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We have now passed our budget for the coming year, 2014/15, with a unanimous vote at a Full Council meeting.



Gillian Troughton, portfolio holder for finance and HR, said: “Losing more than a third of our budget continues to be a huge challenge for us and yesterday Council agreed to further savings of £1.2m for 2014/15.

“We have successfully made many savings in ‘back office’ services are still managing to protect our essential front line services and vulnerable people. For example we have not passed on the Government’s cut in funding for Council Tax benefit to those who can least afford it because we think vulnerable people, both in and out of work, are having a difficult enough time at the moment. But the government’s cuts continue and we are concerned that we cannot continue to make the same savings again and again.

“These decisions have, once again, been tough ones for all of us – we do not want to reduce any service, or increase any fees in these difficult times, unless we have to. However it is our responsibility to cut our cloth accordingly. We will continue to do our level best to deliver the best possible services we can for the people and businesses of Copeland.”

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