

## Spending review: quick summary of points for the Voluntary and Community Sector

- Council budgets reduced by 7.1% every year for 4 years. Ring-fences on government revenue grants to be removed, apart from schools and public health, giving more freedom on where to spend what's left.
- There will be an estimated 490, 000 fewer public sector jobs in 4 years time.
- Office for Civil Society has announced £100m one year transition fund for voluntary and community sector organisations. Likely to be for organisations with income between £50k and £10m that have good prospects for delivering public services. 5 partners, including Community Development Foundation (to be unquangoed and become a charity) and Big Lottery Fund are being assessed to deliver the fund. You can apparently email and find out more about this [transitionfund@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:transitionfund@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk)
- Office for Civil Society budget will be £470m over the 4 years covered by the review. How much goes to the new National Citizen Service and to the proposed Community First Fund is not yet decided.
- Cabinet Office budget to be reduced by £55m but with extra (unspecified) funding for the Big Society – training 5,000 new community organisers and piloting the National Citizen Service.
- Train to Gain is described as a one of the 'lower priority' programmes that will be abolished (others aren't named).

- There will be 50% increase in adult apprenticeships – 75,000 new ones over 4 years.
- Science budget is protected - £220m confirmed for the St Pancras UK Medical Research and Innovation Centre.
- Additional £1bn for adult social care by year 4 of review and a further £1bn through the NHS to support joint working with councils.
- Sure Start protected in cash terms but to revert to original purpose. 15 hours of free early years education to be available to disadvantaged 2 year olds.
- Cuts to Supporting People programme minimised (£6.5b committed for 4 years).
- Introduction over next 2 parliaments of a single Universal Credit to replace all working age benefits and tax credits. This will go alongside a new Work Programme providing intensive help to people looking for work – to be delivered by the private and voluntary and community sectors. Payment potentially related to resulting reduction in benefit claims.

**Whitehall departments will publish business plans next month which will give more detail about where cuts are being made.**