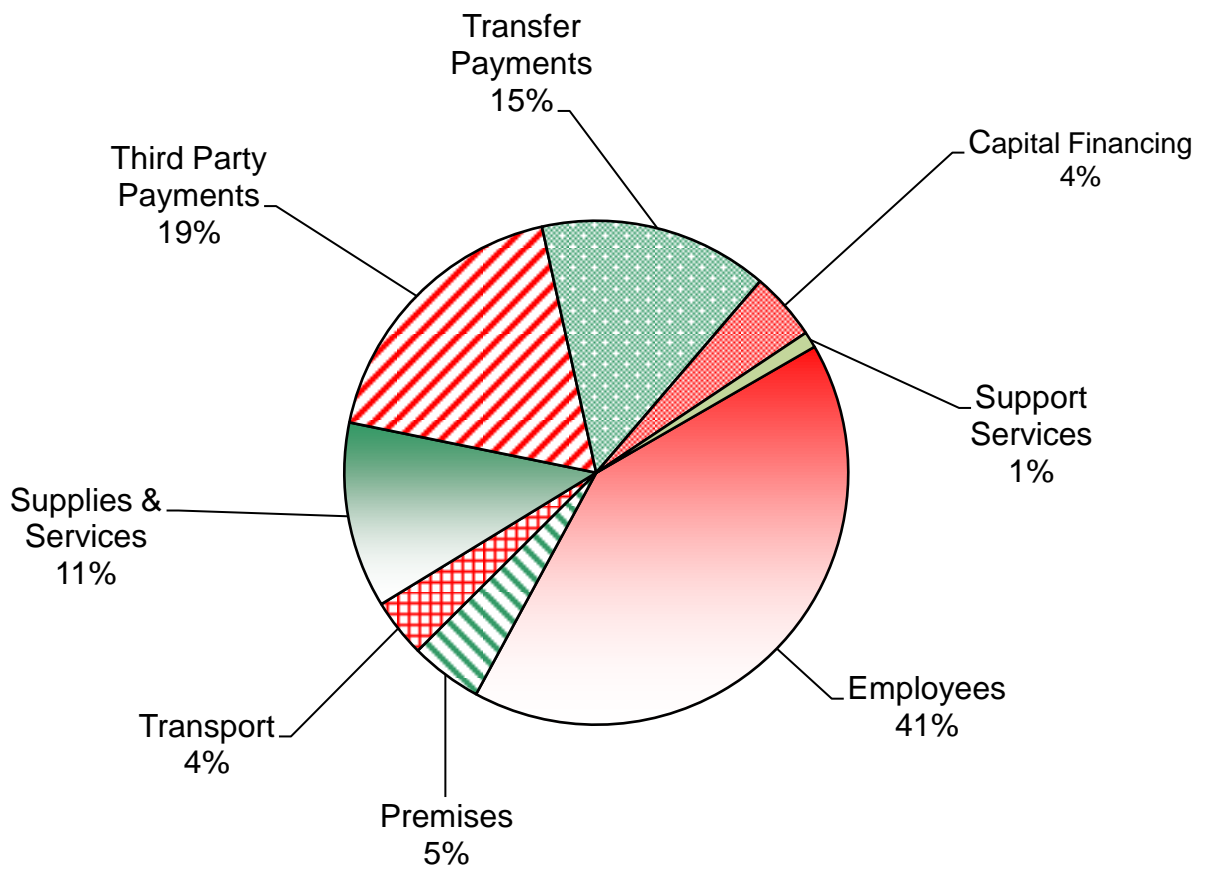
The Council's services are managed and delivered by its group directorates which manage and co-ordinate related services. There are four directorates in the Council's current structure:

Education and Lifelong Learning	Providing School and Community Learning Services, Libraries, Welsh Language Services, Access Engagement & Inclusion, Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and Catering Services.
Community & Children's Services	Providing Community Care Services, Community Housing Services, Health and Social Care, Children's Services & the Communities 1 st Programme, Public Health & Protection and Leisure, Parks and Countryside.
Corporate & Frontline Services	Providing the frontline services of Highways, Transport and Strategic Projects, Streetcare Services (including Waste and Street Cleansing), Customer Care, Housing Benefit and Council Tax administration together with key support services of Finance, ICT, Corporate Estates Management and Procurement.
Chief Executive's Division	Providing the Authority wide functions of Human Resources, Cabinet & Public Relations, Heritage & Museums, Legal & Democratic Services and Regeneration & Planning Services.

General Fund Revenue: Type of Spend 2016/17

2015/16 Budget £M		2016/17 Budget £M
275.578	Employees	275.388
31.929	Premises	30.794
25.210	Transport	24.973
77.251	Supplies & Services	79.677
125.511	Third Party	122.444
102.345	Transfer Payments	98.342
5.143	Support Services	6.914
29.022	Capital Financing	29.124
671.989	Total Expenditure	667.656
(215.495)	Total Income	(212.821)
456.494	NET REVENUE BUDGET	454.835
	Funded By:	
(287.210)	Revenue Support Grant	(283.324)
(67.465)	Non-Domestic Rates	(70.451)
(2.467)	Outcome Agreement Grant	(0.000)
(4.396)	Use of Reserves	(2.151)
94.956	TO BE MET FROM COUNCIL TAXPAYERS	98.909

How the Money is Spent - 2016/17 Budget



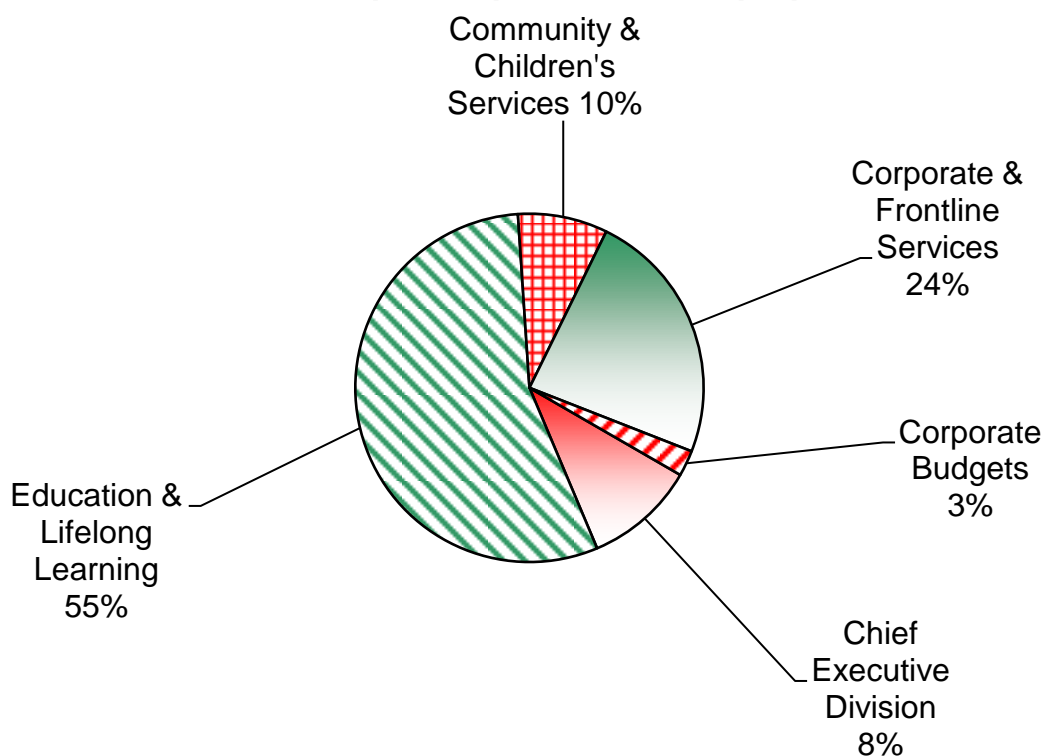
THREE YEAR SUMMARY CAPITAL PROGRAMME

GROUP	BUDGET		
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	£M	£M	£M
Community & Children's Services			
General Programme	0.550	0.550	0.550
Private Sector Housing	6.868	5.368	5.368
Public Health & Protection	3.134	0.550	0.550
Education & Lifelong Learning			
Schools	49.661	40.726	13.043
Supplementary Capital Programme	6.896	4.825	4.825
Chief Executive's Division			
Regeneration & Planning	8.505	8.279	0.740
Cabinet Office & Public Relations	0.020	0.020	0.020
Corporate & Frontline Services			
Corporate Estates	0.200	0.200	0.200
Financial Services	0.700	0.700	0.700
Customer Care & ICT	0.500	0.000	0.000
Highways Technical Services	11.849	1.835	1.835
Strategic Projects	5.573	0.325	0.325
Waste	0.150	0.000	0.000
Fleet	4.965	2.112	0.631
Buildings	0.268	0.100	0.100
Corporate Budgets			
Corporate Initiatives	2.450	0.850	0.850
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	102.289	65.59	29.737

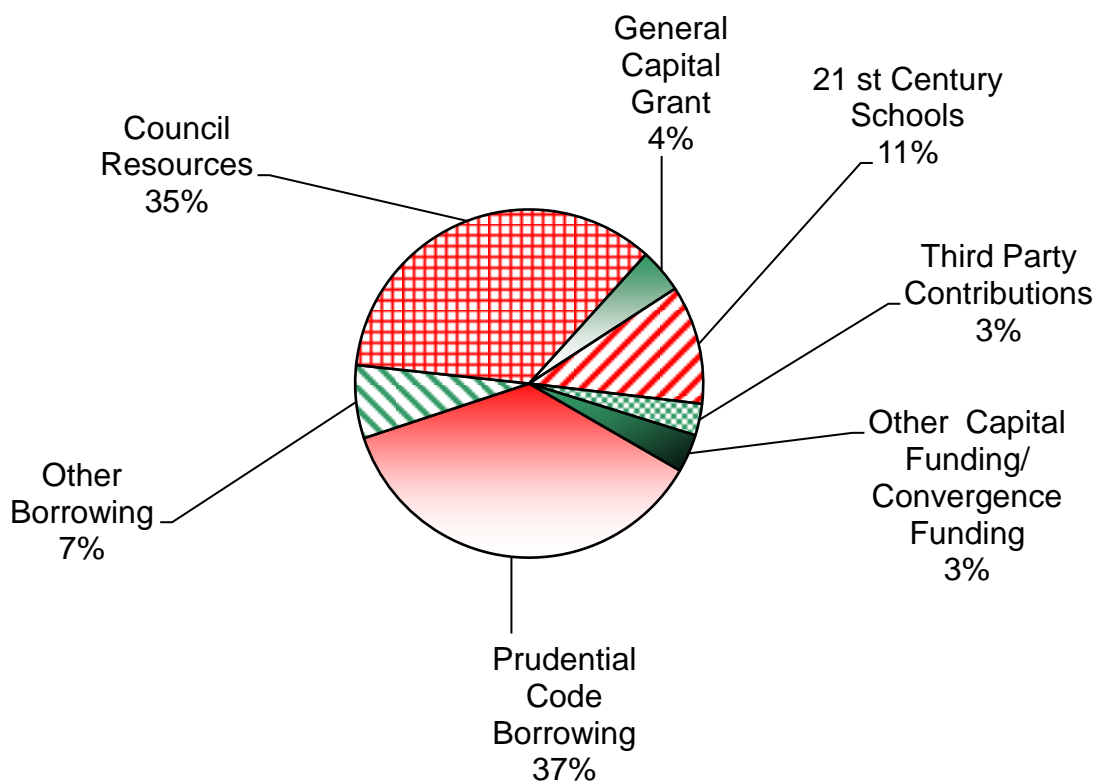
* The 2016/2017 budget includes estimated slippage from 2015/2016 and additional grant aided schemes that were known when the three year programme was agreed.

* Also included in the programme is the additional investment in council priority areas which was identified and agreed during 2015/16 amounting to £21.5M.

Capital Expenditure Group Split 2016/17



Funding of the Capital Programme 2016/17



GENERAL FUND REVENUE : SERVICES PROVIDED

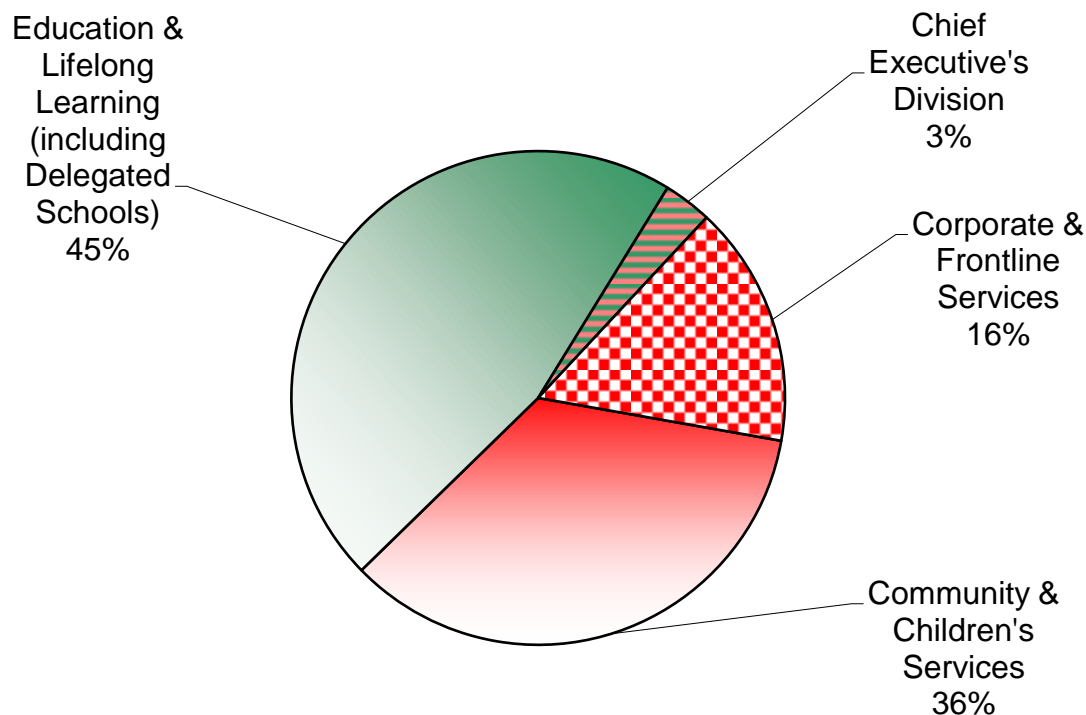
2015/16 Budget		2016/17 Budget
£M		£M
	<u>Community & Children's Services</u>	
73.273	Adult Services	70.786
45.307	Children's Services	44.883
3.622	Transformation	2.762
15.787	Public Health & Protection	14.739
137.989		133.170
	<u>Education & Lifelong Learning</u>	
21.406	School & Community	20.264
11.151	Access, Engagement & Inclusion	10.501
141.854	Delegated Schools	144.945
174.411		175.710
	<u>Chief Executive's Division</u>	
0.395	Chief Executive	0.402
2.510	Cabinet Office & Public Relations	2.694
3.863	Human Resources	3.557
3.651	Legal & Democratic Services	3.371
2.018	Regeneration & Planning	2.059
12.437		12.083
	<u>Corporate & Frontline Services</u>	
42.931	Frontline Services	43.447
5.690	Financial Services	5.487
6.044	ICT & Customer Care	5.985
5.427	Corporate Estates Management & Procurement	5.264
0.146	Group Management	0.151
60.238		60.334
385.075	Total Group Budgets	381.297
	<u>Authority Wide Budgets</u>	
23.364	Capital Financing	22.977
11.406	Levies	11.382
12.352	Miscellaneous	14.825
0.400	NDR Relief	0.400
23.897	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	23.954
71.419	Total Authority Wide Budgets	73.538
456.494	TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET	454.835

* Prior year (2015/2016) figures are provided for information. Changes in accounting requirements and functional responsibility can distort comparison between years.

* All 2016/17 budgets have been restated to reflect the revised council management structure.

* The Council's Net Revenue Budget for 2016/17 as approved by Council on the 24th February 2016 was £454.831M. This was subsequently revised to £454.835M at the Council meeting on the 27th April 2016.

Revenue Expenditure Group Split 2016/17



Some Key Facts from the Council's 2016/17 Budget

- A decrease in funding from Welsh Government of 0.9% for RCT CBC
- Continue to target any available resources into the medium term to the Council's key strategic priorities as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan
- Council Tax increase of 2.75% (46p per week for a Band A property)
- Appropriate funding put in place for Pay, Non-Pay, corporate financing requirements, levies and additional burdens imposed on the Council
- Funding provided to schools in line Welsh Government's expectation for protection
- Revenue Reserves (Balances) maintained at £10M
- A remaining budget gap of £12.153M for 2016/17
- Significant efficiencies made across all services (£6.350M)
- Senior Management Reductions
- Delivering Social Care Services differently
- Savings arising from the Service Changes of £0.5M
- The use of £2.147M of reserves (Medium Term Financial Planning and Service Transformation Reserve) as transitional funding (with £0.004M of other reserves released)
- A refocused budget consultation process, including a budget simulator and town centre engagement events

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