

FOCUS QUESTION

Which is better: privatised services, or publicly-funded services?

DEFINITIONS:

services = schools, transport, leisure facilities, etc.

privatised = owned by companies or individuals

publicly-funded = owned by the government

You will be given information on **CARD B2** to help you prepare a talk on this topic.

CANDIDATE B role card

Your role is to support **publicly-funded services**.

You will give a **3-minute** talk on the **advantages** of publicly-funded services.

You have **4 minutes** to prepare.

Here are some ideas to help you:

- free or cheaper access to some services
- open to everyone
- job security for employees
- government protection
- sense of local or national pride

You can also use your own ideas if you wish.

SCENARIO

The town council owes more than £10 million and needs to save money.
The council has a number of options:

- close the public sports centre and swimming pool
- close two out of the three public libraries
- sell the sports centre to a private company

DISCUSSION

Which option do you think the council should choose and why?