

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

Budget Cut Assessment Form CEASING VULNERABLE ADULTS FLOATING SUPPORT	Ref No C5	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
<p>Description of Proposal:</p> <p>To remove the contract for the provision of Housing Related Support for Vulnerable People aged 25+. (This is not Hostel provision – 29 units will remain). This contract also encompasses the management of Darlington Borough Council’s statutory provision of Temporary Accommodation (11 units of accommodation) and this statutory provision would need to remain.</p> <p>Service Detail</p> <p>The service provides support to individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and has capacity to support over 300 Individuals per annum. Support is delivered through triage, group work, crisis interventions and floating support (floating support is support delivered on a regular basis to individuals whose identified needs cannot be met through triage, for a maximum of 6 months). In addition to ensuring the individual is adequately housed, the service aims to reduce dependency, increase & sustain independence, increase clients taking part in education, training and employment and meaningful daytime activities. These include, but, are not limited to; reducing overall debt, better management of physical health, mental health and substance misuse issues, and support to avoid harm from others and to others which are all important in supporting an individual to move towards independent living and becoming a contributor to society,.</p>						
Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs		Cost Shunting	
No. of posts to be deleted	0	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs The contract was let for a period of three years plus an option to extend for a further one plus one years, the contractual agreement has provision for 90 days’ notice.		Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets If this service is de-commissioned, there could be a potential cost shunt to ASC and/or Housing to meet some people’s needs. The service plays a preventative role in avoiding the escalation of avoidable circumstances which then require a Social Care intervention. The provision of Housing Services temporary accommodation is contained within this contractual agreement. This element would have to transfer back to DBC to manage if the full service was de-commissioned. The service includes the provision of a rapid intervention/triage support which enables individuals to receive instant support and interventions. If this daily drop in service was not available it could result in an increase in the number of direct presentations to housing services. Due to the chaotic lifestyles of the individuals it is unlikely that they would make and keep appointments to access advice/help in the same way.	
No. of potential redundancies	0					
Estimated Redundancy costs	£0					

Financial Summary					
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	£141,365	£282,731	£282,731	£282,731	£282,731
Redundancy Costs					
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting	Not able to be specifically quantified				
Overhead	£4,629	£9,133	£9,013	£8,944	£8,944
NET Budget Reduction	£145,994	£291,864	£291,744	£291,675	£291,675

IMPORTANT:
 NOTE THIS BUDGET CUT IS SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT SHOULD
 “INVESTING IN DARLINGTON’S FUTURE” PROPOSALS ARE AGREED
 FOLLOWING CONSULTATION SEE PARAGAPH 52 OF THE MAIN
 REPORT

Equality Impacts

Overview is EIA needed?			Protected Characteristics		Yes	No	Brief Details
Put 'x' in relevant box if the proposal:	'x'	Comments, including any charge across the options. Include the number of people affected, where known	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put 'x' in the box in the Impact column if there are positive (P) or negative (N) equality impacts. Leave box blank if there are no potential equality impacts Put L, M, H or ? in relevant column using following descriptions: L = sustainable adjustment in daily routine 	Explain decision, level of impact and any change across the options			

				M = significant reorganisation or change H = life changing or limiting impact on quality of life ? = not known at this stage.							
Affects	Service users	X	This service has supported over 300 clients in a 12 month period. It helps clients source and sustain appropriate accommodation. This service plays a key role as step down from accommodation based services and therefore has an effective role in supporting the transition to independent living. Without this service the throughput of clients in hostels and other forms of temporary accommodation (B&B) might not be as efficient which may result in bed blocking and ultimately could result in an increase in rough sleepers. The majority of the individuals in receipt of this service have exceptionally limited housing options due to extensive previous arrears and failed tenancies, thus making them exceptionally difficult to accommodate. Frequently the provision of support from a housing related support service is the critical factor for a private landlord in determining whether to accommodate an individual, due to the positive rapport which has been built between the landlord and support provider. This will increase pressure on the Housing options team.		Impact	Level					
	Employees				P	N	L/M/H/?		Have Cumulative Impacts been identified?	Y	There could be cumulative impacts due to impending changes across DBC funded services. Homeless individuals have been affected and continue to be by the national welfare reforms. The cumulative impacts of reductions in housing related support services is on the most vulnerable groups in society and disproportionately on those from deprived wards of the borough
	The wider community	X	The individuals who require this support have complex and chaotic housing history, which frequently involve histories of Anti-Social Behaviour. The support provides individually tailored plans to ensure that individuals receive the correct support to increase the opportunities for positive tenancy sustainment.	Age		x	H	This is the only designated service for people aged 25+	Have unlawful impacts been identified?	N	
Significantly affects how services are delivered?		X	Likely impacts: adult social care may see an increase in the number of requests for assessments.	Race					Are there opportunities to advance equality?	N	

		Housing Options may see an increase in the number of clients who present as homeless with reduced range of services to refer into Also reduces Darlington's ability to deliver on the 'Making every contact count' approach and areas of One Darlington: Perfectly Placed.								
Have a significant effect on partner organisations?	X	Due to the complex needs of a high percentage of the clients who are supported through this service, the removal of funding could have an impact on a number of agencies over and above DBC: Potential impact on other public services such as police, and probation. Anti-social behaviour and crime figures would likely increase. Potential impact on wards with highest level of deprivation. Potential impact on voluntary and community sector Potential impact on Health Services – both primary and secondary Health, Mental Health Services, Treatment Services and the Community Safety Partnership.	Sex					Are there opportunities to foster good relations?	N	
Affect services known to be important to particular protected groups?	X	The service is specifically for vulnerable adults aged over 25.	Gender Reassignment					Have any other options been explored and discounted?	Y	Reduced lower level support.
Affect different protected groups in different ways?			Disability		X	H	The Q3 client needs reports identify that out of 54 referrals: 74% of clients had a mental health need 30% of clients had a learning disability 50% of clients had a substance misuse need			
Relate to service areas with known inequalities	x	The service provides support to Individuals who are significantly disadvantaged and suffer inequality of opportunity in all areas of their life which includes Health.	Religion or Belief							
			Sexual Orientation							
			Pregnancy or Maternity							
			Marriage/Civil Partnership							

MFTP – 2016/17 – Equality Screenings. This screening tool is to gather information on potential equality impacts to inform decision making. It is not an equality impact assessment. EIA will be done at a later stage where appropriate. All proposals must have an equality screen document. Decision makers must have equality screening information before any decision is taken. DBC is at risk of legal challenge if decision makers do not have this information.