

# Modernising Local Government in Buckinghamshire



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# 'That was the Year that was'

- Brexit
- Trump
- Italian Referendum
- Theresa May



**So what do these mean for Bucks?**

# New Government's Priorities

- Housing, housing, housing...
- Infrastructure spending
- Northern/Midland Towns
- NHS pressures
- Deficit elimination 'kicked down the road?'



# Impact on Bucks

- Growth Agenda
- Pressure on Infrastructure
- Skills shortages
- Health and Social care integration
- Blue light services
- Financial pressures will continue and may become worse!





# A Track Record of Innovation

- Over £100m saved in past 5 years
- £ 45m more to save in next 4 years
- Big focus on innovation and income generation - £8m income in next 4 years
- Cross- boundary working
- Strategic Partnerships
  - England's Economic Heartland
  - NHS
  - LEP



# Why change is needed

Funding challenges



Population and demographics



Rising demand and complexity



**Older people (20% by 2021)**  
**Disabilities and health problems**  
**Lowest socio-economic groups**



**People of working age**  
**Wealthy people**

# Working with Town and Parish Councils

- £110 m spent on roads in past 5 years
- Worked with Parish and Town Councils on HS2 mitigation measures
- 86 devolution agreements
- Opposed precept capping
- MKBALC consultation workshops
- Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation events



***NO CHANGE?* NOT AN OPTION!**

**Any Questions?**

