Be a Councillor Information Evening

Welcome to Lancashire County Council

Lancashire County Council

Introduction

- Focus this evening on the election process and immediately after
- Questions can be submitted using the "Q&A" button.

Role of the County Council

Angie Ridgwell

Chief Executive and Director of Resources

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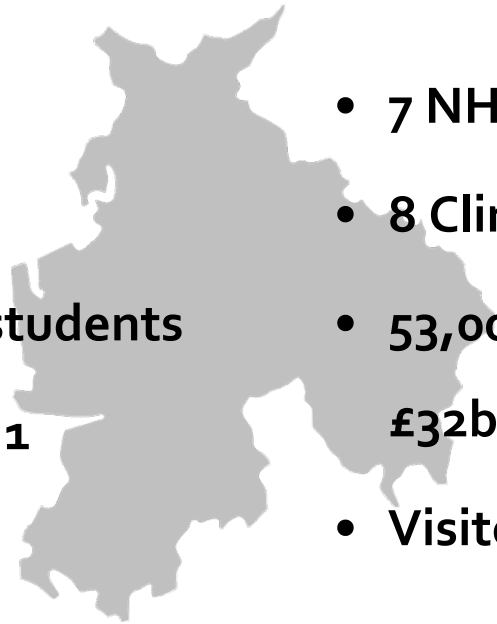
Lancashire

- Population of 1.2m
- 631 schools
- 4 universities and 48k students
- 12 district councils and 1 county council



- 7 NHS Trusts
- 8 Clinical Commissioning Groups
- 53,000 businesses generating £32bn GVA
- Visitor economy worth £2.65bn

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County Council Services

Public Health

Registrars

Social Care

Education

Archives

Fostering and Adoption

Economic Development

Libraries and museums

Highways & Transport

Trading Standards

Minerals and Waste Management

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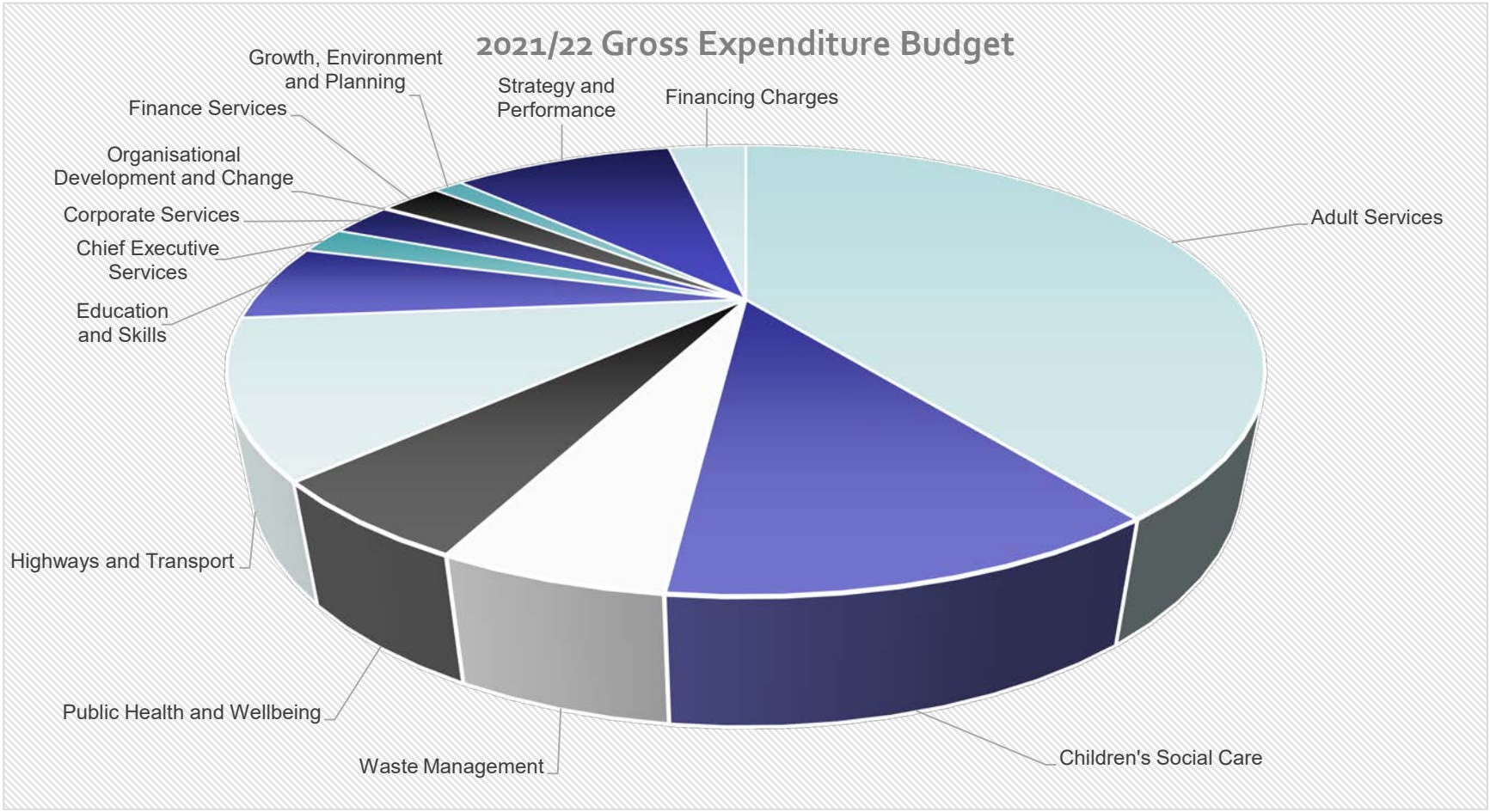
Budget 2021/22

	2021/22 Gross Revenue Expenditure Budget	2021/22 Income Budget	2021/22 Net Budget
	£m	£m	£m
Public Health and Wellbeing	83.881	-81.258	2.623
Highways and Transport	167.543	-96.528	71.015
Education and Skills	86.061	-29.300	56.761
Chief Executive Services	30.151	-26.606	3.545
Children's Social Care	181.692	-18.987	162.705
Corporate Services	37.902	-16.615	21.286
Organisational Development and Change	2.039	0.003	2.042
Finance Services	37.630	-19.856	17.774
Adult Services	610.631	-233.891	376.740
Growth, Environment and Planning	18.290	-11.736	6.554
Waste Management	81.735	-12.337	69.398
Strategy and Performance	141.441	-78.258	63.183
Financing Charges	50.257	-18.610	31.647
Use of One off Resources	0.000	-3.860	-3.860
Revenue Budget	1,529.252	-647.839	881.413

Expenditure Service Analysis



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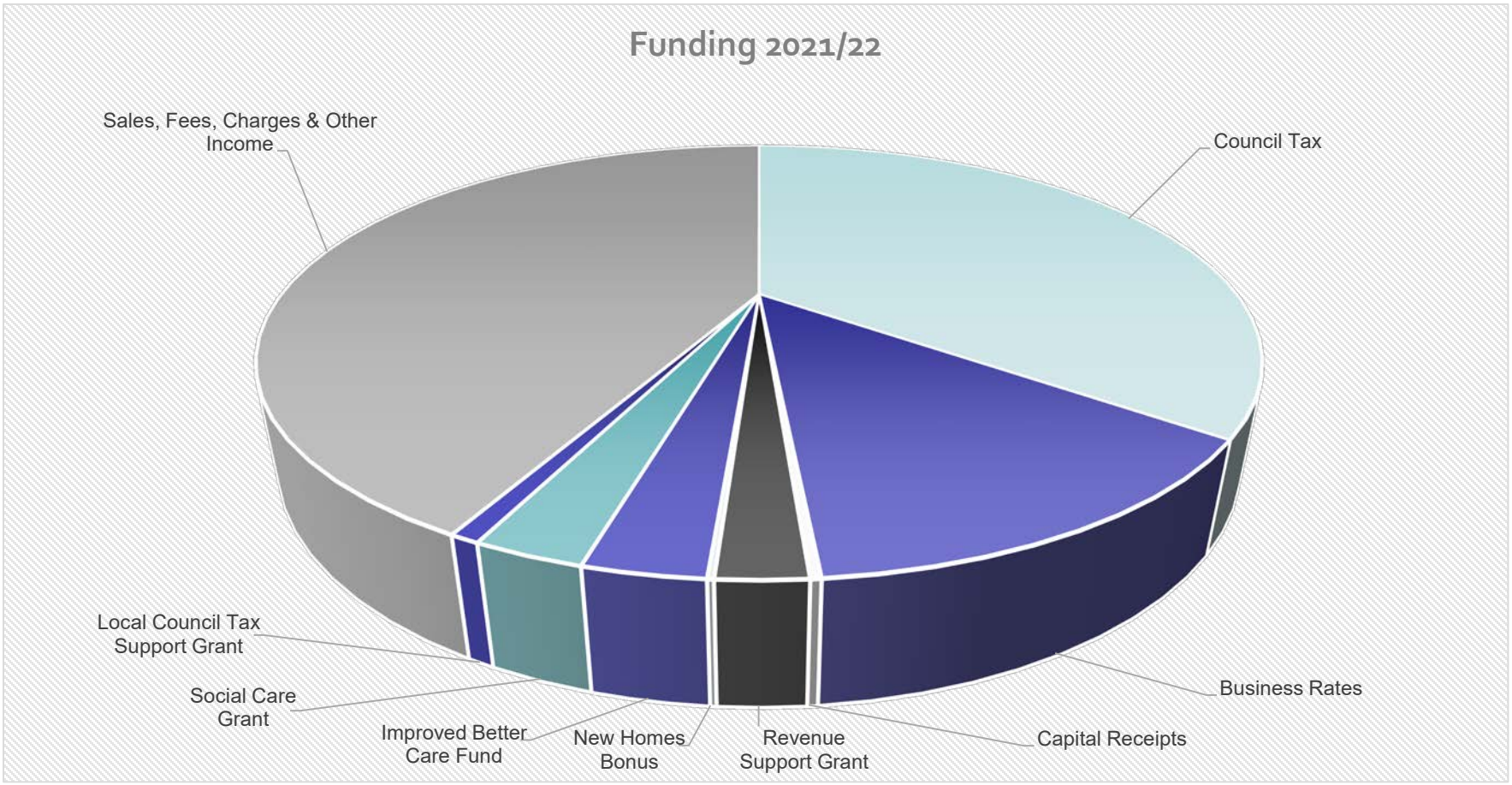
Income Analysis



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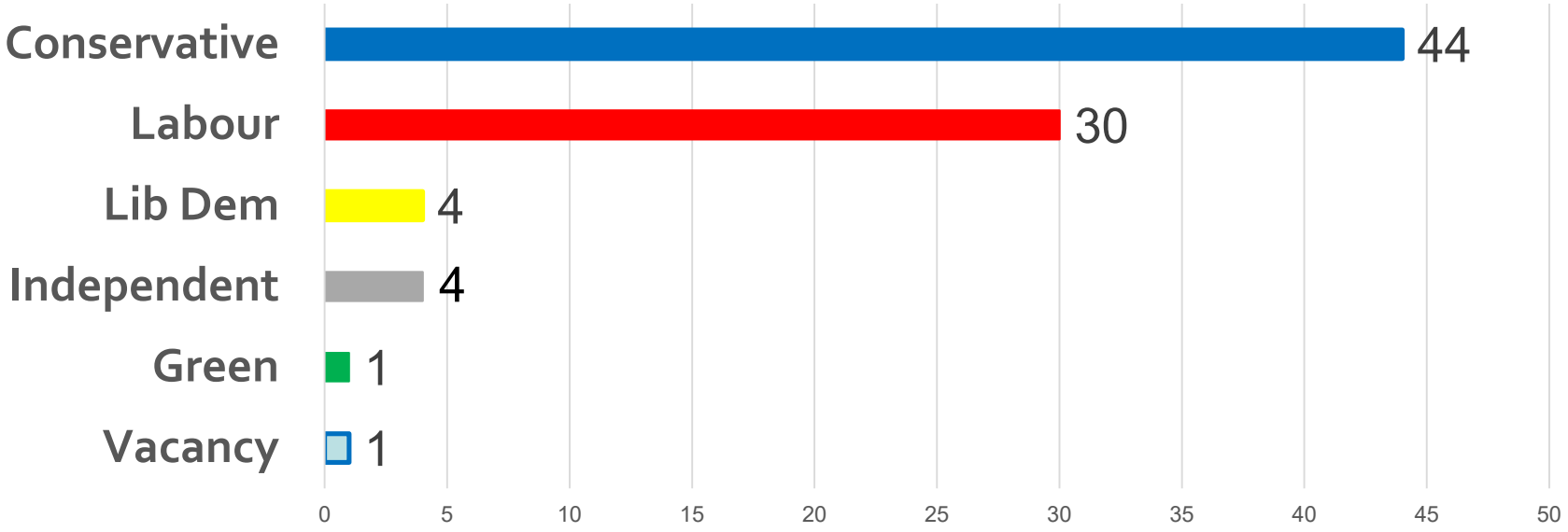
Current Political Balance
84 County Councillors



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Our Vision

"Here at Lancashire County Council we are helping you to make Lancashire the best place to live, work, visit and prosper."

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Objective 1

Lancashire will be the place to live

- People will have a better quality of life
- People and families will live healthier lifestyles
- People will be connected through communities
- Lancashire is a place where vulnerable people are supported and protected

Objective 2

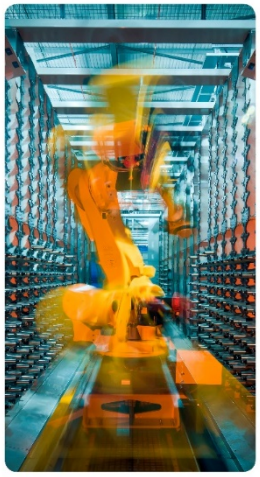
Lancashire will be the place to work

- People can learn and develop skills
- Lancashire will retain and attract skilled and talented individuals
- Lancashire is a place where job opportunities are good

Objective 3

Lancashire will be the place to prosper

- Lancashire is a great place to do business and invest
- Lancashire has the best conditions to help businesses to grow



Objective 4

Lancashire will be the place to visit

- Lancashire will be the destination of choice for leisure, sporting and cultural activities, and for access to the countryside, the North West coastline and heritage towns
- Lancashire will be the place of choice for businesses to invest in the visitor economy

Objective 5

Lancashire will be the place where everyone acts responsibly

- Everyone in Lancashire will be able to do as much as they can to look after their own and their family's health, care and support needs.
- Lancashire County Council spends its money wisely
- The workforce of Lancashire is valued
- Lancashire is a place that learns from and shares with others

Covid Response and Recovery

- Working with partners through the Lancashire Resilience Forum
- Protecting lives and livelihoods
- Active liaison with government
- Delivering ongoing response and adapting operational services
- Economic recovery critical
- Planning for significant social and wellbeing impact
- Will fundamentally change how we work

Delivering 'Our Vision'

Officers:

- Are paid staff
- Are impartial & apolitical
- Provide advice
- Implement decisions
- Run day to day services
- Are held to account by Councillors

Councillors:

- Are elected representatives
- Are political
- Set policy direction
- Make key decisions
- Represent their community
- Are held to account by each other and the public

Councillor Role in Lancashire

Challenges

- Complexity of the role and council services
- Scale of challenges
- Managing casework
- Work/life balance

Rewards

- Shaping the future of your community
- Ensuring community has access to the right services
- Representing the views of your community
- Making a positive impact!

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How to become a councillor—What happens next?

Lisa Vines – Lancaster City Council

Tom Lynan – West Lancashire Borough Council

District Election Managers

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What we will be covering

- Covid-19 Considerations
- Who does what at the County Election
- Who can stand for the County Election
- Standing as a candidate
- The campaign
- Attending key electoral events
- Spending and donations

Covid-19 Considerations

- Unique Challenge
- Impact on every aspect of the election process.
- Nominations
- Campaign & Polling Day
- Attendance at electoral events
- Contact your local elections office for the specific impact in your division.

Who does what at the County Election?

- Returning Officer
- Deputy Returning Officer
- Electoral Registration Officer
- District Elections Managers/Teams

Who can stand for the County Election?

- Over 18
- British Citizen, Commonwealth or European Union Citizen and/or
- Registered elector in Lancashire, and/or
- Occupier as owner/tenant of property/land in Lancashire, and/or
- Work in Lancashire, and/or
- Live in Lancashire

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Who can't stand for the County Election?

- Employed by County Council
- Politically Restricted Post
- Bankrupt
- Sentenced to a term of imprisonment
- Provisions under the RPA Act

Standing as a Candidate

- Nomination Form
- Full Name
- Home Address Form
- Description *[usually name of political party]*
- Signatures of 10 Registered Electors for the Division
- Consent to Nomination
- Certificate of Authorisation
- Request for use of Political Emblem

Standing as a Candidate

- Take care when completing your nomination papers, as mistakes may invalidate your nomination
- Complete nomination papers early and arrange for us to provide an informal check
- Nomination papers must be delivered in person
- Where and when

Standing as a Candidate

- Withdrawing your Nomination
- Appointing Election Agents
- Other Agents: Postal Vote Agents, Polling Agents, Counting Agents

The Campaign

- As a candidate you are uniquely placed to encourage people to register to vote.
- You should encourage people to register as soon as possible.
- Registration changed from a household system to an individual system in 2014. Individuals can now also register online at **https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote**. It only takes a few minutes.

The Campaign

- You must ensure that all campaign material includes the name of the printer and promoter
- On Polling Day make sure your tellers follow the Electoral Commissions guidance "tellers do's and don'ts"
- Make sure all your agents attending postal vote opening sessions, polling stations and the count understand the secrecy requirements
- The Returning Officer is there to run the Election not act as referee between Candidates

Attending Key Electoral Events

- Postal vote opening
- Postal Vote Agents
- Polling Stations
- Polling Agents
- The Count
- Counting Agents

Spending and Donations

- How much you can spend on your election campaign (known as expenses) is limited and your expenditure must be accurately recorded – (£806 + 7 pence per elector in division)
- The period that you must record any expenditure is from Notice of Election until close of Poll

Spending and Donations

- Returns due 35 calendar days after result of election
- Returns made public by Deputy Returning Officer
- Sample of returns may be reviewed by the Electoral Commission
- Failure to submit an expenses return is a criminal offence enforceable by police
- No spending will be reimbursed

"*Candidates spending is often known as "expenses". Sometimes, people think this means that this spending can be reclaimed from us after the election. This is not the case!"*

Support for Councillors

Josh Mynott Democratic and Member Services Manager

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Once you're elected

- You will receive:
  - Training & support
  - ICT provision
  - Basic Allowance

Help and advice

- "Buddy" system
- Democratic Services
- Other Councillors – your Group office
- Other council officers
- Local Government Association, Local Government Information Unit etc

Thank you for attending

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