

Tough budget decisions – adult social care savings

The main areas of saving

There were three main service areas where we were proposing to make the majority of savings in 2016/17. They were:

- 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.

Social care precept

During the consultation it was announced that councils would have the option of adding a 2% social care precept to Council Tax. To help lessen the strain on adult social care, East Sussex County Council proposed to go ahead with this additional 2% increase.

Cabinet and Full Council

Following the consultation, the proposed savings were amended to take account of this additional money and the feedback we received. These recommendations were then considered by the Cabinet on 26 January and the Full Council on 9 February.

The approved budget will see £369 million spent on services in the coming financial year. To protect the most vulnerable residents in East Sussex, there will be £164 million spent on adult social care and £65 million on children's services. A spending of £61 million on communities, economy and transport was also agreed.

What happens next?

We will 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.

Savings summary tables

The tables below are taken from the consultation summary. They show:

- the savings proposal we consulted upon,
- the recommendation to Cabinet, and
- the final outcome.

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.

Service description	Description of savings proposal	Recommendation to Cabinet	Outcome
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.	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £1,234,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
Extra care schemes	<p>Remove 100% of Supporting People funding from extra care schemes (saving of £103,000 across the county). This affects the following schemes:</p> <p>Eastbourne: Cranbrook Wealden: Margaret House and Bentley Grange Lewes: Downlands Rother: Newington Court and the Orangerie Hastings: Marlborough House</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>	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £103,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
Learning Disabilities	Remove 100% Supporting People funding from the following accommodation based schemes for people with learning disabilities	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£152,000) as additional funding is	Proposal not to proceed with saving approved

	<p>(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>	available through the Adult Social Care Levy	
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>	We did not seek a decision for this saving as alternative approaches are being explored. The saving will be delivered, but the approach for delivery is still to be determined.	N/A
Mental Health services	Remove 100% of funding from all accommodation based schemes for people with mental health issues funded by Supporting People (saving of	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£341,000) as additional funding is available through the	Proposal not to proceed with saving approved

	<p>£341,000).</p> <p>This affects the following three schemes:</p> <p>Hastings: Bal Edmund : (12 units or bedrooms)</p> <p>Rother: Pathways (12 units or bedrooms)</p> <p>Eastbourne: Hyde Gardens (19 units or bedrooms)</p>	Adult Social Care Levy	
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:</p> <p>Hastings: Merrick House (12 units or bedrooms) Priory Avenue (19 units or bedrooms, includes families)</p> <p>Eastbourne: St Aubyns Rd (9 units or bedrooms)</p>	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£287,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy	Proposal not to proceed with saving approved
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)</p>	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£380,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy	Proposal not to proceed with saving approved

	<p>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>	<p>It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £80,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and to withdraw this funding</p>	<p>Saving proposal approved</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>	<p>It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£50,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy</p>	<p>Proposal not to proceed with saving approved</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</p>	<p>It is recommended to proceed with a reduced saving proposal of £300,000 (down from £835,000) as additional funding</p>	<p>Proposal to proceed with reduced saving proposal</p>

	complex needs (saving of £835,000). This would affect around 850 households per year.	is available through the Adult Social Care Levy	approved
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Voluntary sector services we fund

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.

Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	Additional information	Recommendation to Cabinet and Full Council	Outcome
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£114,000) as additional funding is available through the Better Care Fund	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£48,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £20,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and to withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
Autism Sussex	Support groups online forum for Autism.	£5,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC	It is recommended not to proceed with the savings proposal (£5,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal

				Grants Prospectus budget	approved
Culture Shift	Arts Connect 2 – creative activities, volunteer training and skills.	£26,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC	It is recommended not to proceed with the savings proposal (£26,000) and for the service to be funded from the Better Care Fund	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £33,000 and to give notice to terminate the proposal and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
Project Artworks	Studio provision for arts activities.	£14,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC	It is recommended not to proceed with the savings proposal (£14,000) and for the service to be funded from the Better Care Fund	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £48,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £26,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
Stay Up Late	Gig Buddies – support to go out to events.	£15,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £15,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
Zest (was Norwood)	Social enterprise car valet service offering training and work.	£93,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £93,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and	Full Council voted to delete the savings proposal

				withdraw this funding	
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £80,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Full Council voted to delete the savings proposal
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£78,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£30,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
HARC Hastings Advice and Representation Centre	Hard to engage – welfare benefits advice and representation for vulnerable people.	£4,000 CGP total funding	£2,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£2,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
Recovery Partners	Peer Support specialists – self management and recovery plans at hubs.	£84,000 CGP total funding	£37,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£37,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved

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	It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £48,000. <i>£67,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i>	Proposal to reduce funding by 90% approved
Southdown Housing	Supported Employment using Individual Placement and Support Model enabling independence.	£326,000 CGP total funding	£144,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £130,000. <i>£196,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i>	Proposal to reduce funding by 90% approved
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	It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £104,000. <i>£157,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i>	Proposal to reduce funding by 90% approved
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	It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £84,000. <i>£124,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i>	Proposal to reduce funding by 90% approved
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	It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £40,000. <i>£59,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i>	Proposal to reduce funding by 90% approved
Sussex Oakleaf	Health and Wellbeing Hub - recovery orientated	£90,000 CGP total	£40,000 ASC	It is recommended to reduce Adult	Proposal to reduce

	flexible/personalised mental health support in South Wealden.	funding	contribution to CGP funding	Social Care funding by 90%, saving £36,000. <i>£54,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i>	funding by 90% approved
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	It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £238,000. <i>£358,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i>	Proposal to reduce funding by 90% approved
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£40,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £30,000 and give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the savings proposal (£23,000) and for the service to be funded from the Better Care Fund	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£77,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved

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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£28,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£50,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £4,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £22,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £6,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £67,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved
East Sussex Hearing Resource	Delivery of specialist equipment and services in the community to support	£126,000 CGP total	£78,000 ASC contribution	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal	Proposal not to proceed

Centre	people with hearing impairments to retain and improve their independence.	funding	to CGP funding	(£78,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget	with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£104,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget	Proposal not to proceed with saving proposal approved
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	It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £29,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding	Saving proposal approved

Drug and alcohol prevention services

The Drug and alcohol prevention strategy funds services to tackle substance misuse in East Sussex.

Service Description	Description of savings proposal	Recommendation to Cabinet and Full Council	Outcome
<p>LASARS: The Local Area Single Assessment and Referrals Service.</p>	<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>	<p>It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £457,000 and give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>	<p>Saving proposal approved</p>
<p>STAR: Main treatment and recovery service</p>	<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>	<p>Recommended to proceed with the saving proposal</p>	<p>Saving proposal approved</p>