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Tough budget decisions – adult social care savings

We will have £40 million less to spend on adult social care services by March 2019. This is in addition to the £28 million that we have already saved from these services since 2013.

This means making difficult decisions about which adult social care services we continue to invest in. This consultation explains how we plan to make the savings, providing detailed information on the three main areas of saving in the first year (2016/17) and a summary of savings over the following two years.

There is a tough planning and decision-making process ahead for your elected councillors. They will carefully consider the different views on how services could be provided in future with less money available.

We know that many people who use adult social care services will be affected by the savings we need to make. It will be a difficult time for people who use services, their carers and family, everyone working in the department and all our partner organisations, providers and the voluntary sector.

We want your views on how we are proposing to make the savings.

If you are worried about the changes, please get in touch. If we go ahead with these proposals, changes to services would happen from April 2016 onwards.

Consultation start: Friday 23 October 2015 **Consultation end:** Friday 18 December 2015

The consultation runs for 8 weeks. We will do all we can to make it as easy as possible for everyone to have their say.

How to take part

There are a number of ways you can give your views:

- By completing an online survey: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/ascbudget
- By printing and posting a survey back to us – please return it to the address on the next page (you can download it from the website or we can post a survey to you)
- By coming to one of the consultation drop-in events (see table on the next page)
- By emailing or writing to us with your comments – see help and enquiries on the next page for contact details

If you would like help to take part in the consultation, please call us on 01273 481 565.

The consultation drop-in events

These are drop-in events so you can attend at any time during the two hours. At these sessions you can complete the survey or we can support you to complete the survey. You can share your views with us and we will capture them as part of the consultation. You can attend whichever event is most convenient for you – it doesn't matter where you live.

Date	Time	Location
2 November	12pm to 2pm	Hastings Hastings Town Hall, Council Chamber, Queens Square, Hastings, TN34 1TL
3 November	12.30pm to 2.30pm	Rother Battle Memorial Hall, Main Hall, 81 High Street, Battle, TN33 0AQ
4 November	12pm to 2pm	Lewes Lewes Town Hall, Assembly Room, High Street, Lewes, BN7 2QS
11 November	12pm to 2pm	Wealden Uckfield Civic Centre, Martlets Room, Bellfarm Lane, Uckfield, TN22 1AE
13 November	11am to 1pm	Eastbourne Eastbourne Town Hall, Court Room, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG

What happens next?

The Council's Cabinet discussed the initial savings proposals from departments at its meeting on 13 October. Final savings proposals for the whole Council will be considered by the Cabinet on 26 January 2016 and by all elected councillors at the County Council meeting on 9 February 2016.

Everything you tell us in surveys, letters, emails and conversations will be shared with Cabinet. We will provide a detailed summary of the consultation results and printed copies of all your responses will be available for Councillors to read in the week before Cabinet.

After that, we will share the decision with partners, providers, voluntary organisations and clients and carers. We'll also make sure we work closely with you to ensure that any changes to services are managed as sensitively as possible.

Help and questions

If you have any questions about this consultation, need help to take part, or you need a copy of the information in a different format or another language, please contact:

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Consultation summary

The big picture in East Sussex

Over the next four years there will be much less money for services in East Sussex, even though demand for them is rising. This is mainly because funding from central Government is shrinking.

- We have to make savings of between £70 million and £90 million by March 2019. This is on top of £78 million we have already saved since 2010.
- We will still invest around £350 million a year in services for East Sussex, but even this means making a saving of at least 20%.
- It will affect all of us – because it's the equivalent of £300 a year less to spend for each man, woman and child in East Sussex. That's £600 a year less per household than at the start of the decade. Most of our services will change and some will end.

We will understand more about the final scale of the savings we need to make after the Government's Comprehensive Spending review has finished at the end of November. While that is going on, we will keep using our current best estimate to plan. This estimate is that we will need to make savings of up to £90 million over the next three years.

As a local authority, we have a legal obligation to provide services to our residents. These are set out in law and describe what we must do, at the minimum, to meet these obligations. To meet these obligations, we will

- take every opportunity to maximise our income,
- run our business efficiently,
- manage demand where possible, and
- work across departments and organisations to make the best use of public money.

We remain committed to our priorities. These are:

- driving economic growth,
- keeping vulnerable people safe,
- helping people help themselves and
- making the best use of resources.

The table below shows, as a Council, how we plan to make the savings:

Department	2016/17 £million	2017/18 £million	2018/19 £million	Total £million
Adult Social Care	£10m	£10m	£20m	£40m
Business Services (Orbis)	£0.3m	£1m	£1.4m	£2.7m
Children's Services	£5m	£3.2m	£5m	£13.2m
Communities, Economy & Transport	£3.1m	£1m	£0.9m	£5m
Governance	£0.1m	£0.1m	£0.1m	£0.3m
Corporate (Treasury Management, Income Generation, Capital Programme Management)	£3.8m	£2m	-	5.8m
Total	£22.3m	£17.3m	£27.4m	£67.0m

The adult social care picture

Adult social care has statutory duties. This means there are some support and services that we are required by law to provide. The law also sets out who is eligible to receive services and how they will be paid for (by the Council; by the Council and the client; or self-funded by the client).

These requirements are set out in the Care Act, which became law on 1 April 2015.

We are also working with the local NHS to transform the way services are provided in East Sussex. By 2018 we aim to have an integrated health and social care economy in the county ensuring that people receive proactive, joined up care. The Council's priorities (set out in the big picture section) will still apply to these integrated services. You can find out more about these plans on our East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) website:

<http://news.eastsussex.gov.uk/east-sussex-better-together/>

Please note: Some of our services are funded by other sources as well as Adult Social Care. We have included a note in this consultation document where that is the case. If you would like more information about the way any of these services are funded please contact us.

Budget pressures

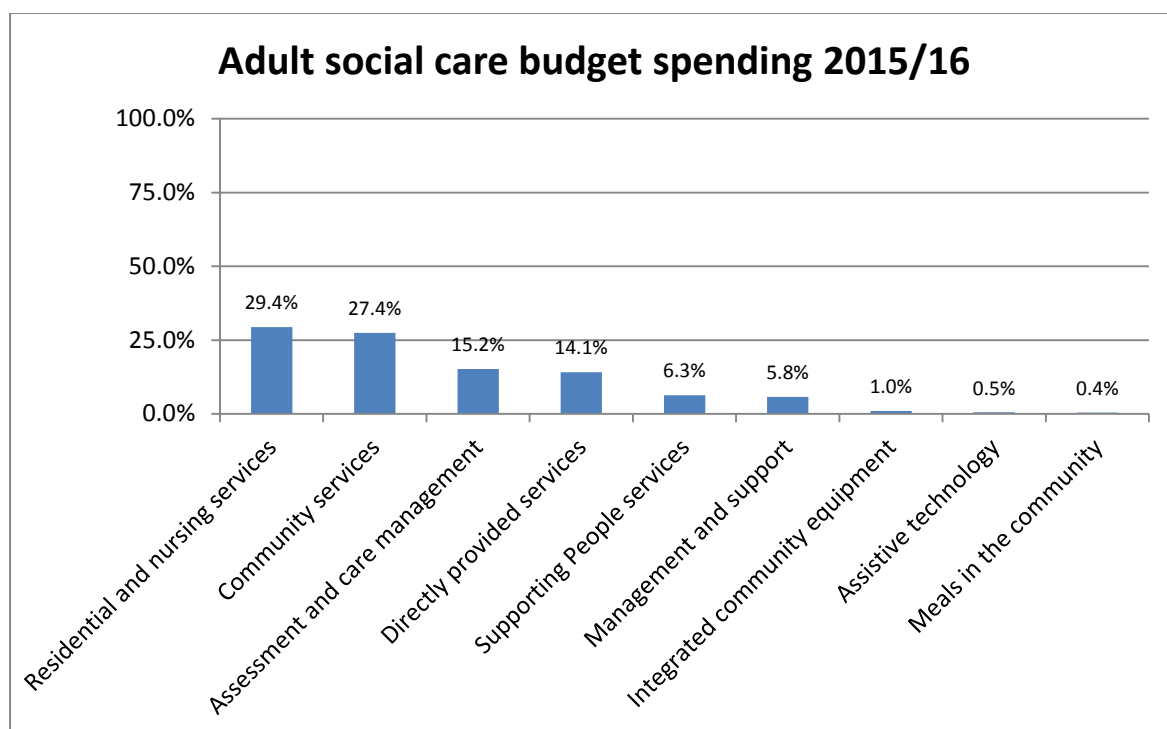
Some of the Care Act changes, such as the funding reform and the cap on care costs, have been delayed until 2020. This delay has reduced some of the pressure on the department's budget.

The Government announced the National Living Wage (NLW) in the summer Budget. We know it will affect the amount of money that we pay to providers of social care services, such as home care. As a result, we know that the NLW will put significant pressure on our budget.

Adult social care's current budget

Adult social care's budget for 2015/16 is £158 million. By the end of the three-year savings plan it will be £118 million a year.

The chart below broadly shows how we are spending the 2015/16 budget. (For more information on what the different areas of the budget cover please see the savings proposal table below.)



Adult social care savings proposals

We are planning to spread the £40 million savings over three years:

- In 2016/17 we plan to make £10 million savings
- In 2017/18 we plan to make £10 million savings
- In 2018/19 we plan to make £20 million savings

This is in addition to the £28 million of savings that have already been made over the last three years. There are some services we are required by law to provide. This limits our opportunities for making savings.

Some of the savings in later years will come from the joint working we are doing with the local NHS on ESBT. Delivery of the ESBT vision is the only way to ensure that future investment across Local Government and the NHS makes best use of our collective resources and achieves the best possible outcomes for East Sussex residents.

A great deal of engagement work is already happening around the ESBT programme. We are already working with social care clients, patients, carers and the public to develop and improve services throughout the programme.

This consultation will therefore focus on adult social care savings plans.

Savings proposals

Between them the two tables below show the decisions we made to identify the savings proposals and the areas where we are proposing not to make savings.

Please note: As mentioned earlier some areas of the budget having funding from other sources too.

1) Budget areas where we are proposing to make savings	
Supporting People services	
Service description: Housing support services to help people live independently, including people: aged over 65; with mental health problems; who have a learning disability or physical disability; who are blind, partially-sighted or hard of hearing; escaping domestic abuse; who are young mothers; who have drug or alcohol problems; who have recently come out of prison, or who are homeless.	2015/16 budget £9.9 million
Savings consideration: In order to deliver the level of savings we have to make, we need to review all such services and seek to reduce and potentially remove support that does not directly support an eligible need (support we are required by law to provide).	Decision: We are proposing to make savings of £4,557,000, with all service reductions taking place in 2016/17 and further savings from a review of services in the 2017/18.
Management and support	
Service description: Management, commissioning and support services.	2015/16 budget £9.1 million
Savings consideration: We are reviewing our staff structures for commissioning in light of the work we are doing with the local NHS to provide an integrated health and social care economy.	Decision: We are proposing to make savings of £3 million over two years (2016/17 and 2017/18).
Voluntary and community based support (Commissioning Grants Prospectus)	
Service description: A range of educational, occupational, leisure and activity based support and services. Voluntary and community based organisations are funded to provide this support which promotes wellbeing and reduces social isolation.	2015/16 budget £2 million
Savings consideration: We will review all such services and seek to reduce and potentially remove support that does not	Decision: We are proposing to make savings of £1.6

directly support an eligible need (support we are required by law to provide).	million in 2016/17.
Drug and alcohol prevention services	
Service description: The drug and alcohol prevention strategy funds a range of services for adults and young people, providing treatment, recovery and specialist support for people affected by drug or alcohol misuse.	2015/16 budget £6.1 million
Savings consideration: There are opportunities to review and reconfigure how a number of these services are delivered.	Decision: We are proposing to make savings of £788,000 in 2016/17.
Mental health residential and nursing care	
Service description: Residential and nursing care for people with mental health problems.	2015/16 budget £7.4 million
Savings consideration: We will seek to deliver further efficiencies across residential and nursing care placements for people with mental health problems by reviewing our commissioning arrangements.	Decision: We are proposing to make savings of £500,000 over two years (2016/17 and 2017/18).
Directly provided services	
Service description: Learning Disability Directly Provided services provide a range of flexible person centred support packages to enable people with a learning disability to acquire the skills and experiences they need to lead a fuller, happier and more independent life. Older People's Directly Provided Services provide a range of short term services to assist people to recover their health and independence following a period of illness.	2015/16 budget £22.3 million
Savings consideration: Directly provided services across older people's and learning disability services were consolidated and re-provisioned during the 2013/16 medium term financial plan. This process delivered in excess of £2m of savings.	Decision: We will make £250,000 savings by consolidating three Learning Disability homes onto one site in 2016/17 and £130,000 savings from employment services for people with learning disabilities by reducing overheads and reviewing staffing, also in 2016/17.

2) Budget areas where we are not proposing to make savings

Residential and nursing services

Service description: Funding for people living in care homes. These services are put in place to meet individual's eligible social care needs and are part of their support plan.

2015/16 budget

£46.5 million

Savings consideration: This money funds the support we are legally obliged to fund for people living in care homes. We generally pay for people to live in private or charitable care homes. We don't run many ourselves.

Decision: There is little scope to make savings from this area of the budget.

This means the opportunities to make savings are very limited in this area. We have already kept inflationary increases for providers to a minimum over the last few years. There will also be an added cost pressure from the National Living Wage for providers.

Community care services

Service description: Services to support people living at home, for example home care services. These services are put in place to meet individual's eligible social care needs and are part of their support plan.

2015/16 budget

£43.3 million

Savings consideration: This money funds the support we are legally obliged to provide to people in their own homes. There is increasing need for this type of support, so we do not plan to make savings to these services.

Decision: This area of the budget has already made significant savings (£13m in 2014/2015).

We are planning to focus our spending on services and support for people with an eligible need (support we are required by law to provide).

Assessment and care management

Service description: Provision of social care assessments; specialist assessments; packages of care; reviews and Safeguarding. These teams support adults and older people, people with mental health problems; people with a learning disability; people with physical disabilities or sensory impairments and carers.

2015/16 budget

£24 million

<p>Savings consideration: Staff working in these teams carry out community care assessments, develop support plans for people and review people's needs. They also manage Safeguarding to ensure we are protecting people who are at risk from abuse.</p>	<p>Decision: We regularly review our staffing levels and structures and are currently developing integrated teams with the local NHS. It is essential that we have enough of the right staff to meet our legal duties around assessments and reviews and to safeguard adults at risk.</p>
<p>Integrated community equipment</p>	
<p>Service description: Equipment and adaptations to help people at home or in residential services. The equipment helps people carry out daily activities such as washing and dressing. It includes things like commodes and bathing equipment.</p>	<p>2015/16 budget £1.5 million</p>
<p>Savings consideration: Integrated Community Equipment Services (ICES) are jointly commissioned by Adult Social Care and local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).</p>	<p>Decision: This is an area of service development and therefore not identified as an area for savings.</p>
<p>Assistive technology</p>	
<p>Service description: Including Lifeline, and sensors and detectors to enable vulnerable people to live safely and independently in their own homes.</p>	<p>2015/16 budget £0.8 million</p>
<p>Savings consideration: These services complement the wider care and support people receive and we are seeking to increase the numbers of people supported by such technologies.</p>	<p>Decision: This is an area of service development and therefore not identified as an area for savings.</p>
<p>Meals in the community</p>	
<p>Service description: Meal delivery services including frozen, chilled and hot meals. In some cases, the driver can heat the meal in the person's home. Some providers will also deliver shopping. All providers complete a 'safe and well check' as part of the service.</p>	<p>2015/16 budget £0.6 million</p>
<p>Savings consideration: These services complement the wider care and support people receive. We have already reviewed them to make them more efficient and flexible.</p>	<p>Decision: There is little scope to make further savings from this area of the budget.</p>

The main areas of saving

There are three main service areas where we think the majority of savings will have to be made (you can see our decisions in the previous table). This consultation focuses on those three main areas as there would be a number of services that we would stop providing or would be significantly different.

Most of the services are ones that we fund other organisations to provide, meaning that we will have to give them notice if we want to stop funding the service. In order to make the amount of savings required we need to give notice of the contracts ending as soon as we can if Cabinet and County Council approve our proposals.

This section provides more detail about the three service areas:

- Supporting People services,
- Education, occupational, leisure and activity-based services that we fund the voluntary sector to provide, and
- Drug and alcohol prevention services for adults and children.

Supporting People services

The Supporting People programme funds a range of services related to housing support. This could be an onsite worker to help maintain people's independence, support people to live communally or to help people develop the life skills to move on to more independent accommodation. Some of the services are staffed overnight.

We are proposing to make significant savings from this area of the budget, which will mean stopping many of these services entirely. The savings proposal would see the programme save £4,557,000 from a current budget of £9.9 million for 2015/16.

You can find more information about Supporting People services on our website:

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/socialcare/housing-support/

Service description	Description of savings proposal
Sheltered housing	Remove 100% of Supporting People funding from sheltered housing schemes (saving of £1,234,000 across the county). This will affect 93 schemes with 3,445 households.
Extra care schemes	Remove 100% of Supporting People funding from extra care schemes (saving of £103,000 across the county). This affects the following schemes: Eastbourne: Cranbrook Wealden: Margaret House and Bentley Grange Lewes: Downlands Rother: Newington Court and the Orangerie Hastings: Marlborough House

	<p>Eligible care needs (support Adult Social Care is required by law to provide) will continue to be met. It is the Supporting People funding that we are proposing to remove.</p>
Learning Disabilities	<p>Remove 100% Supporting People funding from the following accommodation based schemes for people with learning disabilities (saving of £152,000).</p> <p>Hastings: East View Housing: 1 unit or bedroom Royal Mencap: 18 units or bedrooms at 4, Victoria Road, 49, Lower Park Road 19, Millward Road.</p> <p>Eastbourne: Livability (Martello Road): 12 units or bedrooms</p> <p>Lewes: Fiveways: 2 units or bedrooms in Peacehaven</p> <p>Eligible care needs (support Adult Social Care is required by law to provide) will continue to be met. It is the Supporting People funding that we are proposing to remove.</p>
Supported Accommodation and Independent Living Solutions (SAILS)	<p>Remove 35% funding from the (SAILS) service (saving of £345,000). This would affect around 360 individuals with a range of needs, including mental health needs and learning disabilities.</p> <p>Eligible care needs (support Adult Social Care is required by law to provide) will continue to be met. It is the Supporting People funding that we are proposing to remove.</p>
Mental Health services	<p>Remove 100% of funding from all accommodation based schemes for people with mental health issues funded by Supporting People (saving of £341,000).</p> <p>This affects the following three schemes: Hastings: Bal Edmund : (12 units or bedrooms) Rother: Pathways (12 units or bedrooms) Eastbourne: Hyde Gardens (19 units or bedrooms)</p>
Single homelessness	<p>Remove 100% of funding from all accommodation based schemes for people who are homeless with complex needs funded by Supporting People (saving of £287,000).</p> <p>This affects the following three schemes: Hastings:</p>

	<p>Merrick House (12 units or bedrooms) Priory Avenue (19 units or bedrooms, includes families) Eastbourne: St Aubyns Rd (9 units or bedrooms)</p>
Young People at risk	<p>Remove 50% of funding from all accommodation based schemes for young people at risk aged 16-25 funded by Supporting People (saving of £380,000).</p> <p>This affects the following six services:</p> <p>Hastings: Brittany Road/Millward/Southwater (19 units or bedrooms)</p> <p>Eastbourne: YMCA residential centre and Barnabus House (26 units or bedrooms) Eastbourne Foyer and Hyland House (41 units or bedrooms)</p> <p>Wealden: Hailsham Foyer and Grove House (10 units or bedrooms)</p> <p>Rother: 181a and 181b London Road (13 units or bedrooms)</p> <p>Lewes: Newhaven Foyer (37 units or bedrooms)</p>
Refuge service	<p>Remove 20% of funding from accommodation based schemes for women fleeing domestic violence (refuges) (saving of £80,000).</p> <p>This affects five refuges across the county, one in each District and Borough.</p>
Young mothers	<p>Remove 24% of funding from accommodation based schemes for young mothers and their babies (saving of £50,000).</p> <p>This affects the following three schemes:</p> <p>Hastings: Turner House (10 units or bedrooms)</p> <p>Eastbourne: SAHA: (5 units or bedrooms)</p> <p>Lewes: SAHA (5 units or bedrooms)</p>
Home Works	<p>Remove 24% of funding from a visiting support service (HomeWorks) for people aged 16-64 who are at risk of homelessness/have complex needs (saving of £835,000). This would affect around 850 households per year.</p>

Voluntary sector services we fund

Please note this section was revised on 29 October following feedback.

We have amended the summary text to make it clearer what we are consulting about and revised the table, adding a fourth column. The third column still shows the total amount of funding awarded through the Commissioning Grants Prospectus, while the fourth column just shows the Adult Social Care contribution that is subject to consultation.

Adult social care departments and the local NHS jointly and separately fund the voluntary sector to provide a wide range of support services. Much of this funding was awarded through a process called the Commissioning Grants Prospectus (CGP). There is a £5 million budgeted spend for the existing Commissioning Grants Prospectus, and Adult Social Care funds £2 million of the total.

Adult social care is proposing to make significant savings from this area of our budget, which will mean stopping many of these services entirely. For others, we are reviewing what we pay for and looking for ways to provide more focused or limited services.

The proposals we're making relate to the £2 million Adult Social Care proportion of the Commissioning Grants Prospectus. In 2016/17 we are proposing to save £1.6 million of this.

In order to deliver our £10 million savings target, this would mean most of the funding would need to end early if we did go ahead with our proposals.

The table below shows the services funded through the Commissioning Grants Prospectus by service type. It lists the organisations that provide the services in alphabetical order within each service area.

Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	Additional information (29 Oct)
Advocacy services			
POhWER	Independent advocacy service that offers support or representation to vulnerable adults to speak up for themselves.	£250,000 CGP total funding	£114,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
HIV services			
Terrence Higgins Trust	Self-management support to enable people to more independently manage their long term condition (HIV).	£48,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC

Learning disability and autism services			
Autism Sussex	Pathways to Employment – volunteering, training and work opportunities.	£20,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Autism Sussex	Support groups online forum for Autism.	£5,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Culture Shift	Arts Connect 2 – creative activities, volunteer training and skills.	£26,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Pepenbury	Steps – accredited training programme for LD adults to prepare for work through the setting up of charity shops.	£33,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Project Artworks	Studio provision for arts activities.	£14,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Railway Land Wildlife Trust – Lewes	Nature Corridors for All – experience and education with local community wildlife trust.	£48,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Southdown Housing	Quality Checking Day Services –clients trained as volunteer quality checkers of day services.	£26,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Stay Up Late	Gig Buddies – support to go out to events.	£15,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Zest (was Norwood)	Social enterprise car valet service offering training and work.	£93,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
Long-term condition services			
Stroke Association	Stroke survivors and their carers are supported to manage the condition and live independently. Including advice, Communication cafes and exercise programmes.	£159,000 CGP total funding	£80,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Long term condition and physical disability services			
East Sussex Disability Association	A User-Led Centre for Independent Living to promote daily living equipment and telecare that helps people to live at home for longer.	£117,000 CGP total funding	£78,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Mental health services			
Alzheimer's Society	Day support services for people with early onset dementia.	£68,000 CGP total funding	£30,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
HARC Hastings Advice and	Hard to engage – welfare benefits advice and representation for	£4,000 CGP total funding	£2,000 ASC contribution

Representation Centre	vulnerable people.		to CGP funding
Recovery Partners	Peer Support specialists – self management and recovery plans at hubs.	£84,000 CGP total funding	£37,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Seaview Project	Open access drop-in centre for hard to engage people in St Leonards. Note: The CGP total funding column has been amended for this service.	£115,000 CGP total funding	£52,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Southdown Housing	Supported Employment using Individual Placement and Support Model enabling independence.	£326,000 CGP total funding	£144,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Southdown Housing	Community Links – tailored help for individuals (forensic history, personality disorder, substance misuse) to aid recovery and inclusion.	£261,000 CGP total funding	£115,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Sussex Oakleaf	Health and Wellbeing Hub – recovery orientated flexible/ personalised mental health support in Eastbourne. (Brightview)	£208,000 CGP total funding	£92,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Sussex Oakleaf	Health and Wellbeing Hub – recovery orientated flexible/ personalised mental health support in North Wealden. North Wealden Wellbeing Hub – Bellbrook, Uckfield and surrounding area, Crowborough.	£99,000 CGP total funding	£44,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Sussex Oakleaf	Health and Wellbeing Hub - recovery orientated flexible/personalised mental health support in South Wealden.	£90,000 CGP total funding	£40,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Together	Health and Wellbeing Hub – recovery orientated flexible/ personalised mental health support in Hastings, Bexhill, Rother, Newhaven and Lewes. "Your Way" in Bexhill.	£596,000 CGP total funding	£263,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Older people services			
Age Concern Eastbourne	Home From Hospital – short term discharge support provided by volunteers – covering Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford.	£46,000 CGP total funding	£40,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Age Concern Eastbourne	Eastbourne Shed (formerly Men in Sheds) – educational, occupational, leisure, activity opportunity in Eastbourne.	£41,000 CGP total funding	£30,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding

Alzheimer's Society	Befriending Service for people with early stage dementia to maintain independence.	£69,000 CGP total funding	£23,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Age UK East Sussex	Home from Hospital – short term discharge support provided by volunteers – covering Hastings, Rother and High Weald, Lewes and the Havens.	£89,000 CGP total funding	£77,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Age UK East Sussex	Take Home and Settle – discharge support including transport home from Eastbourne District General Hospital and Conquest Hospital.	£107,000 CGP total funding	£28,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Age UK East Sussex	123 Service – on-going access to day opportunities with different levels of support/transport/activities.	£66,000 CGP total funding	£50,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Marsham Older People's Project	Weekly day centre/lunch club promoting independent living for those isolated in rural area.	£5,000 CGP total funding	£4,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
RVS Royal Voluntary Service	Get Well Stay Well, Newhaven – good neighbours service combatting isolation in community.	£29,000 CGP total funding	£22,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Sound Architect Creative Media	Community participation and activities co-ordinator in Wealden district. (TN22, TN21 Clubs, Techclub.)	£8,000 CGP total funding	£6,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
Sensory impairment services			
Action for Blind	Routeways to Work – supports people with sensory impairments to find and retain employment.	£67,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC
East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre	Delivery of specialist equipment and services in the community to support people with hearing impairments to retain and improve their independence.	£126,000 CGP total funding	£78,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
East Sussex Vision Care	Delivery and support to use specialist equipment and services in the community for people with a visual impairment to maintain or improve their independence.	£143,000 CGP total funding	£104,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding
The Sussex Deaf Association	Community Support, information, life skills and social facility services for the Hearing Impaired.	£37,000 CGP total funding	£29,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding

Drug and alcohol prevention services

The Drug and alcohol prevention strategy funds services to tackle substance misuse in East Sussex. The savings proposal would see the programme save £788,000 in 2016/17 from a current budget of £6,162,000 million.

Please note: The services below are funded by the Public Health budget.

Service Description	Description of savings proposal
LASARS: The Local Area Single Assessment and Referrals Service.	<p>This service carries out initial assessments for each client. They also develop initial recovery plans and broker access into appropriate treatment pathways including residential rehabilitation. The current annual budget £457,000.</p> <p>Proposal: That the service ceases and all assessments are carried out by the main treatment service provider.</p> <p>Saving: £457,000</p>
STAR: Main treatment and recovery service	<p>This service provides the treatment and supports recovery for people with drug and/or alcohol issues. The budget for this service is flexible depending on what is delivered and ranges between £3.5 million and £5 million.</p> <p>Proposal: That this service be capped at £4 million.</p> <p>Saving: Capping the service would ensure that we could make the savings we need to for this area of the budget.</p>

What these savings proposals would mean for people

We know the proposed savings would have a significant impact on people who use services. There will also be some people who use several of the services, so are at risk of having a lot of support removed at one time.

It is also likely that by removing these preventative support services, more people will become eligible for statutory services (services we are required by law to provide to people who have eligible needs).

How we would manage the change

We are already talking to partners and providers about what the changes might mean for services in the county. If there are new ways of doing things, we will always look at that.

If we go ahead with the proposals then we will continue to work with partners and providers to support people through the changes. This might mean looking at alternative services and giving them time to prepare.

The Council has a statutory duty to safeguard all East Sussex residents. This duty will be particularly important when so much is changing. We will also continue to welcome complaints as this helps us to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect.

What happens next?

There is a tough planning and decision-making process ahead for your elected councillors. They will carefully consider the different views shared in this consultation on how social care services could be provided in future with less money available.

The Council's Cabinet will consider the savings proposals for the whole Council at its meeting on 26 January 2016. Councillors are appointed to the Cabinet by the Leader of the Council. The Cabinet must make its decisions in line with the overall policies, priorities and budget set by the Council.

Everything you tell us in surveys, letters, emails and conversations will be shared with Cabinet as part of Adult Social Care's savings proposals. We will provide a detailed summary of the consultation results and printed copies of all your responses will be available for Councillors to read in the week before Cabinet.

After Cabinet has made its decision the budget proposals for the whole Council will be considered by all elected councillors on 9 February 2016.

After that, we will share the decisions with partners, providers, voluntary organisations and clients and carers. We'll also make sure we work closely with you to ensure that any changes to services are managed as sensitively as possible.

The survey

The survey asks for your views on our proposals. You don't have to answer all of the questions.

Some people will use more than one of the services where we are proposing to make savings. The survey questions are arranged by service area – please fill in all the sections that are relevant to you.

For example, if you use mental health services you might want to complete the sections on our savings proposal, the Supporting People section in relation to mental health accommodation services and the voluntary sector mental health services.

If you need more space to answer a question, please use a separate piece of paper.

Please post your completed survey to: ASC Budget Consultation 2015, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE

Q1) Are you completing the survey as...

Please tick one box.

- Someone who uses adult social care services
- On behalf of someone who uses adult social care services
- A carer or family member of someone who uses adult social care services
- A member of the public (go to Q4)
- An East Sussex County Council employee (go to Q4)
- A statutory organisation (go to Q4)
- A provider of social care services (go to Q4)
- A voluntary or charity organisation (go to Q4)
- Other (please explain below)

Please explain:

Questions 2 & 3 are for people, and their carers, who use adult social care and other services.

Q2) How long have you, or the person you care for, been using services covered by our three main areas of savings?

Please tick one box for each row.

Note: Please see the relevant sections of this document for more details on what is covered by the three budget areas below.

	Less than a year	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Not applicable
Supporting People services (See p10-12 for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary sector services that ASC funds (See p13-16 for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug and alcohol prevention services (See p17 for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3) How long have you, or the person you care for, been using other services?

Please tick one box for each row.

	Less than a year	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Not applicable
Adult social care services For example, receiving home care or accommodation support as part of a planned package of care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sussex Partnership Trust services For example, psychiatric out-patient or community psychiatric nursing visits as part of a planned package of care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Our savings proposals

Q4) How much do you agree or disagree with our main areas of saving?

Please tick one box for each row.

Note: Please see the relevant sections of this document for more details on what is covered by the three budget areas below.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Supporting People services (See p10-12 for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary sector services that ASC funds (See p13-16 for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug and alcohol prevention services (See p17 for details)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Why is this?

Q5) Do you have any comments about the other areas where we are proposing to make savings?

Note: Please see the savings proposal table on p6-9 for details.

Q6) Do you have any other suggestions for how we could make the savings?

**The following sections ask about each of the proposed main areas of savings.
If you don't want to answer any of the questions just leave them blank.**

Supporting people savings

This section refers to the services covered on p10-12.

Q7) Which Supporting People services are your comments about?

Please tick all that apply.

- Sheltered housing
- Extra care housing
- Learning Disabilities services
- Mental Health services
- Single homelessness
- Young People at risk
- Refuge service
- Young mothers
- Supported Accommodation and Independent Living Solutions (SAILS)
- Home Works
- Other

If you ticked other
please explain:

Q8) Do you have any comments or suggestions about the proposed savings to Supporting People services?

Q9) How would you, or people who are important to you, be affected by the savings we propose to make to Supporting People services?



Q10) If we did go ahead with our proposals, how could we help you to prepare for the impact of the savings?



ASC funded voluntary sector savings

This section refers to the services listed on pages p13-16.

Q11) Which service (or services) are your comments about:

Q12) Do you have any comments or suggestions about the proposed savings to voluntary sector services that ASC funds?

Q13) How would you, or people who are important to you, be affected by the savings we propose to make in voluntary sector services that ASC funds?

Q14) If we did go ahead with our proposals, how could we help you to prepare for the impact of the savings?

ASC funded voluntary sector savings: Mental health services

The mental health services commissioned through the Commissioning Grants Prospectus are jointly funded by Adult Social Care and the local NHS. Adult Social Care needs to make savings of £666,000 from the £1.85 million joint budget for these services. These services are listed on p14-15.

We want to understand which of the services are most important to you. Please use the questions below to rank the services in order of importance to you and everyone who uses mental health services. This will help us to decide how we spend the budget in future.

Q15) Please tell us which of these services is most important to you, from 1 for most important to 5 for least important:

Please write the numbers in the boxes below – you should only rank one service as most important and so on.

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| Wellbeing centres offering support, advice and guidance in the community | <input type="text"/> |
| Employment support to find and keep a job | <input type="text"/> |
| Community links to take part in community activities | <input type="text"/> |
| Peer support specialists to help people decide on their own recovery pathway | <input type="text"/> |
| Service providing support to “hard to engage” and vulnerable people | <input type="text"/> |

Why did you rank them as you did?

Q16) Please tell us which of these services is most important to everyone who uses mental health services, from 1 for most important to 5 for least important:

Please write the numbers in the boxes below – you should only rank one service as most important and so on.

Wellbeing centres offering support, advice and guidance in the community

Employment support to find and keep a job

Community links to take part in community activities

Peer support specialists to help people decide on their own recovery pathway

Service providing support to “hard to engage” and vulnerable people

Why did you rank them as you did?

Drug and alcohol prevention savings

This section refers to the services listed on pages p17.

Q17) Do you have any comments or suggestions about the proposed savings to drug and alcohol prevention services?

Q18) How would you, or people who are important to you, be affected by the savings we are proposing for drug and alcohol prevention services?

Q19) If we did go ahead with our proposals, how could we help you to prepare for the impact of the savings?

Comments and suggestions

Q20) Do you have any other comments, suggestions or concerns about the adult social care savings proposals?

Thank you for completing the survey.

Feedback

We are aiming to share the survey results on our website by January 2016. If you would like to receive the results directly please provide your details below.

Email or address:

About you – organisations

Q21) If you are completing this survey on behalf of an organisation please provide the following information (you don't need to provide individual 'about you' information as well):

Your organisation name:

Your position in the organisation:

Contact details (optional):

About you – individuals

If you are completing this survey as an individual please fill in this section.

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally and that no one gets left out. That's why we ask you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We will only use it to help us make decisions and make our services better. If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

Q22 Are you.....? Please tick one box.

Male

Female

Prefer not to say

Q23 Do you identify as a transgender or transperson? Please tick one box.

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Q24 How old are you?

Q25 What is your postcode?

Q26) To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong? (source: 2011 census) Please tick one box.

White British

Mixed White and Black Caribbean

Asian or Asian British Pakistani

Black or Black British other*

White Irish

Mixed White and Black African

Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi

Arab

White Gypsy/Roma

Mixed White and Asian

Asian or Asian British other*

Chinese

White Irish Traveller

Mixed other*

Black or Black British Caribbean

Prefer not to say

White other*

Asian or Asian British Indian

Black or Black British African

Other ethnic group*

*** If your ethnic group was not specified, please describe your group here:**

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q27 Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Please tick one box.

- Yes No Prefer not to say

Q27a If you answered yes to the previous question, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you. You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all that apply. If none of these apply to you please select other and write in the type of impairment you have.

- Physical impairment Learning disability
 Sensory impairment (hearing and sight) Prefer not to say
 Long standing illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, heart disease, diabetes or epilepsy Other (* please specify)
 Mental health condition

* If other, please specify:

Q28 Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion or belief?

Please tick one box.

- Yes No Prefer not to say

Q28a If you answered yes to the previous question which one? Please tick one box.

- Christian Hindu Muslim Any other religion (*please specify)
 Buddhist Jewish Sikh

* Please specify:

Q29 Are you... Please tick one box.

- Bi/Bisexual Gay woman/Lesbian Other
 Heterosexual/Straight Gay Man Prefer not to say

Q30 Are you married or in a civil partnership? Please tick one box.

- Yes No Prefer not to say