

## Briefing note for Hastings Local Strategic Partnership, 12 March 2018

As a result of central government reductions in funding for local authorities, East Sussex County Council is required to make savings of £17 million over the next financial year (April 2018 to March 2019). Adult Social Care is required to deliver £8.4 million of savings. This is a reduction on the original £10m of savings required, following the announcement of additional, one-off funding for Adult Social Care in 2018/19 which amounts to £1.6m for East Sussex.

Local authorities have a legal duty to meet people's eligible social care needs, and this won't be affected by our savings proposals. It does mean though that we've had to prioritise spending money on the services that allow us to meet those duties.

We are looking at many of the services we provide to see if they can be improved and if they can be delivered for less money. We are also proposing to spend less money on preventative services which help to stop or delay the need for more expensive statutory services.

### Consultation

Adult Social Care has launched a public consultation on the potential impact of its proposals. This started on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and will run until the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The public consultation is for **anyone** to complete to express their views about the services being reviewed, make suggestions about ways to make savings etc. All of the feedback received will be included in the final cabinet report to enable councillors to make an informed decision when they meet on the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018. The public consultation can be accessed online at [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/ascsavings](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/ascsavings)

Cabinet will decide how the additional £1.6m will be allocated at the 5<sup>th</sup> June meeting.

No decisions will be made about changes to services until after the consultation

In addition to the public consultation, engagement with clients, carers and families and service providers will take place during the consultation period. Equality impact assessments will also be completed for each area of savings.

### Our summary of all the savings proposals

Service area	Gross budget 2017/18 (including external funds)	Savings target 2018/19
Community based housing support services	£5,684,000	£2,500,000
Accommodation based housing support services	£2,049,000	£800,000
Learning disability directly provided services*	£8,533,000	£1,530,000
Intermediate care and day services at Milton Grange and Firwood House	£5,490,000	£1,232,000
Older people's day centres	£706,000	£59,000
Carers support	£4,056,000	£422,000
Discretionary East Sussex Support Scheme (DESSS)	£557,000	£390,000
Stroke Recovery Service	£159,000	£79,000

\* We think we can make a reasonable proportion of savings by making changes to how our learning disability residential services in the east of the County are provided. We will be working directly with the people who would be affected and their families and carers. That leaves us with just over £1 million that we would need to save from the learning disability services we directly provide such as day services, respite and community support.

In addition to these savings, there are some proposals that look at reducing management and staffing costs. These proposals would allow us to make savings of more than £2.5 million. We will be consulting directly with the staff that would be affected by the proposals.

There are no proposals to make any savings from Drug and Alcohol treatment services. These services are due to be re-commissioned and this process has been discussed with Simon Hubbard from HBC.

## About the services

Service area	Description
Community based housing support services	These services (Home Works and STEPS) help people who need support to live independently and/or who are at risk of losing their home or who are homeless.
Accommodation based housing support services	This covers accommodation based services for young people at risk; young mums; refugees; single homelessness; and mental health.
Learning disability directly provided services	These services cover: community support services covering support and supported employment service; residential and supported living schemes; day services; respite services; shared lives and supported accommodation.
Intermediate care and day services at Milton Grange and Firwood House	Intermediate care offers short-term residential services to older people who need support to return home after a hospital stay or to prevent older people needing to go into hospital.
Older people's day services	Day centres typically offer daily activities and support with things like personal care.
Carers services	This relates to the carers services that we commission to support people in their caring role.
Discretionary East Sussex Support Scheme (DESSS)	The scheme provides emergency help in certain situations with things such as food, utilities and household items.
Stroke Recovery Service	The service supports stroke survivors through: 1-to-1 information and advice; group information sessions; communication support; exercise courses; and six month reviews.