

Women's Economic Empowerment Project

#### Aim of the Project

 To build the participants' knowledge and direct experience of the Scottish Budget process by engaging in viewings of the presentation of the Draft Budget and the Budget Debate in the Scottish Parliament, including visits to the Parliament and meetings with MSPs and proceedings in the Chamber.





## Aims of the day

- Getting to know each other
- Understand which areas of policy the Scottish Government are responsible for funding
- Be aware of the key stages of the Scottish Government budget process



#### Working Together Agreement



Get involved and share your thoughts – we all have something to contribute



Listen and Respect other voices



Don't talk over each other – keep ourselves on mute when not speaking



Know its ok to ask if we don't know something



Ok to disagree but don't be disagreeable



Maintain confidentiality



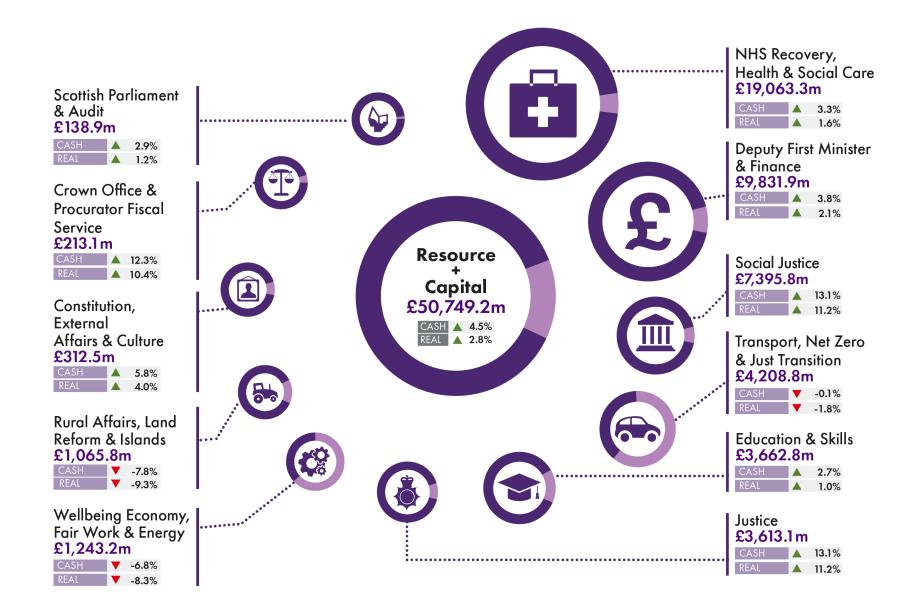
Devolved and Reserved Matters





WESTMINSTER DECIDES HOW MUCH IT WILL SPEND IN ENGLAND ON PUBLIC SERVICES. HOLYROOD IS AUTOMATICALLY Allocated a population share of changes in spending on public services devolved to scotland.





### Who funds what?

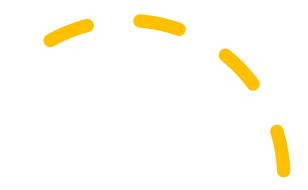
- In your small groups decide who (Westminster, Scottish Government or Local Government) makes the decisions for the following:
  - buying a new naval ship,
  - pay levels for social workers
  - setting national insurance levels,
  - supporting an international food project in Malawi,
  - setting pension credit levels,
  - setting level of Scottish child payment,
  - setting the income thresholds for school clothing grants,
  - setting the level that non-residential care charges are set at,

Identify any questions you may have to take back to the full group

- The budget "reflects the values of a country -who it values, whose work it values and who it rewards ... and who and what and whose work it doesn't" Pregs Govender
- What do you think the priorities for the Scottish Budget are and what do you think they should be?

- In your small group discuss the following:
- Room 1 How easy do you think it would be for you and other women to feed into the budget process?
- Room 2 What do you think the barriers are to people feeding into the budget process are?
- Room 3- What do you think would help you to feed into the Scottish Government or Local Governments Budget Process?
- Agree 2 key points to feedback to the bigger groups at the end





# Thank you