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# **Easy Read: Department for Infrastructure Draft Budget 2025-26**

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## **Equality Impact Assessment**



## What is the Department for Infrastructure?

- We are a Government Department in Northern Ireland.
- We take care of important things that we all use everyday like roads, bridges, buses, trains, and water in Northern Ireland.

## Key areas we work on



### Transport:

- We look after roads and public transport like buses and trains.
- We also make sure roads are safe and help people get around easily.



### Water:

- We make sure that water is managed so that everyone has clean water.
- We also manage flood risks to keep people safe.



## **Planning:**

- We plan how land is used and make sure new buildings like houses, factories and offices are done properly.



## **What's Happening?**

- We receive an amount of money each year which we must use to spend on the things that we take care of.
- We have received our money for 2025-26 and we want to know how spending it will affect different groups of people.



## **The money we have to spend this year**

- The money we got for 2025-26 is more than we got last year, which is good news!
- But it is still not enough to do everything that we wanted to do.
- This means we will have to decide on what we spend our money on.
- Some things won't get as much money as needed, like fixing all the roads or doing all the big building projects.



## How we plan to spend our money

- We will be able to spend more money fixing our roads but we won't be able to fix as much as we would like to.
- We will be able to spend more money on keeping people safe from flooding, but we won't be able to do everything we wanted to do.
- The people who look after our water, buses and trains won't be able to spend as much as they had wanted to.
- We won't be able to do big building projects as quickly as we wanted to.



## How we think this affects different groups of people

- **Age** - Older People and Kids need safe roads and good public transport to get around.
- **Disabled People**: They need easy to use and safe transport and well looked after pavements to move around safely.
- **Families**: They need low cost and safe transport, especially if they have young children.
- **Everyone**: Clean water and safe roads are important for all of us!



## What Can You Do?

- We want to hear from you!
- We want to know how the money we got and how we plan to spend it might affect you and what you think we should spend our money on.
- You can share your thoughts and help us make the best decisions for everyone.
- You can answer the following questions in this booklet and send them to us in an email to [budget@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:budget@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)

You have until 5 June 2025 to let us know what you think.



## Questions

We have thought about how spending our money might affect different groups of people - is there anything else that we should be thinking about?



Have we missed anything important?



How can we make sure that our plans for spending our money don't make things worse?





Is there anything you want to add?