

Consultation Questionnaire

Learning Disability Short Breaks – Proposals for change to The Laurels and Brook House, including proposed closures.

6th July 2016 to 4th October 2016

Birmingham City Council wants to know what you think about some proposals for change to The Laurels and Brook House short breaks services.

Use the Consultation Factsheet to help you answer this questionnaire.

We will use the information you provide to support the further development of these proposals and to form a recommendation which will be presented to Cabinet for decision in Autumn 2016.

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This means that there is a law to make us keep your information safe.
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We can only keep it while we need to use it.
You can see any information we have about you.

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Option 1 – No change

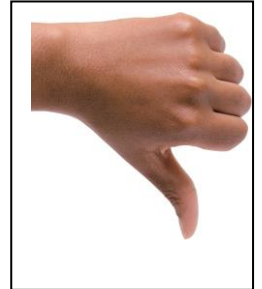
Under this option The Laurels and Brook House would continue to operate as normal.

Following the Council's initial appraisal, this option is not recommended for implementation.

Question 1

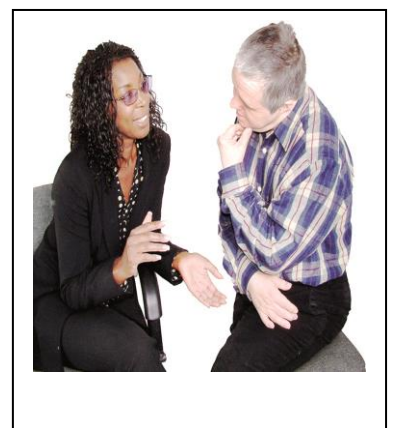
Do you support option 1? (Tick one box)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose



Question 2

Please tell us why you support or oppose option 1?



Question 3

If, after consultation, option 1 is implemented tell us how it might affect you.



Option 2 - Close The Laurels and move the service to alternative Council owned accommodation

Under this option Brook House would continue to run as normal, The Laurels would be closed and moved to a refurbished building.

Following initial appraisal by the Council this option is not recommended for implementation.

Question 4

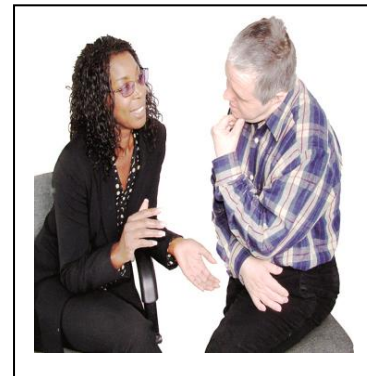
Do you support option 2? (Tick one box)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose



Question 5

Please tell us why you support or oppose option 2?



Question 6

If, after consultation, it is decided to implement option 2, please tell us how this might affect you.



Option 3 – Close The Laurels and continue to provide a service at Brook House in the medium to long term

Under this option Brook House would continue to run as normal. People using The Laurels would be given a Personal Budget and the offer of a Direct Payment to purchase alternative short breaks services.

Following initial analysis by the Council this option is not recommended for implementation.

Question 7

Do you support option 3? (Tick one box)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose



Question 8

Please tell us why you support or oppose option 3?



Question 9

If, after consultation, it is decided to implement option 3 please tell us how this might affect you.



Option 4 – Close The Laurels and transfer Brook House to an alternative provider

Under this option a procurement process would be carried out to secure an alternative provider for Brook House. People using The Laurels would be given a Personal Budget and the offer of a Direct Payment to purchase alternative short breaks services.

Following initial analysis by the Council this option is not recommended for implementation.

Question 10

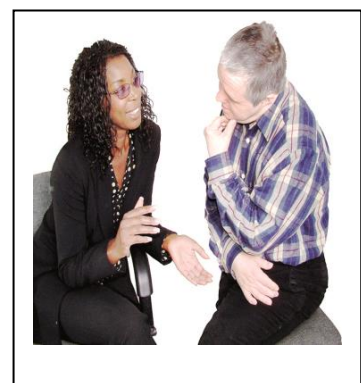
Do you support option 4? (Tick one box)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose



Question 11

Please tell us why you support or oppose option 4?



Question 12

If, after consultation, it is decided to implement option 4, please tell us how this might affect you.



Option 5 – Close The Laurels and Brook House on a phased basis and offer service users alternative provision

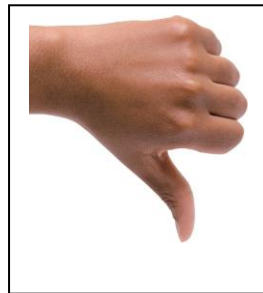
Under this option The Laurels would close first followed by Brook House. People using The Laurels and Brook House would be given a Personal Budget and the offer of a Direct Payment to purchase alternative short breaks services. Those people using The Laurels would have the opportunity to use Brook House on a temporary basis while it remains open.

Following initial analysis by the Council this option is recommended for implementation.

Question 13

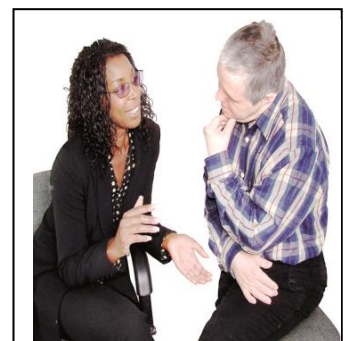
Do you support option 5? (Tick one box)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose



Question 14

Please tell us why you support or oppose option 5?



Question 15

If, after consultation, it is decided to implement option 5 please tell us how this might affect you.



Option 6 – Close The Laurels and Brook House together and offer service users alternative provision

Under this option The Laurels and Brook House would close at the same time.

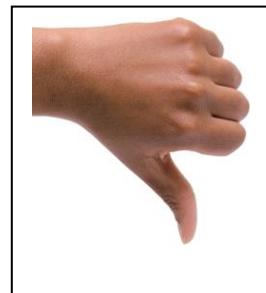
People using The Laurels and Brook House would be given a Personal Budget and the offer of a Direct Payment to purchase alternative short breaks services.

Following initial analysis by the Council this option is recommended for implementation.

Question 16

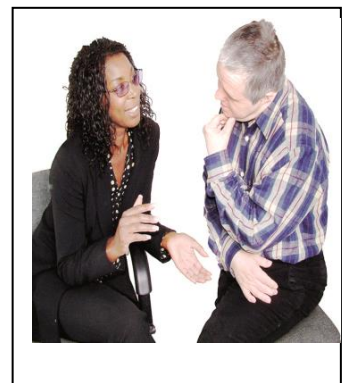
Do you support option 6? (Tick one box)

- ☐ Strongly support
- ☐ Support
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Oppose
- ☐ Strongly oppose



Question 17

Please tell us why you support or oppose option 6?



Question 18

If, after consultation, it is decided to implement option 6, please tell us how this might affect you.



Additional question

Question 19

Do you have any alternative suggestions the Council could implement to achieve the savings it needs to make through changes to its Short Breaks services?



About You

You can choose if you want to answer these questions. They are to find out if we are getting answers from different groups of people.

We call this Equal Opportunities monitoring.

Are you? Tick one box 

- ☐ Someone who stays at The Laurels or Brook House
- ☐ An unpaid carer
- ☐ An employee at The Laurels or Brook House
- ☐ Other (Please tell us below)

Your age Tick one box 

0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39
40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84
85+								

Are you? Tick one box 

Male

☐

Female

☐

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more? Tick one box ✓

Yes

☐

No

☐

Do not want to say

☐

If yes, do any of these conditions or illnesses affect you in any of the following areas? You can tick more than one box ✓

1. Vision (e.g. blindness or partial sight)

☐

2. Hearing (e.g. deafness or partial hearing)

☐

3. Mobility (e.g. walking short distances or climbing stairs)

☐

4. Dexterity (e.g. lifting and carrying objects, using a keyboard)

☐

5. Learning or understanding or concentrating

☐

6. Memory

☐

7. Mental Health

☐

8. Stamina or breathing or fatigue

☐

9. Socially or behaviourally (e.g. associated with Autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger's Syndrome)

☐

10. Other (please write in)

Your ethnic group Tick one box 

White

English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British ☐

Irish ☐

Gypsy or Irish Traveller ☐

Polish ☐

Baltic States ☐

Jewish ☐

Other white European (including mixed European) ☐

Any other White background (please write in)

Mixed/ multiple ethnic groups

White and Black Caribbean/African ☐

White and Asian ☐

Any other Mixed background (please write in)

Asian/ Asian British

Afghani ☐

Bangladeshi ☐

British Asian ☐

Chinese ☐

Filipino ☐

Indian Sikh ☐

Indian Other ☐

Kashmiri ☐

Pakistani

☐

Sri Lankan

☐

Vietnamese

☐

Any other Asian background (please write in)

Black African/ Caribbean/ Black British

African

☐

Black British

☐

Caribbean

☐

Somali

☐

Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please write in)

Other ethnic group

Arab

☐

Iranian

☐

Kurdish

☐

Yemeni

☐

Any other ethnic group (please write in)

Your sexual orientation Tick one box ✓

- | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Gay or Lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Heterosexual or Straight | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Do not want to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Your religion or belief tick one box ✓

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| No religion | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Christian (including Church of England, Catholic,
Protestant and all other Christian denominations) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Muslim | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sikh | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Any other religion (please write in) | |

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Thank you for helping us with this consultation.

Return this questionnaire by the closing date of 4th October 2016.

You can post it.

There is an envelope that does not need a stamp.

If you do not have the envelope you can use this address:

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You can find out more about this consultation and also fill in an online version of this questionnaire on the Birmingham BeHeard website:

www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/learning-disability-short-breaks-consultation-2016