

# **Directorate for People**

## **Supporting People**

### **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 Supporting People programme only. Any savings achieved within the Grant programme will reduce the amount of savings required within the Supporting People programme.

## **Introduction**

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

We are consulting on our proposals to achieve the required £3.2m reductions for 2017/18 and a further £1.8m worth of 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 material about 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;
- people in need of housing related support services (Supporting People)
- private, third sector and voluntary providers of adult social care services and their staff; and
- the Police, Probation and Fire and Rescue Service

# Background Information

## Supporting People

**About this service** – In Birmingham the Supporting People Programme offers housing support to a wide range of vulnerable groups.

Housing support services help people to move into and sustain independent housing, contribute to wider society and to live independent lives.

## Section 1 - Specific Proposals

### Proposal 1:

#### Proposed changes

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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>Total Spend 16/17</b>		<b>Saving in 17/18</b>	<b>Saving in 18/19</b>
£24.108m	Gross Saving	(£3.200m)	(£5.000m)
	Implementation Costs	£0.000m	£0.000m
	Net Saving	(£3.200m)	(£5.000m)

## What would this mean?

Immediate negotiations will take place with Supporting People service providers to consider options in order to achieve the required savings and to vary those contracts as appropriate.

Options to be considered:

- An overall reduction in contract value by up to 27%
- Any other cost savings proposal as submitted by the service provider during the consultation that will achieve the required saving in the timeframe will be considered.
- Identify alternative funding streams for services .

## Youth Hub (Young Peoples Homeless Advice Service) and the Rough Sleeper Outreach services.

We propose to continue to fund these services but **not** from the Supporting People budget. **These would be paid through homeless prevention funding.**

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## What next?

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### Questions:

1. Do you agree or disagree with all of the proposals?
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 online:**

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/supporting-people-directorate-budget-consultation>

#### **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: **Supporting People Directorate Budget Consultation 17/18**

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