

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

C9

Budget Cut Assessment Form: Adult Social Care END FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION/ADVICE SERVICES	Ref No C9	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible AD
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Description of Proposal:
 Cease contribution to room hire costs for the Deaf Club
 Cease funding for Gay Advice Darlington.
 Cease funding for Information Co-ordinator provided through Darlington Association on Disability (DAD).
 The contract with Gay Advice Darlington offers confidential information and advice and a confidential counselling service to people from Darlington diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. The service also offers support to families and dependants.
 The contract with DAD is to provide information and advice to disabled people in relation to a range of care issues.

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 Both contracts are due to expire March 2016 but will be extended in line with the MTFP timescales to consult on this proposal and plan for future provision.	Public may contact Darlington Borough Council Customer Services should this service cease due to lack of funding.
No. of potential redundancies				
Estimated Redundancy costs	£			

Financial Summary					
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	10,500	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Redundancy Costs					
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting					
Overheads	361	684	673	658	658
NET Budget Reduction	10,861	21,684	21,673	21,658	21,658

Equality Impacts

Overview is EIA needed?			Protected Characteristics								
Put 'x' in relevant box if the proposal:			Comments, including any charge across the options. Include the number of people affected, where known	• 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 M = significant reorganisation or change H = life changing or limiting impact on quality of life ? = not known at this stage.			Explain decision, level of impact and any change across the options			Yes	Brief Details
		'x'									
Affects	Service users	x	Removal of Information and Advice function. On average the GAD contract supports 4-5 newly diagnosed HIV patients p.a. In 14-15 the DAD Information service dealt with 3659 enquiries or about 70 per week.		Impact	Level					
	Employees			P	N	L/M/H/?	Have Cumulative Impacts been identified?				There could be cumulative impacts due to impending changes across DBC funded services.
	The wider community		The individuals who benefit may not be known to adult social care and be in receipt of paid services	Age			Have unlawful impacts been identified?			x	Statutory requirement to provide Information and Advice through the Care Act 2014 that can be delivered through the Council's Information and Advice Strategy which includes individuals being able to access the Darlington Advice Network
Significantly affects how services are delivered?				Race			Are there opportunities to advance equality?			x	The transformation of adult social care will see the implementation of a robust first point of contact which will provide good quality information and advice to Darlington residents.
Have a significant effect on partner organisations?			x	Sex			Are there opportunities to foster good relations?			x	Working with partners, communities and other organisations to ensure a co-

		13/14)						ordinated approach to the provision of information and advice
Affect services known to be important to particular protected groups?	x	Sexual Orientation and Disability Group	Gender Reassignment		x	M	Counselling and Information and Advice provision through the Gay Advice Network targets a specific group	Have any other options been explored and discounted?
Affect different protected groups in different ways?			Disability		x	M	The DAD Information Co-ordinator is specifically aimed at supporting the information needs of disabled people. Deaf Club may not be able to access either replacement funding or cheaper meeting rooms	
Relate to service areas with known inequalities	X	Gay Advice Darlington provides support to people with HIV and AIDS. DAD provides support to people with disabilities. Both these groups are more likely to experience inequalities.	Religion or Belief					
			Sexual Orientation		x	M	Counselling and Information and Advice provision through the Gay Advice Network targets a specific group	
			Pregnancy or Maternity					
			Marriage/Civil Partnership					

MTPF – 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.