

## [Scottish budget: what it means for older people](#)

The Scottish Government has set out its budget plans for the year ahead. You can read a summary [here](#).

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## [Thames Valley police funding](#)

Today we heard of the police financial settlement for 2018-19. The Thames Valley force will receive an extra £12.7m in cash for next year, which is needed to help maintain services.

The government also announced a £50m increase in national money for counter terrorism and a general strengthening of budgets to tackle cyber crime.

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## [Delivering superfast broadband for all homes and businesses in Scotland](#)

Below is a statement given by Fergus Ewing to the Scottish Parliament on how the Scottish Government will invest £600 million to deliver superfast broadband to every home and business in Scotland.

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