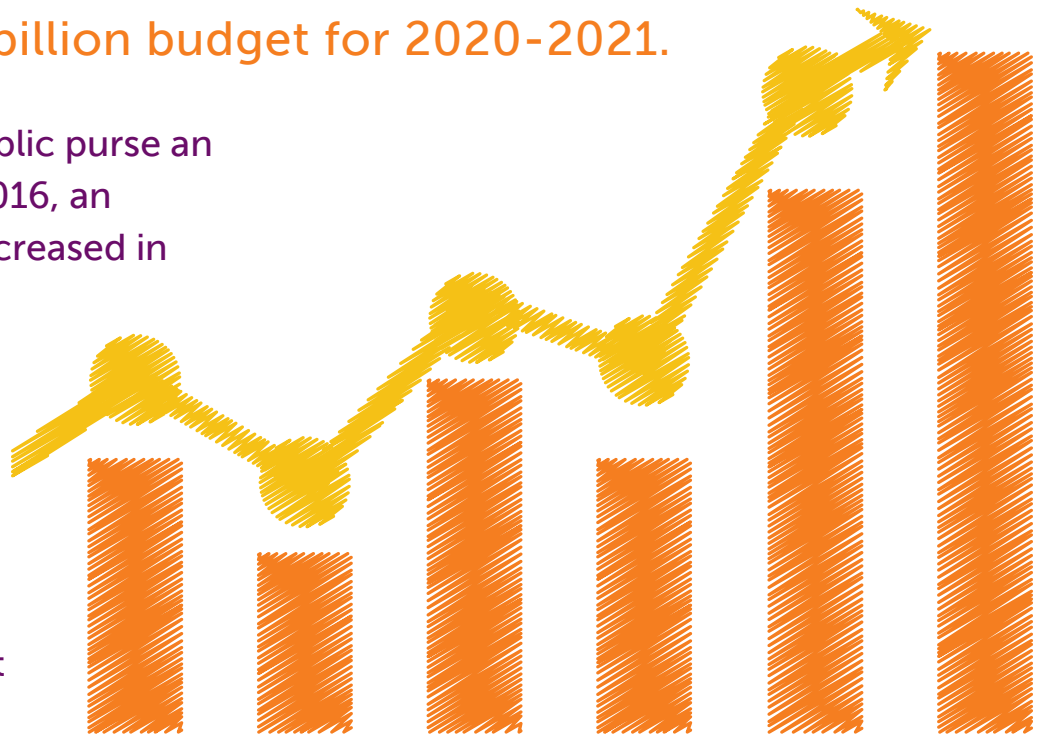


# Investing in solutions to poverty

Why the Welsh Government should put poverty at the heart of its £18 billion budget for 2020-2021.

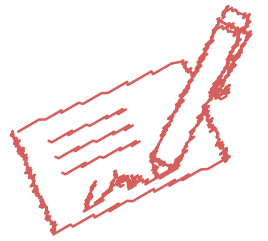
Poverty cost the Welsh public purse an estimated £3.6 billion in 2016, an amount that's no doubt increased in recent years.

Investing in prevention is the only way to reduce the real cost of poverty. Here are some of our recommendations of the measures that will be most affordable and successful:



## Fair work

Investing in job creation, increasing awareness of fair work and allocating public funding exclusively to fair work employers



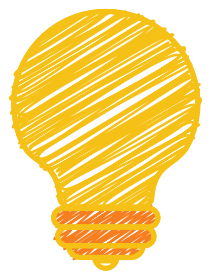
## Fuel poverty

Dedicating expenditure to reduce fuel poverty in low income households



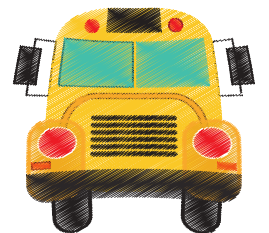
## Education

Investing in 15 hours of high-quality childcare for all children from low-income homes, ensuring school funding is focused on closing the educational attainment gap, providing sufficient funding for free school meals and holiday provision and increasing funding for Further Education



## Transport

Investing in the bus network, implementing a fare cap and replacing the current concessionary fares scheme with a low-cost fare



## Housing

Continuing to invest in the construction of 20,000 new affordable homes, investing in measures to ensure that social rents are affordable and providing more support for low income families



## Health and social care

Enhancing expenditure on programmes proven to reduce health inequalities and investing in a campaign to raise awareness of schemes that assist low income families



Investing in poverty prevention isn't just the right thing to do; it also makes economic sense.

Please read our full recommendations and research sources at:  
[www/bevanfoundation.org/publications/poverty-budget-2020-21](http://www/bevanfoundation.org/publications/poverty-budget-2020-21)