

South Tyneside

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The new pool at the Foreshore in South Shields will go ahead. This is how it should look.

Difficult times.... but an unshakeable vision

Times are really tough but we have an unshakeable vision for South Tyneside and you can help us 'do better with less' by telling us what you think.

The big reductions in public spending announced by Central Government last month mean your Council is faced with tough financial decisions.

Your Council has never had to save as much money as this before. Based on what we know today, our funding will reduce by at least £23m (but it could be more) from a budget of £177m, with further savings for the following three years.

With a lot less money we also have even greater demand for some of the key services the Council provides.

We have more older people to look after, more children in care, we need to create more jobs, grow business and improve health. This is by no means a comprehensive list, but examples of just some of the challenges we are tackling to further improve life in South Tyneside.

But we also have bold ambition to deliver a regenerated South Tyneside and we are determined to invest in our future through key projects such as schools, leisure facilities, our riverside and seafront.

This is where your help comes in. Over the next few months the Council will be preparing spending plans from April 2011 and future years. By understanding what you believe to be most important, you can help shape the budget by telling us your views.

We are committed to putting residents first by listening and acting on your preferences. Our budget must allow us to invest in priority areas and reduce spending on the things you feel are less important.

We will show strong leadership and civic responsibility by doing everything possible to meet the needs of our residents and deliver the services our communities rely on.

Please take part in our budget consultation. Details on how you can have your say are included in this newsletter.

We look forward to hearing your views.



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Leader,
South Tyneside Council



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Chief Executive,
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South of Tyne and Wear

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Our commitment to you

An artist's impression of how the development at Harton Staithes may look.



Whilst we don't yet know the full extent of the spending reductions that we face, we are already working on ways to reshape the Council and how we deliver services.

In October, the Government announced a broad public spending review which gives us an indication of our budget from April 2011. In December, we will then receive South Tyneside's detailed budget settlement from Government.

All avenues such as sharing buildings and providing services in partnership with other councils and public bodies are being explored. We are also working even closer with the voluntary and private sectors where appropriate.

We must also continue to invest for the long term. Major schemes such as the Foreshore Promenade improvements, two new swimming pools, continuing our schools modernisation programme, our ambitious regeneration programme, including the Harton Staithes development (pictured above) and our Strategic Waste Partnership are fabulous examples of long term investments that will help us to create jobs, improve health and create greater opportunity in the Borough for years to come.

We will continue our drive to bring new jobs to the borough. Our riverfront and position on the 'A19 corridor' gives us a great

opportunity to capitalise on the encouraging growth of offshore and renewable industries in the region. Our partnership with BT has been a huge success and is home to their national headquarters for local government, a big plus for South Tyneside.

Good quality housing is crucial, whether you choose to rent or buy. We are investing £250 million over five years to progress the Decent Homes Programme and additional investment in new Council house build projects. We are sharing the risk in new ventures with private house builders by supporting them to buy and develop land in South Tyneside.

Delivering services with a much smaller budget and fewer staff presents us with a new challenge that we will work through together whilst maintaining our unshakeable vision for South Tyneside.

We must evolve, think differently, adapt and change.

We will keep you informed through information on our website, in the local media and in future newsletters.

What's on

You tell us every year how much you love the festivities such as the Christmas lights and seeing Tommy the Trumpeter. Get into the Christmas spirit with a range of entertainment at South Shields, Jarrow and Hebburn town centres. Watch out nearer Christmas for details of school choirs singing carols, brass bands and mix and mingle entertainment on www.southtyneside.info. Here are some dates for your diary.



Christmas Lights Switch Ons

Hosted by the one and only Tommy the Trumpeter with special appearances by Santa and the Mayor of South Tyneside, Councillor Tom Pigott.

Jarrow

Friday 26 November,
Jarrow Town Hall, 4 - 5pm

Entertainment by Mr Twister
and Bedewell School Choir.

South Shields

Saturday 27 November,
King Street, 2 - 5pm

Festive entertainment from Eurovision
and chart stars, "Scooch".

Hebburn

Monday 29 November,
Fountains Park, 4 - 5pm

Yuletide Carols around the Christmas Tree
with St Aloysius School, plus balloon fun
from "Christmas Crackers".

Festive Arts & Crafts Market

Marquee, Market Place, South Shields
Thursday 2 December, 10am - 3pm

Don't miss this opportunity to buy a fantastic range of handcrafted goods made by talented artists and craftspeople from around the region. Pick up Christmas gifts for your family, friends or even yourself!

Plus visit the Central Library in South Shields for even more stalls!



South Tyneside Christmas Civic Carol Concert

South Tyneside Orchestra and Choirs from South Tyneside Schools perform an evening of festive songs and Christmas Carols to sing along to!

Temple Park Centre

Tuesday 7 December 2010, 7 - 9pm

Tickets £3 includes hot spiced drink and mince pies at interval

Buy tickets from Temple Park Centre or the Central Library, South Shields
or call 0191 424 7821



Have a healthy Christmas

Your local primary care trust aims to keep you fit and healthy over the winter months.

Please ensure you have a well stocked medicine cabinet and details of your local health services to hand.



Free yourself from cigarettes with free Nicotine Replacement Therapy.

To make quitting easier, there's now a whole range of free Nicotine Replacement Therapy products available from your local NHS Stop Smoking Service.

For details of your nearest service, text **SMOKE FREE** and your postcode to **60003** or visit www.sotw.nhs.uk

Terms and conditions apply.
This offer is only available to residents of Gateshead, Sunderland and South Tyneside.
Offer ends 31/12/10

SMOKEFREE

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Flu jab campaign

A couple from Hebburn are backing a drive to ensure that everybody who is at risk of developing serious complications from flu gets the vaccination this winter.

Moyra and Bill Oakley were among the first people to go along to the flu clinic at the Park Surgery in The Glen Primary Care Centre in Hebburn. Moyra said: "I always make sure I get my jab, it protects you and with the health conditions that I have I could be in real trouble if I got flu so don't want to take that risk."

NHS South of Tyne and Wear is urging all people aged 65 and over, and anyone aged six months or over with a long term health problem or a weakened immune system, to get the vaccine as a matter of urgency as flu can cause them serious complications, often resulting in a stay in hospital and in the worst cases death.

A new seasonal flu vaccine is produced every year and because the H1N1 virus that caused the 'swine flu' pandemic will still be around this winter, this year's flu vaccine will protect against H1N1 as well as other seasonal viruses.

**Diarrhoea.
Runny nose.
Painful cough.
Headache.**

NHS

For advice on common illnesses and the best medicines to treat them, use a **pharmacy**

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The Council budget - have your say and help us save

Please tell us your views by Thursday 16 December.

You can complete the survey on-line via our website on www.southtyneside.info/budget

You can also email your views on the budget to consultationteam@southtyneside.gov.uk or write to Stuart Reid, Head of Finance, South Tyneside Council, Town Hall & Civic Offices, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

All of your views will be considered in the strictest confidence. In accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998, responses will only be used to understand your view on the Council's budget, and never shared.

If you have any questions or concerns about the budget survey please contact the Community Involvement Team on 0191 424 7337.



Your budget - what you can save

We have joined forces with a range of partners to offer you some money-saving tips for over the Christmas season and into next year.

- **"Bridges - Your Community Bank"** is the new trading name for South Tyneside Credit Union. It is now based at 287 Sunderland Road, South Shields. Bridges is a co-operative run by its members for the benefit of its members. You can open a savings accounts or you can borrow money - generally small amounts which can be repaid usually over a period to suit you. Visit www.bridgescommunitybank.org.uk or call 0191 454 7677.
- You might be entitled to free loft and cavity wall insulation with Warm Zone. Call 0191 424 7914 to find out if you qualify.
- If you are over 60, you might be entitled to receive winter fuel allowance - even if you are still working. Call Welfare Rights on 0191 424 6040.
- Take out a Get Active Membership for £5 and get discounts on most activities and facilities at Temple Park Centre, Hebburn Swimming Pool and Monkton Stadium. Call 0191 456 9119.
- Don't let money worries spoil your Christmas. If you need help with debt, contact our Welfare Rights Service on 0191 424 6040 or the Citizens Advice Bureau on 0844 49 94 715.

- **Shop around** - the Internet and many stores offer a price match policy or they might throw in extras. It's worth asking!
- **Cheap is not always a bargain** - counterfeit, fake or 'knocked off' goods may look like a bargain but the quality is likely to be poor, they may not be safe and you might be funding organised crime.
- **Credit - you might get extra protection** if you fund your purchase on a credit card or through a finance agreement. However, they are an expensive way to borrow, check the total you need to pay back.

For further information call Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 or report fake goods to the confidential hotline on 0800 0935878.



After the festivities are over

During the Christmas holidays your bin collection days change so make a note of your revised day.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 27 December	Wednesday 29 December
Tuesday 28 December	Thursday 30 December
Wednesday 29 December	Friday 31 December
Thursday 30 December	Sunday 2 January
Friday 31 December	Tuesday 4 January
Monday 3 January	Wednesday 5 January
Tuesday 4 January	Thursday 6 January
Wednesday 5 January	Friday 7 January
Thursday 6 January	Saturday 8 January
Friday 7 January	Sunday 9 January



The refuse and blue bin recycling collections will return to normal on Monday 10th January. Please remember to put your bin out for collection before 7.30am on the day of collection.

For further information visit www.southtyneside.info/wasteandrecycling or call 0191 427 7000

Do Your Bit

Make recycling one of your New Year's resolutions. Recycling saves money and helps the environment. In South Tyneside, we recycle around 30% of our waste but we need to reach 50% by 2020.



At the recycling village

The recycling village at Middlefields is open from 8am to 6pm, seven days a week, every day except Christmas Day.

A full list of items that you can recycle is available on www.southtyneside.info/wasteandrecycling

At home

Glass bottles, plastic bottles (with tops removed), drink cans and food tins, and cardboard (including your Christmas cards) all go into the main part of your blue recycling wheelie bin.

Put all of your paper (but not wrapping paper) and envelopes into the caddy box inside your blue bin.

Your old Christmas tree

You can recycle your tree from 1 - 23 January at the following sites:

SOUTH SHIELDS

Temple Park Leisure Centre	Next to Recycling Site
North Marine Park	Opposite Vespasian Ave
Mowbray Park	Off Osborne Avenue
Readhead Park	Cemetery Approach
West Park	Play Area, West Park Rd
Recycling Village	Middlefields

JARROW

West Park	Corner Pine St & Sth View
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HEBBURN

Campbell Park Road	Corner of Adair Way
St.Andrews Centre	Church Street

BOLDON, CLEADON, WHITBURN

Disco Park	Rear of Old Store Buildings
Grange Park	North Lane Entrance
Cornthwaite Park	Car Park
Coulthard Park	Car Park
Oakleigh Gardens	Driveway

This newsletter replaces onview. We have produced a smaller newsletter with partners to save money but still keep you informed. We welcome your feedback. Call 0191 424 7385 or email marketing@southtyneside.gov.uk. Your views will be included as part of our ongoing evaluation about how we communicate. If you would like the newsletter in a different format we can arrange that for you. If you would like to receive emails with news from South Tyneside Council visit www.southtyneside.info/email