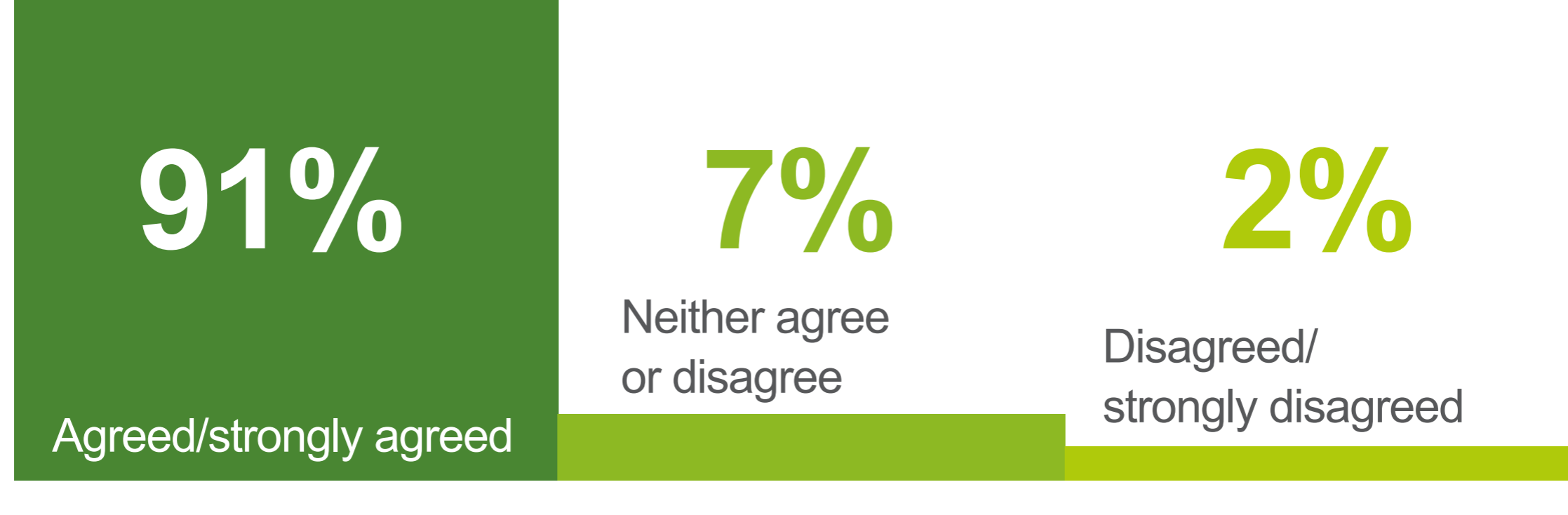


From mountain to sea

Your Council, Your Services Increasing Efficiency 2017/18

Delivering our services: We asked, you said

In 2015, we asked you "Do you agree that the council should continue to identify efficiencies in order to protect essential services?"



What do we spend?

Each year, on average we spend



£530 million

on delivering services



£113 million

on capital projects



Aberdeenshire Council is continuously looking at ways to improve our local services and increase efficiency, to deliver best value for communities across Aberdeenshire.

What are we doing to increase efficiency?

Working in collaboration to procure services

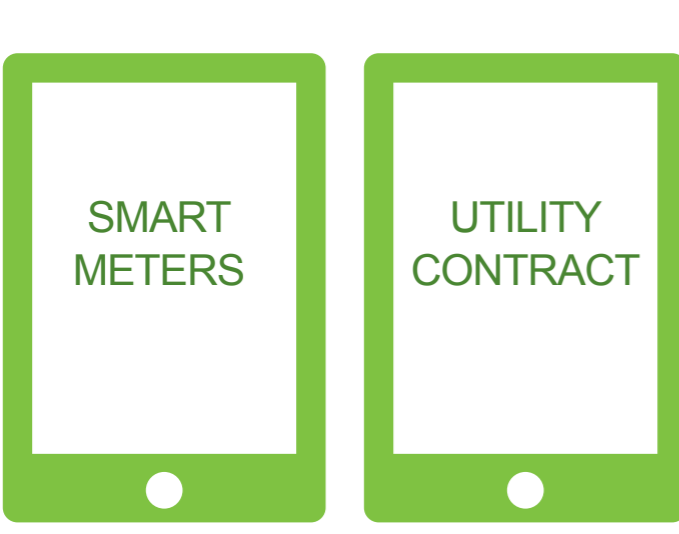
We are working in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and Highland Council to jointly buy services.



By working in partnership, we are saving **£1.46 million** per year



Over 5 years, we will spend **£7.3 million less**



From 1 January 2017, savings on electricity and natural gas* and the installation of smart meters, will make a combined saving on utilities of **£800k**

*through nationally negotiated contracts

Reducing the amount we print

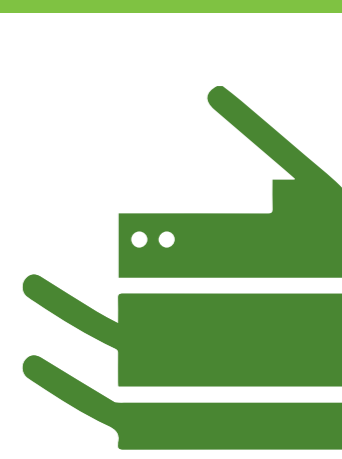
We have committed to printing



20% less



We have introduced more efficient printers across Aberdeenshire Council schools and buildings.



Changes in how we deliver print services will result in savings of

£600,000 per year

This will result in a 40-50% reduction in energy use*.

*Figures are based on energy savings in Aberdeenshire Council and Aberdeen City Council.

Using fewer buildings

Through our workSPACE strategy:

98 facilities reduced to **68**



Streamlined our offices in Peterhead to reduce costs, from 12 offices to 1, saving £150,000 p/a

Releasing 30 facilities saved running costs of **£727,000**

Driving digital innovation

As part of our digital strategy we are:

- improving digital connectivity, so more meetings can be done remotely reducing travel expenses and emissions
- rolling out public access WiFi in many of our buildings.



Removing desk phones, so phone calls and meetings can be made direct from computers will save



£500,000

Our workforce

in **2012**
31 senior management posts

in **2016**
27* senior management posts

*This includes two posts which are joint with Aberdeen City Council and two which are shared with NHS Grampian.

Total staff headcount in 2012 was 13,900, and in 2016 is 14,500, due to increasing population growth and demand for services.

Have your say

We are asking residents across Aberdeenshire for their views on how we spend our budget. We want to hear from you on issues such as Council Tax, increasing efficiency, investing in our communities, as well as ways in how we can work smarter.

Your feedback is important to us in setting our budget for the future. Please take a couple of minutes to complete our survey below to **Have your say**.

[Click here to have your say on Increasing Efficiency](#)



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