

Financial Policy Committee

The Financial Policy Committee (FPC) has the power to make sure emerging risks and vulnerabilities across the financial system as a whole are identified, monitored and effectively addressed.

A consultation document was published in 2012 by the HM Treasury about the macro-prudential tools that the FPC should be given and have published legislation setting out these tools. These tools give the FPC the power to direct the Prudential Regulation Authority to increase the capital that UK banks are required to hold in certain circumstances.

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Armed Forces

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The armed forces covenant recognises that the government and the nation have an obligation to the armed forces community and it establishes how they should expect to be treated. The policy paper was published in May 2011 along with 'The armed forces covenant: today and tomorrow' which detailed the steps being taken to suport the armed forces community.

The armed forces covenant itself is not a legal document but its key principles have been enshrined in law in the Armed Forces Act 2011. The legislation obliges the Defence Secretary to report annually on progress made by the government in honouring the covenant.

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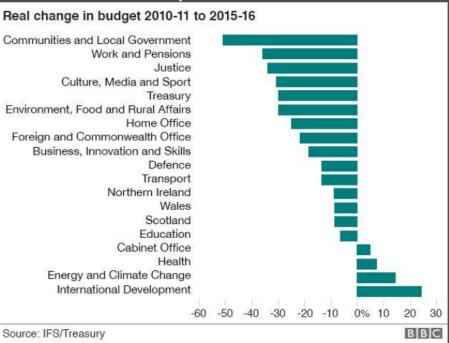
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Budget Cuts

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Gordon Brown introduced spending reviews in 1998. They are where the chancellor outlines how much money each government department are allowed to spend for the next three to four years.



Health, schools, international aid and defence escaped the budget cuts in 2015, but George Osbourne asked unprotected departments to find a total of £20 billion in savings as part of plans to balance the government's books.

Fire Station Closures

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In 2014, 10 London fire stations were shut down to save £28.8 million. 552 jobs were lost and the London Fire Brigade said that the changes were "inevitable" but the service would not be affected. The cuts also include reducing the number of fire engines by 14. The Fire Brigades Union said that the cuts will compromise public safety, however, the LFB believe that the cuts will **not** affect public safety as the number of fires has fallen by 50% over the last 10 years.