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Tough choices ahead

It has been tough and it's getting even tougher – that's the latest budget message, making fair funding essential.

Leicestershire remains the lowest-funded county in the country. If it was funded at the same level as Surrey, it would be £104 million per year better off.

Real progress has been made in our fight for reform, with the government agreeing that a consultation is needed. But with a growing and ageing population ramping up demands on services, it's clear we need to step up our call for change.

Deputy council leader Byron Rhodes



Byron Rhodes

said: "The council will spend nearly £350 million this year. More than half of this goes on services which support adults, children and families who really need our help."

"Low funding remains our Achilles' heel. Pressure could be eased by fair funding and we've drawn up a model which allocates money in a more just way. Now is the time to bring in a new approach, based on need, and make fair funding a reality."

Several factors are increasing demand. By 2037, the number of over 80s is set to double and Leicestershire's population expected to grow by 13 per cent. The

number of children in care is rising by eight per cent each year.

Councillor Rhodes continued: "The good news is that we've planned ahead. We don't produce annual budgets which only provide a quick fix – we take a much longer view.

"Since 2010, we've been able to reduce costs by £161 million. But with a further £66 million to save, £23 million of which is unidentified, balancing the books is harder than ever. Without fair funding, we could be cutting to the bone of public services.

"The future of local services will depend on achieving our cost-cutting plans, driving up income through council tax collection and commercial opportunities, and seeking a fair share from government.

"If there are other or additional solutions to our funding crisis, we also need to look carefully at them."



We're asking you to explore the facts and figures behind funding and send us your views – find out how to get involved overleaf ►

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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL



Council leader Nick Rushton
answers the big questions



Q: What if austerity ends – won't that re-balance the council's books?

A: The national picture is uncertain. Although ending austerity sounds like good news, growing demand on services is ramping up pressure. Getting a fair funding deal is vital to unlocking more funding.

Q: If money is so tight, how can you afford to build new schools and roads?

A: Investing in roads and schools supports growth and we're spending £181 million over the next four years. This is funded by one-off government grants and land and property sales, and can only be spent on buildings, land and equipment, not services.

Q: If the government gives Leicestershire more money, won't other councils suffer?

A: In my view, the system for funding local government is broken. We've drawn up a proposed new model which allocates money in a fair way, based on need. This is a more just way of distributing money, and

importantly, gives Leicestershire its fair share. If there's no change, we will have to go back to the drawing board and find more radical ways of saving money. The impact on key front line services could be drastic.

Q: You keep telling us you're saving money by reducing services and working with partners – what else are you doing?

A: We're continually transforming how the council works and challenging how we do things. This year, we've brought 13 of our 14 recycling and household waste sites in-house. We're on track to save £400,000. Our in-depth review of early help and prevention services is well underway. This work is cutting across every area of the council and is really paying off – we're on track to save £3 million. Also, by selling professional services such as IT and catering to schools and others, we're generating income to protect us from having to make deeper budget cuts.

Nicholas Rushton

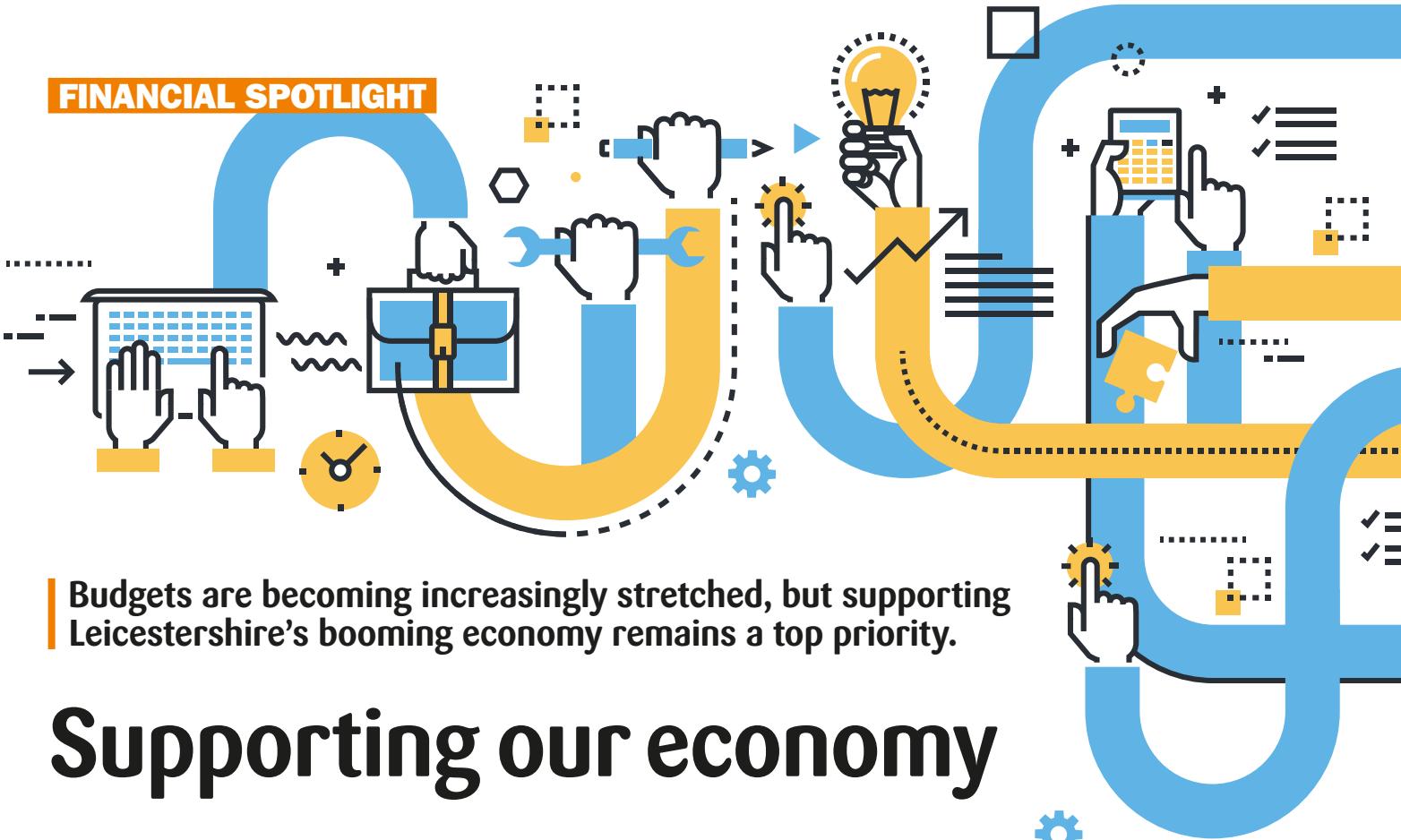


Fair funding: Tell us what you think

We've published interactive charts, enabling you to explore the facts and figures and send us your views – take a look at leicestershire.gov.uk/fairfunding

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FINANCIAL SPOTLIGHT



Budgets are becoming increasingly stretched, but supporting Leicestershire's booming economy remains a top priority.

Supporting our economy

More and more companies are making the county their home, bringing jobs and putting Leicestershire at the heart of industry and innovation.

The city and county are great places to live and do business, and we work very closely with the Local Enterprise Partnership, and Leicester City Council, to support the economy across both areas.

And by working together with the Government, we want to devolve powers and money so that we can take decisions locally - particularly over planning for housing, economic development and skills and transport infrastructure.

Businesses need reliable, fit-for-the-future communications. That's why we've put more than £33 million into superfast broadband – 97 per cent of residents can access the network and we're rolling it out to the remaining 13,000 properties. By the end of 2018, we're on course to bring high-speed fibre technology to more than 84,000 premises.

Companies want quality premises and we have plans to invest in a number of high-spec industrial units. We will start with Airfield Farm and Leaders Farm in Harborough and make them attractive for businesses to set up shop in Leicestershire.

Saving energy

Rolling out LED street lights is saving £2 million – and solar panels, LED lights and a bio-mass boiler in our buildings is reducing our yearly energy bills by £420,000. We're also helping other councils, NHS, police, fire and other public sector organisations to cut costs and carbon emissions by making changes.

Speed cameras

We're calling on the government to let us use fines to fund speed cameras in seven communities. A pilot scheme launches this autumn to see if they can help to tackle the daily effects of speeding motorists. But funding the scheme is key and we're thinking differently about securing income.

Council tax

If we could work with district councils to up council tax collection rates and improve forecasting, it could generate more money for public services. Estimates show at least £5 million could be raised. Last month, council leader Nick Rushton asked district council leaders to support a review: "If we overhauled the system – and had one way of collecting council tax, we'd save money and increase the amount raised for vital council, police and fire services."

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Bringing together support

We're helping older people, as well as younger people with a disability, to be independent and make it easier to get joined-up health and social care support.

Let's talk about the future

It's a pretty stark message, but people need to start thinking about their future housing plans.

Preparing for the needs of our ageing population is one of the greatest challenges facing councils – and we're urging people to plan ahead.

Understandably, many people want to stay at home. The size of a property and its location can be challenging – but last year, through equipment and support, we helped 7,000 people remain independent.

'Extra care' housing allows people to live as independently as possible, with the reassurance of support with personal care when needed – and we're expanding it across Leicestershire.

Following the success of Oak Court in Blaby, (pictured) we're investing over £1.5 million in a big development in Loughborough. Waterside Court on Derby Road is an £11 million project providing 62 self-contained flats.

Being built in partnership with the emh group, it's due to open by the end of this



Oak Court, Blaby

year. Over-55s living in Leicestershire with eligible care needs, or younger people with a disability, can find out more about the scheme at leicestershire.gov.uk/waterside-court.



Richard Blunt

Councillor Richard Blunt, cabinet member for adult social care, said: "Supporting older and vulnerable people must come first, and that's why we're investing over half the council's budget in adult social care."

"It's so important for people, perhaps those in their 50s and 60s, to start thinking now about where they're going to live in the future. Often, people have to make these choices at a time of crisis – having these conversations now can set the ball rolling."

Adult social care:

- We spend 38 per cent of our overall budget (around £130 million net per year) on adult social care, which is higher than the average for similar types of authorities
- We're expecting to spend more on supporting people with learning disabilities

What we've done:

- Advised 19,000 people in 2016-17 about support available
- Helped 7,000 people to be independent, through equipment or support
- Assisted 3,500 people to regain skills and live independently
- Supported 3,000 carers

What we're doing:

- Jointly working with the emh group on new extra care housing at Waterside Court, Loughborough
- Developing more independent living and short break opportunities for people with disabilities
- Working with partners in the NHS and district councils around housing support and technology to help them in the home
- Supporting people in the community through new day and mental health services

First Contact Plus



ONLINE HELP

An online information hub is helping residents stay fit, healthy and independent.

First Contact Plus offers information about support with health, falls, feeling safe, living independently, debts and benefits, work, learning and volunteering, families and relationships, plus links to organisations. The support is available by visiting firstcontactplus.org.uk

Residents who are in need of extra help can use the 'self-referral' button to arrange for an adviser to call them to discuss their specific needs, and put them in touch with the right people for support.

Could you give support to someone?

Do you have room for one more at the dinner table? Or even to stay in your home? If so, you could help someone who needs support.

We're looking for carers to get involved in our 'shared lives' scheme. It's an alternative to traditional care services and put simply, can prolong people's independence and change their lives.

It's a great way of sharing your home, skills and experiences with another person, and getting involved with your local community.

Lynda is one of Leicestershire's shared lives carers: "I find my role as a shared lives carer so rewarding and I get so much out of it. The best thing is seeing the people I support progressing, improving their skills and being part of a loving family."

Looking for a life-changing job?

Shared lives caring is a paid role. There are different ways of working – based on the type of care you can offer. You can provide long term care or short breaks – for just a few days.

Full training is provided, and you'll have access to someone who you can contact for support.

Go online for details at leicestershire.gov.uk/shared-lives-service



Getting home and staying well

Ensuring patients can be cared for at home, and return home as quickly as possible following a hospital stay, is a priority for the council.

We're working closely with the NHS on plans across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to make health and care services sustainable for the future.

We know that being at home with the right support is the best way for people to stay well. Evidence shows that people who are in hospital for more than 10 days are less likely to be able to go home and be as independent as they were. Doctors estimate that for older people, 10 days bed rest can be the equivalent of 10 years muscle wastage. Therefore it is vitally important that people leave hospital and go home as

quickly as possible once their treatment is completed.

Across the county, health and care providers are working together to develop new services that will support the vision of 'home first'.

Over the next few months new services and ways of working will be introduced. One initiative being trialled is a joined-up team to help people coming out of hospital. Health and care workers are currently based in some of the busiest wards at Leicester Royal Infirmary to provide expert advice to ward staff. This is helping to get people home as soon as they are well enough.

For more information on how we are transforming health and care, visit www.bettercareleicester.nhs.uk

Stay safe and well this summer



QuitReady

A new stop smoking service, QuitReady, has already helped more than 600 people kick the habit so far this year.

Recently-published figures also show that the number of county smokers has fallen significantly since 2012. Back then, the figure was estimated at 19.3 per cent of the county population, it now stands at 13.5 per cent.

Councillor Ernie White, cabinet member for health,


Ernie White said: "We're very encouraged by the figures but we're not complacent. We want to carry on supporting people through our free QuitReady service."

In the first six months since the service was launched in January 2017, QuitReady helped more than 600 people to give up.

ARE YOU READY TO *Quit* SMOKING?

QuitReady Leicestershire offers free and confidential text, phone and webchat advice. The service is available Monday to Friday (9am - 7pm) and Saturday (10am - 2pm).

Visit quitready.co.uk

Text 'ready' to 66777

Call 0345 646 66 66

QuitReady



WHEN LYNN LOST HER MUM TO LUNG DISEASE THAT WAS HER TRIGGER TO QUIT SMOKING.

"My Story"

"When my mum passed away it made me realise how precious life is and it was a massive factor in me giving up," said 48-year-old Lynn from Whitwick, who has been supported by QuitReady. "It's been more than six months since I quit and I never think about having a cigarette. It's been brilliant."

Lynn said that the health of her grandson also contributed to her decision to quit: "He has been diagnosed with a serious heart condition, but he's beaten the odds and he's doing great. I want to spend time with him and the rest of the family – that's so important to me."

Lynn praised the support she has received from the QuitReady team: "The service has been great. It really suits me that it's not appointment based. I'm a full time carer and it can be really difficult to find time to make appointments, so it's brilliant that I can ring my advisor at any time for support if it's needed."

STAY WELL

Dr Rachel from the Children's Emergency Department at Leicester Royal Infirmary shares her top tips to stay safe.



From cuts and scrapes to broken bones

If your child falls and hurts themselves give them a pain killer such as paracetamol or ibuprofen and do simple first aid, such as using an ice pack. You may find the pain goes away and you don't need a trip to hospital.



Off to ride your bike?

ALWAYS wear a helmet. It could save you from a nasty head injury.



Burns

If the burn is from something hot like boiling water, an oven or BBQ run it under cold water for 20 minutes. **DO NOT** use butter, toothpaste or turmeric to treat it. Give them some pain killers and if the skin is blistered or looks white please seek medical advice.

Trampolines

ALWAYS zip up the net and only one person bouncing at a time. More people jumping means more risk of injury and adults bouncing with children is the most dangerous combination. If it's tricky to stick to 'one at a time', please be careful and definitely no toys or pets.

Dodgy BBQ?

Most episodes of diarrhoea and vomiting pass in a few days. Children should be given mouthfuls of fluid every 15 minutes. Don't just give water; make sure it's something with sugar in it, like watered down juice, milk or rehydration sachets (Dioralyte). If your child wants to eat, let them. Children should be kept off nursery or school for 48 hours after their last vomit or loose stool.

Visit www.staywell-lir.org.uk for healthcare advice and information about accessing NHS services

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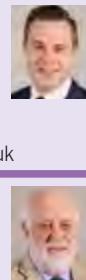
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Could you foster or adopt?

A rallying call for people to consider becoming foster carers and adopters is being made.

We urgently need people to come forward and open their hearts and homes to children and young people across the county.

There are children in our care, including babies, school aged children, teenagers, sibling groups and disabled youngsters, who need people to offer them loving homes in Leicestershire.

We're asking for anyone who is interested in fostering and adoption to contact us and find out more - or come along to our regular information events.



Ivan Ould

Councillor Ivan Ould, cabinet member for children and families, said: "Fostering or adopting a child can really transform lives, for both the young person, and the carer."

"Many people rule themselves out as they worry they don't meet the 'criteria', but the reality is they probably do."

"We offer complete support to all our adopters and foster carers, including training, get-togethers, newsletters and the opportunity to attend local forums with other carers."

Trish and Norm have been fostering children in Leicestershire for an amazing



Foster carers,
Trish and Norm

45 years and have cared for 211 children. Trish said: "Where children have gone on to be adopted,

some of their adoptive parents have stayed in touch and sent photos. We've even met some of them recently.

"As you can imagine we get Christmas cards in the hundreds. Fostering is rewarding, but it is not always an easy ride. It is hard to say goodbye, you've got to love the children and give a little bit of yourself to them.

"It is fantastic to see them settled and enjoying life with their new families."

Who can adopt or foster for Leicestershire?

You need to be 21 or over. For most types of fostering you would need to have a spare bedroom. A spare bedroom is needed for adoption. Get in touch with the team to discuss.

YOU CAN BE:

- married, single, in a civil partnership, living with a partner, divorced or widowed
- straight or gay
- of any religion or no religion
- of any cultural or ethnic background
- a home owner or a tenant
- with children already or without
- the partner of the child's parent
- we prefer foster carers and adopters to live in, or close to, Leicestershire.

To find out more about fostering and adoption call 0116 305 0505.



@FosteringLeicestershire



Make a difference,
to local children!

Find out more

Regular information events are held at County Hall in Glenfield for anyone who wants to find out more about fostering or adoption over a cuppa and a biscuit. Team members are there to offer advice and answer questions - and some of our current foster carers and adopters are often available to talk first-hand about their experiences. To find out more, book your place or have a chat with our recruitment team call 0116 305 0505. There's more information at www.fosteringleicestershire.com and www.adoptionleicestershire.com

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Communities make a big difference to people's lives - we want to continue to support and enable our communities to help this to happen.

Building great communities

We've come a long way since our first communities strategy was adopted in 2014. Thirty local libraries are now being run by community groups and volunteers and 300 projects have been funded through our revamped Shire Grants scheme.

We've now refreshed our plan for the next five years, so that communities thrive, people take pride in their local area and people can help themselves.

Cabinet member for communities, Councillor  Pam Posnett recognises the strengths in Leicestershire: "We're not starting from scratch. There are many active, vibrant places in the county. We want to equip these areas with the tools they need to make a positive difference.

"It's vital that we all work together. Communities often know exactly what's needed to fix problems – and sometimes they just need to tap into the right skills, knowledge or resource to make something happen.

"We're equal partners in this – everyone has a stake in making this work."



We want to hear from you

Over the summer we are asking communities and partners about what's important to them and their communities:

- **What makes a good community**
- **What can you do to help other people in your community?**
- **How can the council help you to be happy in your community?**

We want to hear from you. Help us to shape our work with communities and answer these questions yourself by visiting leicestershirecommunities.org.uk

Leicestershire Communities 

Preparing for a crisis

Locals in Measham are benefiting from a new scheme encouraging people to prepare for emergencies in their town – such as flooding, storms and other unexpected events.

Communities which come together and write a plan to show how they'd deal with a crisis can choose items worth up to £600 for a special community store.

Measham Parish Council led the work following the flooding last summer, working with resilience experts in the county.

The scheme is led by the local resilience forum – which brings together the council and emergency services. The forum helps with specialist advice to create unique plans for communities to use in moments of crisis.

Community projects across Leicestershire

Cotesbach residents have set up a local history café to provide social opportunities for older people and those with dementia.



Using grant funding, **Remap Leicestershire and Rutland** is making bespoke equipment to help disabled people live independently.



Desford parish has set up a good neighbour scheme to help people who need support with day-to-day tasks.



Measham has created a walking football team to help people stay fit and well.



Community Crisis Kit

Worth up to £600

Visit lrprepared.org.uk to find out how your community can benefit from a plan and how to apply for a community crisis kit worth up to £600.



LEISURE

See the best of Leicestershire this summer with great days out



THE Countryside SHOW

2017

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
28 AUGUST 2017, 9AM-5PM

BEACON HILL COUNTRY PARK, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE12 8SP

ENJOY A GREAT DAY OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

Enjoy a great day out this August bank holiday at Beacon Hill Country Park on the outskirts of rural Charnwood. This family event has evolved from the popular Wood Fair, which was held at Beacon Hill for more than 11 years.

Alongside some of the traditional wood carvings there will be lots to see and do to entertain the whole family.

There'll be more than 150 traders, exhibitors and community groups showing the best of countryside life, as well as a marketplace where you can taste some of the finest local produce that Leicestershire has to offer.

From extreme mountain biking and sheep shows to birds of prey demonstrations and activities for children, we've got some spectacular features fit for a bank holiday.



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN ENTRY PRICE

*The Countryside Show Early bird tickets available until noon on Friday 25 August:
Adults £8 (£12 on the day),
Concessions £6 (£9 on the day),
Family £24 (£36 on the day).

www.leicscountyparks.org.uk



Tickets
£17.50 ADULT
£9 CHILD



19 & 20 August
9.30am to 5.30pm

A great family day out!

Visit Bosworth Battlefield and re-live the dramatic events of 22 August, 1485 at this exciting, family-friendly festival.

The main arena will come to life as the famous battle re-enactment gets underway. See King Richard III and Henry Tudor clash in one of the most significant battles in British history. This breath-taking experience will give you an insight into history like no other.

A living history encampment is thronged with people opening a window into the past as they recreate the sights, sounds and smells of 1485, while a medieval market will be open for trade. There will be jousting, children's games, author talks, book signings and more.

Activities also include cannon and gunfire displays, live music and our award-winning indoor exhibition which is open throughout the day.

Bosworth Medieval Festival
Tickets: Adults £17.50,
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£355 million boost for roads and transport

Leicestershire has ambitious plans to grow the economy and boost jobs - and we're investing in our roads to support this.

Work is underway to ensure the county's road network can support growth by managing more vehicles. Easing congestion is a top priority – because it can cause unreliable journey times and harm the economy.

We have road and transport projects worth £355 million on the way, some of which have already secured funding. Each is designed to support growth and boost the local economy.

We've recently opened the £15 million M1 bridge at Lubbesthorpe, which spans the motorway, linking a new development to work and school, and reducing congestion on Beggars Lane between Leicester Forest East and Enderby.

We have applied for funding towards £7.8 million improvements to the busy A46, A5630 and Anstey Lane roundabout near Anstey. More traffic is expected here because of the Ashton Green development which is creating more than 3,000 homes and 9,000 jobs.

We have also bid for £17 million of government funding to turn parts of the A512 into Loughborough (close to M1 junction 23)

into a dual carriageway. These plans include a new roundabout for two large housing and employment developments. The developments provide 4,000 homes and 5,700 jobs.



Blake Pain

Cabinet member for highways, Councillor Blake Pain welcomes the investment: "Business is on the up in Leicestershire and our population is increasing. And by working with developers and other partners, we've successfully secured funding from government to support this."

"Our £355 million package of improvements aims to reduce congestion, support business productivity and help people get to work or college. What links them together is that they have the local economy – our homes, jobs and communities – at their heart."

As well as these major investments, we want to make sure that people make everyday choices about their travel options. As part of our successful 'choose how you move' campaign, we're raising awareness of travel options to work and school.

Our roads are top of the class

Over the summer, residents will receive the National Highways and Transport survey through their doors. It asks around 5,000 people - chosen at random - for their satisfaction with a range of highways and transport issues, such as street lighting, traffic levels and the condition of our roads.

The annual survey has taken place since 2008, and Leicestershire has consistently been near the top of the table when pitted against other councils.

In the last survey (2016), we were the highest scoring county council for satisfaction with roads and pavements. Additionally, Government statistics for 2015/16 show no other authority in England had better road condition across all types of road (A, B and C and unclassified). This is despite the authority being one of the lowest funded counties. By focusing on proactive repairs, Leicestershire has reduced the number of potholes from 8,478 in 2012 to 5,220 in 2015, a 38% decrease.

Look out for the survey - the results will be announced in the autumn.

— OUR IMPROVEMENTS WILL SUPPORT —

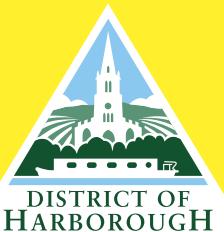


20,000
NEW JOBS CREATED

ESTIMATED
**GROSS
VALUE
ADDED**
£454m



31,000
DWELLINGS



Culture & cuisine

Visit local wine, beer, gin and cider producers located across the district.

Enjoy a night at the theatre with a blockbuster show at Kilworth House or a local production at Harborough Theatre.

Fancy a lunch or evening meal? Visit our website for fabulous places to eat.



History & heritage

Explore historic market towns and picturesque rural villages on one of the popular heritage trails that offer a guide to the history behind some of the streets and buildings you'll see.

Take off on a tour of Lutterworth Museum where you can discover the history of Frank Whittle's jet engine. The museum also has some fantastic displays on military memorabilia, vintage household items and the history of the local area.

History comes to life at Harborough Museum where you can see the famous Hallaton Treasure.



Family fun this summer

explore
Harborough



Family fun

Marvel at the fantastic **Foxton Locks** and explore the history of this iconic site in the Foxton Locks Canal Museum known as the Boilerhouse.

Escape **Wistow Maze** and enjoy a walk around the Wistow Rural Centre shops, garden centre and café.

Enjoy picnics, activities and a giant play area in **Welland Park** in Market Harborough.

Get out and about in the **countryside** on footpaths and cycle lanes - download a guide online.

Find out about all of these great days out and many more at exploreharborough.co.uk



Big events

Leicestershire County Show

Market Harborough Showground - 26 and 27 August 2017

It's back bigger and better than ever with some amazing freestyle motocross, dog display teams, flyovers from an RAF Spitfire and Hurricane, tractor pulling competitions and much more.

Arts Fresco, Market Harborough - 10 September 2017

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