

## **CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT COSTS**

### **WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?**

All the costs of the Chief Executive, Directors and Assistant Directors. Whilst some are service specific it was felt appropriate to show them in one place.

### **HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?**

Since 2010/11 the senior management team has been reduced significantly while the responsibilities passed to the council have increased from Public Health including the commissioning of sexual health services and school nurses, to the operation of the crisis support fund and Council tax support scheme. Since 2010 over £2m has been saved from chief officer and senior management costs.

Previous benchmarking has demonstrated that the senior management costs within Darlington Borough Council are already amongst the lowest of comparable local authorities, and currently comprise 1.4% of revenue budgets

### **DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE**

This is the current structure however within the MTFP figures there is a requirement to reduce the senior management costs by £300,000 which will reduce the numbers below.

### **WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?**

#### **2019/20 costs £1,664,043**

£1,613,156 14 staffing members listed below.  
£50,887 Overheads

Chief Executive

Director of Neighbourhood Services and Resources

Director of Children & Adults

Director of Economic Growth

Assistant Director – Finance and HRM

Assistant Director – Community Services

Assistant Director – Housing and Building Services – Part funded HRA

Assistant Director – Law and Governance

Assistant Director – Capital Projects, Transport & Highways Planning

Assistant Director – Economic Initiative

Assistant Director – Regulatory Services and Civil Contingencies

Assistant Director – Regeneration Projects

Assistant Director – Adults Services

Assistant Director – Children Services

Assistant Director – Commissioning and Performance