

# **Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission**

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## **Adult Social Care Prevention Services delivered by the Voluntary and Community Sector**

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**City Mayor**

## Useful information

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### 1. Summary

- 1.1 To provide the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission with an overview of the proposed changes to preventative services delivered by the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) funded by Adult Social Care (ASC).
- 1.2 The proposals reflect a reduced level of funding for ASC, which remains acute and is driven by central Government budget cuts to the Council's income. Therefore, the proposals include a reduced level of funding for some services, whilst others will cease all together. However, a new Adult Social Care Prevention & Wellbeing Grant Fund will be created, initially for three years using an ear marked reserve set aside for that purpose in 2016/17.
- 1.3 Whilst the spend on preventative services will reduce by £610,000 per year, the creation of the Adult Social Care Prevention & Wellbeing Grant Fund will mean the Council continue to spend £807,000 per year, compared to the current spend of £1.1m.
- 1.4 It is proposed that the grant will be used to encourage and support local VCS groups to develop and deliver services in local communities which contribute to an effective prevention agenda, helping to keep people healthier, more independent and to help tackle very serious and emerging issues like loneliness and social isolation.
- 1.5 The proposals also include the creation of a new organisation to help represent people who use social care services and to support the effective engagement of people using care services as a positive step forward, building on the idea of Disabled Persons User Led Organisations and taking that principle to other groups of people using care and preventative services.
- 1.6 The consultation commenced on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and is due to close on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017. If the proposals go ahead the new services will be in place by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The ASC Scrutiny Commission is recommended to note the report and to provide feedback on the proposals in the consultation.

### 3. Report

#### Proposed changes to VCS prevention services

3.1 Information detailing the proposed changes to VCS prevention services is at Appendix A.

3.2 Table 1 shows the proposed financial reductions. Depending on the service, the proposals are to either: re-procure at a lower contract value; stop funding the service; or to retain the service at the current value.

**Table 1: VCS Prevention – financial proposals**

EXISTING SERVICES	CURRENT FUNDING 2017/18	PROPOSED FUNDING 2017/18	SAVING 2018/19
Information, Advice and Guidance (Age UK)	£33,999	£20,739	£13,260
Information, Advice and Guidance (Mosaic)	£61,488	£37,508	£23,980
DPULO (LCIL)	£46,200	£0	£46,200
Carers support (5 contracts)	£252,563	£154,063	£98,500
Lunch clubs (16 grant agreements)	£149,440	£0	£149,440
Stroke (Leicester Stroke Club)	£7,158	£0	£7,158
Asperger's support (The Monday Club)	£10,000	£10,000	£0
Sight loss support (Vista)	£296,259	£148,259	£148,000
Acquired Brain Injury support (Headway)	£30,160	£30,160	£0
Advocacy (6 contracts)	£280,433	£156,433	£124,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,167,700</b>	<b>£557,162</b>	<b>£610,538</b>

3.5 Where there are savings or decommissioning plans being considered review work has been undertaken to understand demand, and consider future service design.

3.6 For information and advice services, the Council currently has a number of separate arrangements for welfare advice services and is considering arranging these as a whole in the future. This provides opportunity to remove duplication across services and make efficiencies through back office costs and management overheads.

3.7 The current arrangement's for carers are fragmented across 5 separate contracts. The proposal to consolidate this into a single service contract again provides opportunities for efficiencies, as well as

equity in service provision to all carers in the city.

3.8 For both sight loss support, and advocacy if the proposals are supported the new services will focus solely on statutory requirements. The level of demand for statutory advocacy is far less than had been anticipated further to the introduction of the Care Act, and the proposed budget is adequate to meet that demand within a single contract provision.

### **Service User Voice**

3.9 In addition, it is proposed to commission a new 'Service User Voice' service from the voluntary sector to help represent people who use social care services and to support the effective engagement of people using care services. This represents a positive step forward, building on the idea of Disabled Persons User Led Organisations and taking that principle to other groups of people using care and preventative services.

3.10 The service would be funded from an ear marked reserve and its role would be to support communication, consultation and co-production with ASC service users

### **Proposed new Prevention & Wellbeing Grant Fund**

3.11 Adult Social Care is also consulting about proposals to set up a new Adult Social Care Prevention & Wellbeing Grant Fund.

3.12 Information about the proposed grant fund is shown at Appendix B.

3.13 The grant fund would initially be for three years and will be financed from an ear marked reserve

3.9 It is intended that the grant fund will provide greater freedom and flexibility for the voluntary and community sector to identify groups at risk of developing social care needs.

3.14 VCS organisations whose funding is reduced or ended by the council will be welcome to bid into the grant fund to provide any service that supports ASC prevention.

### **Consultation Approach**

3.15 The consultation exercise consists of two surveys, meetings with providers, and an event for VCS organisations and other partners.

### **Timeline**

3.16 The consultation runs until 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017. When the consultation findings have been analysed, revised commissioning proposals will be made in the summer for decision.

3.17 If agreed, the necessary procurement, re-procurement, decommissioning would start in September, with a view to changes taking place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

3.18 In addition, if the proposed grant fund is agreed, organisations will be invited to bid into it in the autumn. Decisions about grant awards would be made in December/January, and

successful projects would start from April 2018.

#### **4. Details of Scrutiny**

4.1 None to date

#### **5. Financial, legal and other implications**

##### 5.1 Financial implications

- 5.1 Reductions in the budget for preventative services were agreed in 2016 as part of the ongoing savings required from the department. The reduction of £610k per annum from April 2018 will meet the expected savings required.
- 5.2 As part of the 2016/17 revenue out-turn the department transferred £1.5m of funds into an ear marked reserve in order to fund Prevention and Wellbeing Fund. This reserve was expected to service grants totalling up to £250k pa for a three year period initially with the option to extend a further 3 years.

Martin Judson, Head of Finance

##### 5.2 Legal implications

- 5.2 Legal services are engaged in the review and providing advice on all proposals in scope. As this report is for noting there are no legal implications arising from the recommendation.

Emma Horton, Head of Law (Commercial, Property & Planning) ext 371426

##### 5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

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##### 5.4 Equalities Implications

- 5.4 The consultation proposals range from decommissioning some services, reducing funding for others and remodelling services or maintaining as at present, these will have an impact on people from across various protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010 and these will need to be taken into account when planning for future services. An EIA will need to be carried out taking into account the outcomes of the consultation and their impacts across protected characteristics. An EIA will also need to be carried out on the impacts of the new Adult Social Care Prevention & Wellbeing Grant Fund.

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**6. Background information and other papers:**

**7. Summary of appendices:**

Appendix A: Proposed changes to VCS prevention services

Appendix B: Proposed Adult Social Care Prevention & Wellbeing Grant Fund