**Budget Briefing Questions**

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**Please provide your views by 26 January 2018.**

**Centrally Held Budgets**

Are there centrally held items that should be stopped, reduced or increased?

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**Income Generation/Review of Policies**

What are your views on household charges and whether they should be higher in order to provide more funding for public services such as health?

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Given current pressures, are there services which are currently being provided for free or subsidised that should attract a charge?

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Do you believe we should be charged the same for services as in other parts of the UK?

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What existing policies do you think should be reviewed in order to provide more funding for public services such as health?

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**Resource Scenarios**

Do you agree with the proposed basis for protection of some departmental budgets or do you have an alternative suggestion?

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Do you have a preference for a particular scenario?

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What are the merits of each scenario?

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What are the disadvantages of each scenario?

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**Capital**

Do you support the proposed capital scenario?

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Do you have alternative proposals for the allocation of capital – if so, what are they and how would they be financed (e.g. reducing the capital available to a department or accessing RRI funds)?

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What would be the best use of the currently unallocated FTC funding?

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Have you any other views?

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