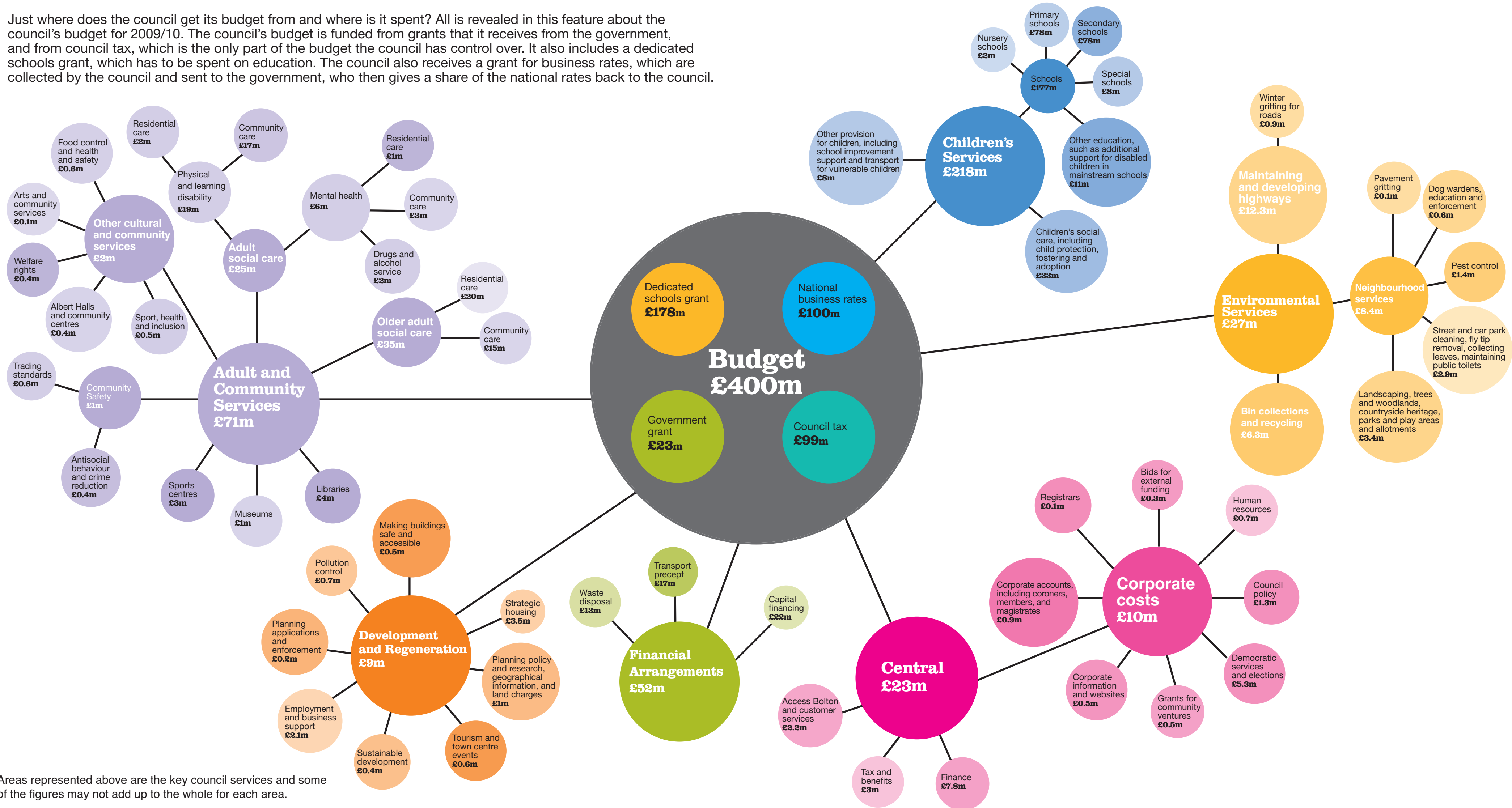


Where council money comes from and goes to

Just where does the council get its budget from and where is it spent? All is revealed in this feature about the council's budget for 2009/10. The council's budget is funded from grants that it receives from the government, and from council tax, which is the only part of the budget the council has control over. It also includes a dedicated schools grant, which has to be spent on education. The council also receives a grant for business rates, which are collected by the council and sent to the government, who then gives a share of the national rates back to the council.



Areas represented above are the key council services and some of the figures may not add up to the whole for each area.