

# **Directorate for People**

## **Third Sector Grants**

### **Consultation Document**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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## **Foreword**

Birmingham City Council approved its budget on 28 February 2017.

Included in the budget was the requirement to achieve budget savings across identified areas.

Two of the identified budget areas were the Supporting People Programme and the Grants Programme to some third sector organisations. The required savings across both programmes combined is £3.2 million in 2017/18 increasing to £5.0million in 2018/19.

This consultation document and the financial information it contains assumes the full savings being applied to the Grants Programme only. Any savings not achieved from the third sector will increase the amount of savings required from the Supporting People programme.

## **Introduction**

### **What are we consulting on?**

We are consulting on our proposals to achieve the £3.2m reduction for 2017/18 and a further £1.8m reduction for 2018/19.

### **How will we consult people?**

1. We will be asking for views on our proposals from people who use services, carers, city council staff, health partners,

organisations that provide adult social care services in the private or voluntary sectors and the general public;

2. You can tell us your views by completing a questionnaire, taking part in consultation meetings, by emailing or telephoning us. We will listen to, and take note of all your comments;
3. We will publish and make widely available what you tell us and what we plan to do next. We will show where we have changed any of the proposals as a result of listening to people's views. Where we have not made changes to our proposals we will explain why this was the case;
4. We will write a report to our Cabinet including what we have found out through this consultation. The Cabinet is the governing body of the City Council, made up of elected councillors; it is responsible for decisions on all Council services.

### **How long will this consultation run for?**

This Directorate Budget Consultation begins on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and finishes on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

### **Who will be affected by the results of this consultation?**

This consultation affects:

- some adults living in Birmingham who receive or may need adult social care services;
- young people who receive or may need adult social care services in the future;
- carers for adults with a social care need who live in Birmingham;
- Birmingham City Council staff;
- health organisations in Birmingham and their staff;
- private, third sector and voluntary providers of adult social care services and their staff; and
- the Police and Fire and Rescue Service
- Partner organisations in Birmingham and their staff

## **Background Information**

### **Grant Funding stream - Vulnerable Adults**

This Grant funding provides support services to older and vulnerable citizens, to help them achieve and/or maintain independent living.

The services support the Council's priorities of reducing dependency and creating community resilience. One way of doing this is to keep people active and engaged within their own families, communities and neighbourhoods.

These services aim to promote independence by helping people to do as much as they can for themselves for as long as possible.

The services support partnership working with Adult Social Care, and have changed the focus from 'eligibility and assessment' to a sustainable model of 'prevention and independence' in line with the Care Act.

A total of 41 services are commissioned through the Grant which are broadly categorised into four groups:

- Day opportunities
- Advice and Support
- Advice and Information
- Domestic Violence

## Section 1 - Specific Proposals

### Proposal 1:

#### Proposed changes

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To decommission 100% of Grants in this category

#### What would this mean?

The Grant will no longer be available as a funding stream.

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The amount currently spent on the whole service across which these savings apply and the proposed reduction is shown below:

<b>Net Spend 16//17</b>		<b>Saving in 17/18</b>	<b>Saving in 18/19</b>
£2.7m	Gross Saving	(£1.35m)	(£2.7m)
	Implementation Costs	£0.000m	£0.000m
	Net Saving	(£1.35m)	(£2.7m)

#### What next?

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We would like your views on the following questions:

1. Do you agree or disagree with this proposal?
2. Have you got any ideas for delivering these services differently in the future that would save money by making them more effective?
3. Do you have any other views or comments on the intentions or the savings set out?

## **Section 2**

### **Have your say**

During the consultation period there are various ways in which you can find out more and give us your views. You can do this by:

### **Downloading the documents and completing a questionnaire on-line:**

All the details of this consultation will be on the Birmingham City Council consultation website. You can read information about the proposals, find meeting dates and complete a questionnaire online at:

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/grants-for-the-third-sector-people-directorate-bud>

### **Printed copies of documents:**

If you prefer to have a printed copy of the proposals and questionnaire please contact us. Our details are below.

### **How to contact the Consultation Team**

Please contact us if you have any other questions or concerns:

By email: [peoplebudget@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:peoplebudget@birmingham.gov.uk)

Please put the title of the Budget Consultation you are providing feedback for:

**Grants (for the third sector) People Directorate Budget Consultation 2017/18**

**Call on:** 0121 303 5154 if you need any help and support in completing and accessing this document.

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