

Mid Year Review 2016/17 – 2020/21

Directorate: People

Service/Service Area: Adult Social Care

1. Description of Service

Better social care support planning

2. Proposed changes

Note: These savings proposals replace those savings proposals previously associated with the re-commissioning of younger adults provision.

In order to maximise independence, reduce service user financial contributions and to reduce costs for the council, work will continue to identify and facilitate more effective means of meeting assessed eligible need for care and support and reducing council expenditure accordingly.

New or different approaches will be, and are being continuously devised and introduced in consultation and with the support of service users in order to meet their assessed eligible needs. These can include:

- Utilising more facilities, clubs and services which exist within the community rather than other more specialist paid for services
- Providing enhanced support to enable people to live at home rather than placing them in residential care
- Helping service users to share personal carers in order to provide better value for money
- Making best use of aids and adaptations in order to reduce the requirement for domiciliary care.

New approaches will be tested and promoted only where there is the agreement of the service user and there is demonstrable evidence that it will increase independence and provide better value for money.

3. Level of savings expected from the proposal

	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	2018/19 £000	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000
Gross saving	2,727	4,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
Less revenue implementation costs					
Net saving	2,727	4,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
Less saving already shown within LTFP					
New saving generated	2,727	4,700	5,700	5,700	5,700

Note: There is a significant risk that savings delivered through this initiative could be offset by increased expenditure

6. Implications of the proposal on Service Users

There will be no changes to the Council's approach to assessing eligible need, which will still be undertaken in accordance with approach and criteria set out in the Care Act.

However there could be changes to the solutions identified to ensure that eligible needs for care and support are met. How eligible needs for care and support are met is part of the support planning process and these changes once agreed are recorded in the service users Support Plan.

Utilisation of new and different means of meeting eligible needs for care and support will mean that some service users will experience different ways of these needs being met than they or other service users may have experienced in the past.

It is likely that take up of alternative means of meeting eligible care and support needs will be greatest amongst new service users. However as part of its regular review process, and in the event of a change of circumstance, the Council in consultation with service users will consider new approaches, where appropriate for all service users.

7. Implications of the proposal on Outcomes

The proposals within this project should have a significant impact on achieving the Council's vision of maximising independence for adults

8. EIA No & date of assessment

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