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Presentation to Buckinghamshire County Council





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CURRENT RESOURCING

A map to show our station locations and duty systems, the number of fire appliances (fire engines) by type of cover and specialist appliances by location

Rectangular Snip

-  Full-time
(crew based on station)
-  On-call
(crew live/work <5 mins from station)
-  Spare
-  Training school

- sfu – small fires unit
- boat – water rescue
- Aer – aerial appliance
- BA – breathing apparatus support van
- O – operational support unit
- I – incident response unit (decontamination)
- RSV – rescue service vehicle
- CC – command & control bus
- d – fire investigation dog van
- USAR – urban search and rescue
- CS – community safety exhibition unit
- WFm – water & foam tanker
- HL – high volume hose layer

Day – Night



Our **Whole-time** stations provide full-time emergency response cover 24/7, every day of the year. These stations also have additional capacity offered by 'on-call' fire-fighters available on a 5 minute turn-out time.

Our **Day-crewed** stations provide full-time cover during the day (08:00-18:00 hours) and On-Call cover at night (18:00-08:00 hours).

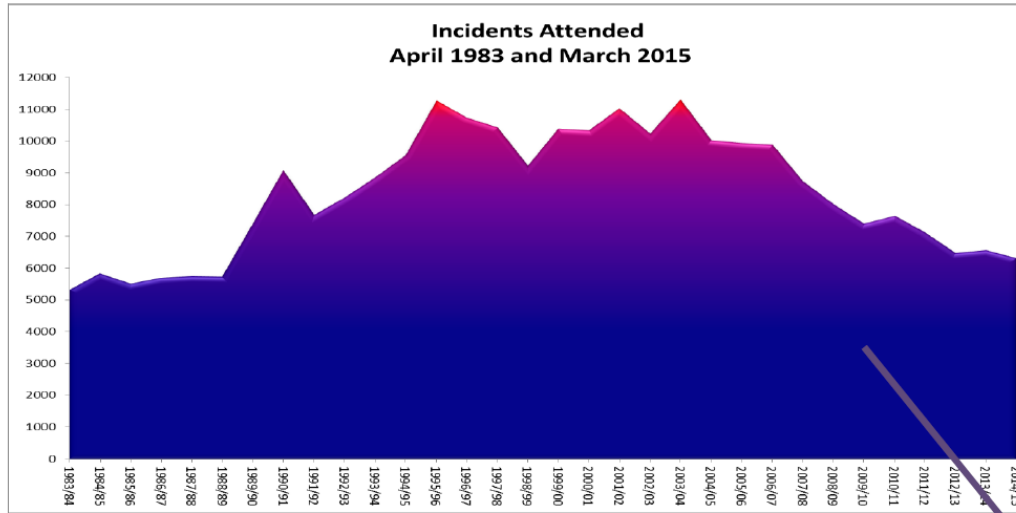
Our **On-Call** stations use firefighters who live/work in the area and come in as and when required. Usually they must be within 5 minutes of the station.

We also operate an emergency control room function which deals with calls for assistance although this will be migrating to a new shared facility with Royal Berkshire and Oxfordshire at the end of 2014.



Appendix C

Demand – MK Demand Profile 2003 – 2015 – Figure 9



The charts here provide a clear visual of the reduction in demand across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.

From 2000 to 2015, there has been an increase in population of;

- 9 per-cent in Buckinghamshire, and
- 24 per-cent in Milton Keynes

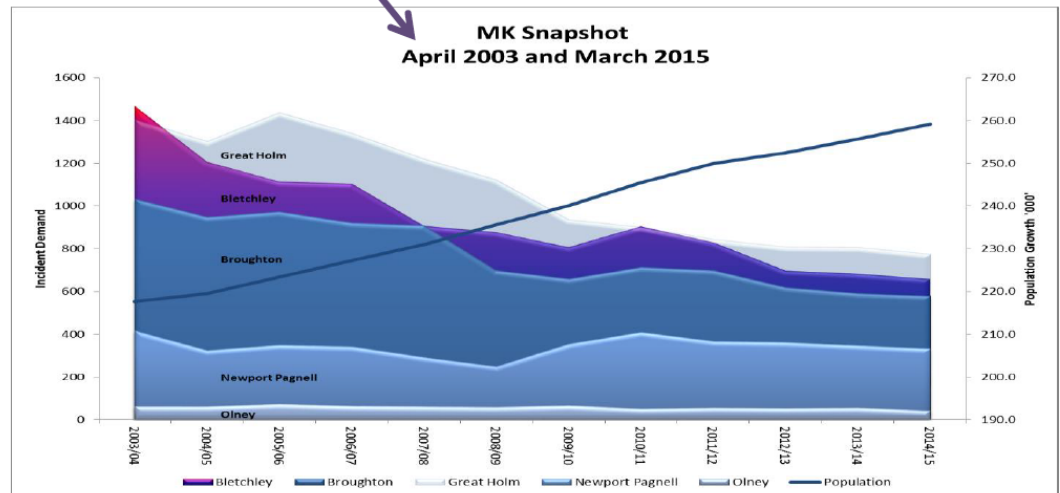
The Milton Keynes snapshot¹ below highlights a 54 per-cent reduction in demand per population across Milton Keynes (201 to 92 incidents per 10,000 population) despite the higher than average increase in population.

A similar reduction in demand of 49 per-cent has been experienced in Buckinghamshire (146 to 74 per 10,000 population).

Number of incidents per 10,000 population

	2003/04	2014/15	% Difference
Buckinghamshire	146	74	↓ 49%
Milton Keynes	201	92	↓ 54%
Bletchley	67	25	↓ 62%
Broughton ₂	47	22	↓ 53%
Great Holm ₃	65	30	↓ 54%
Newport Pagnell	19	13	↓ 32%
Olney	3	2	↓ 33%

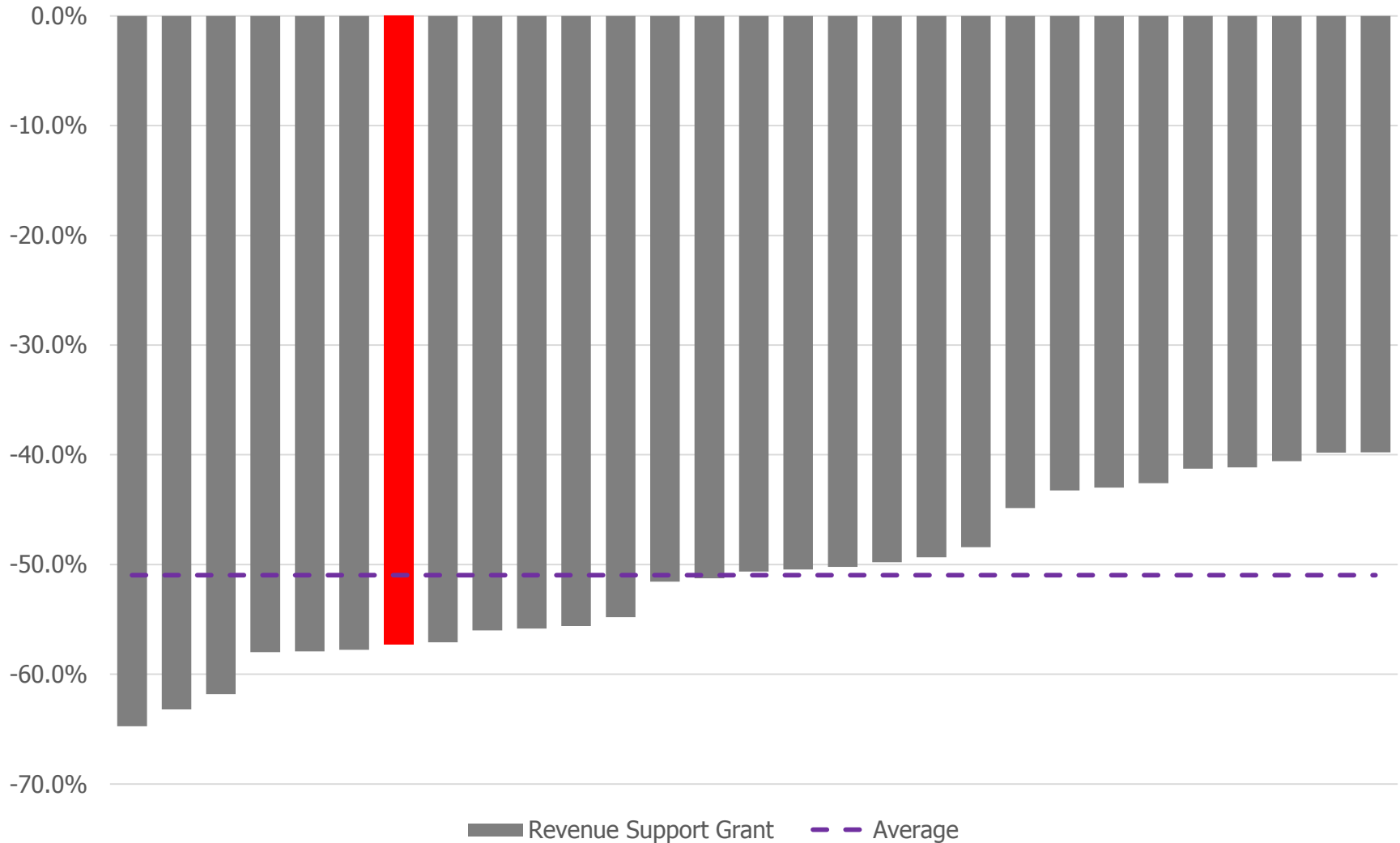
MK Snapshot April 2003 and March 2015



- 1 MK Snapshot coincides with the enactment of the Fire Services Act 2004
- 2 1986 Broughton changed from day crew to whole time
- 3 1989 Great Holm opened

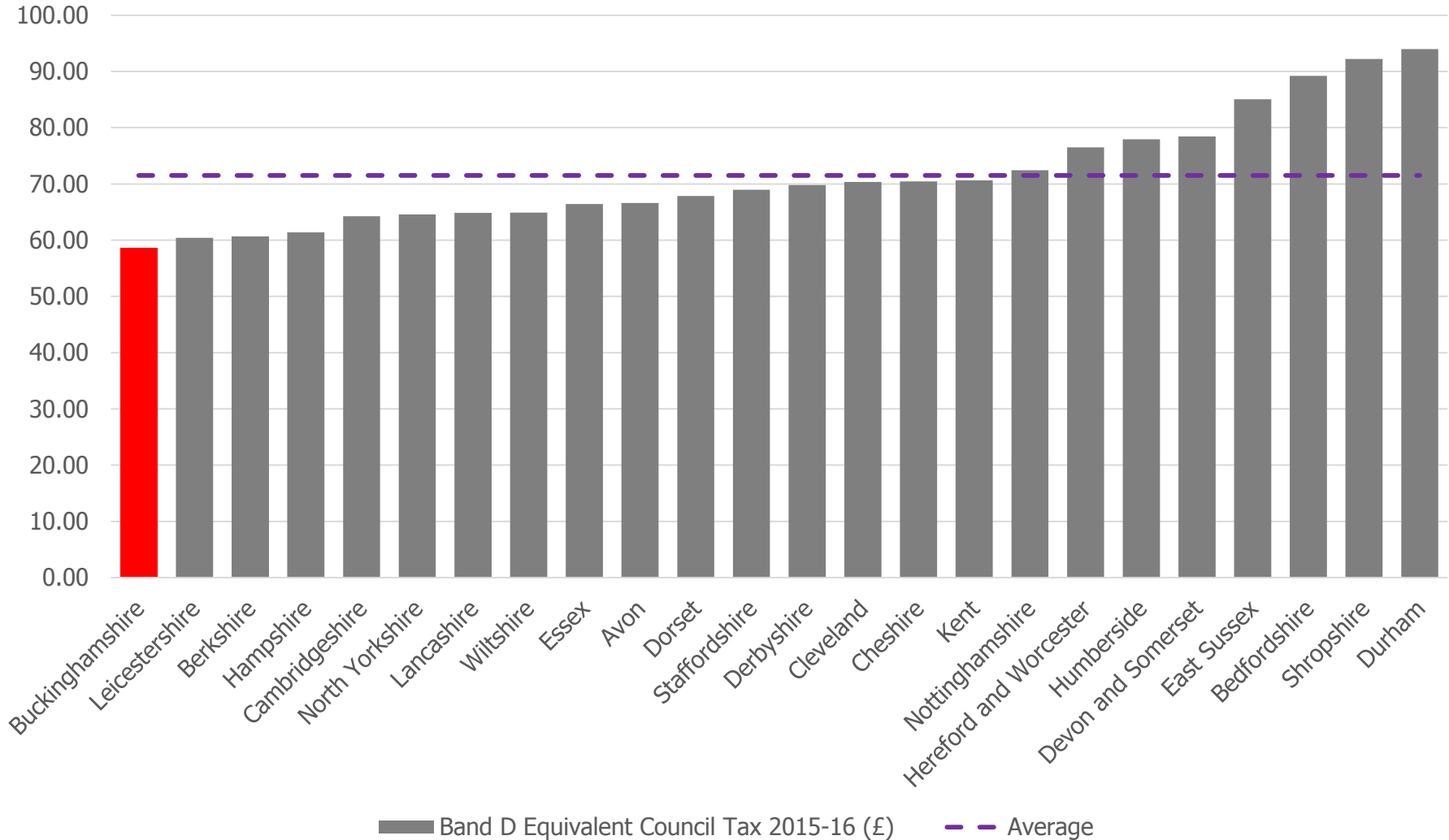


Percentage Change in Revenue Support Grant 2015/16 to 2019/20





Band D Equivalent Council Tax 2015-16 (£) All Combined Fire Authorities [Source: CIPFAstats]





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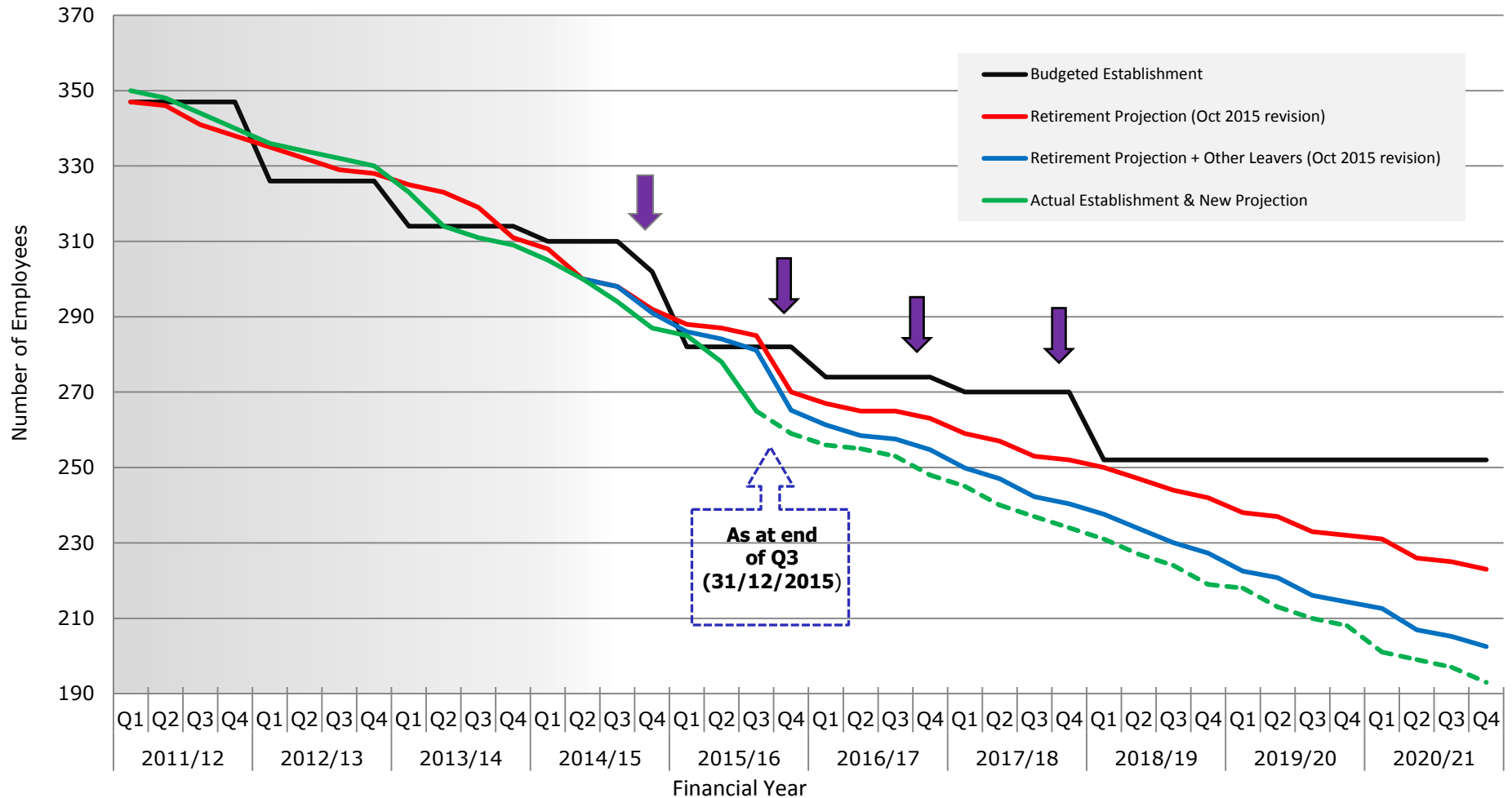
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Workforce Planning: 2015-20 Public Safety Plan Predicted Operational Retirement Model





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New employment contract

- Flexibility
- Personal Responsibility
- Mobility
- Medical Calls
- Local and National Resilience



What other changes have we made?

- Reduction in the number of councillors on the Fire Authority.
- Member led budget challenge.
- Innovative crewing solutions – Bank System saving money, flexibility and increasing availability.
- USAR and specials delivered in a different way.
- Training Framework and Professional Partnership.



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Results from collaboration

- Sharing fire stations
- Shared procurement
- Shared response with SCAS
- Shared information governance and finance



What have we not done?

- Closed one fire station due to funding reductions.
- Removed one fire engine.
- Made one Firefighter redundant.
- Used a year on year rise in council tax to fund the changes
- Real terms decrease across all fire services (for which data was available) was 9%
- Real terms decrease for Bucks Fire was 17%



Results

- Reduced staff numbers by 22% in 5 years
- Fire engine availability has remained largely static
- Attendance times have remained static
- Saved more lives than ever before due to Co-Responding (Over 6000 calls in 12 months).
- Need to show people a different future through local engagement and leadership.



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“We look to the future
as that is where we will
spend the rest of our
lives”