

Agenda for the meeting

- 1. Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Background Information**
- 3. Parent / Carer Survey**
- 4. Finance Options - Costings and Savings**
- 5. Alternative Day Opportunity Provision**
- 6. Other Provision**
- 7. Transport**
- 8. Consultation**
- 9. Potential Impact on Health and Care System**
- 10. Education**
- 11. Next Steps**

Parent/Carer Survey

- We understand that 20 replies were received for the parent/carers survey about 45 adults attending Linden Court
- We were told that 10 people could be seeking residential care
- There was a concern that residential care would be a more costly option than retaining Linden Court
- There was a concern about the availability of alternative day services.

Questions/Discussion



Financial Options – Family Proposal

- It would be possible to reduce budget for staffing at Linden Court to £446,000, deliver a saving of £145,000 and continuing to operate a reduced 4- day week service
- This would require alternative savings of £181,600 to be found elsewhere
- Despite surplus capacity currently available at Beeching Park a reduction is not as cost effective as the proposed option.

Financial Options

	Original Budget	Per Family Proposal	Reduction in budget	Reduced Service at Linden - ESCC workings	Reduction in budget
Staff Costs	591,400	380,000	211,400	446,000	145,400
Transport Costs	43,300	50,000	6,700	43,300	-
Premises Costs	60,800	65,000	4,200	60,800	-
Commissioned Services	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Expenditure	695,500	495,000	200,500	550,100	145,400
Gross Income	- 40,000	- 40,000	-	- 40,000	-
Net Budget	655,500	455,000	200,500	510,100	145,400
Proposed Savings - 2025/26		200,000		200,000	
Proposed Savings - 2026/27		127,000		127,000	
Total Savings		327,000		327,000	
Underachievement on Savings		126,500		181,600	

Financial Options – Family proposal

- £53.50 is an indicative cost used for **charging** calculations
- The unit cost of Linden Court if full is £72.83
- The Unit cost of LC based on current occupancy is £133.78
- To appraise costs in a meaningful way we need to consider the full cost of the service rather than a unit cost, which will shift depending on the number of attendees.

Questions / Discussion



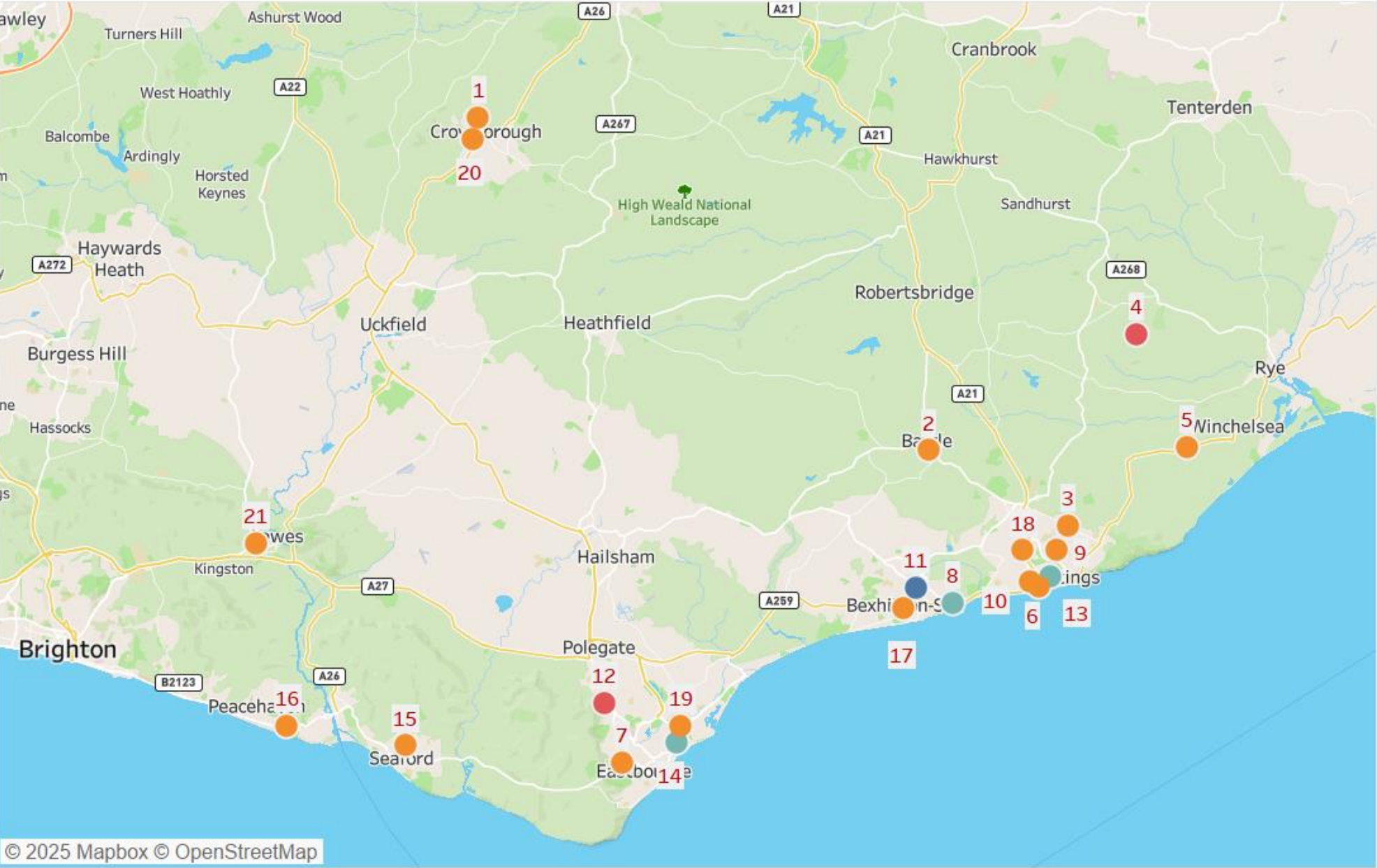
Alternative Day Opportunities

- There are day service opportunities across East Sussex
- All day services in East Sussex are taking referrals via our Brokerage Team
- And people attend these services once the care package and funding is confirmed
- Currently, adults often travel to day services - with journeys ranging from: 0.2 miles to 32.6 miles one way
- The average one-way journey is 6.5 miles.

Average Mileage single journey to Day Opportunities

Linden Court	4.7 miles
If Adults attending LC went to their nearest Day Service	3.2 miles
If Adults attending LC went to their nearest DPS Day Service (St Nicholas; Beeching Park; Eastbourne satellite)	11.8 miles
If Adults attending LC went to Beeching Park	12.3 miles
If Adults attending LC went to the satellite and Beeching Park (40/60)	9 miles
Average for all Day Services	6.5 miles

Services



Service Type

- Community Hub
- Day Services
- Employment Support
- Groups and Clubs

Number	Service
1	The Barn Centre
2	Sussex House
3	Parchment Trust
4	Little Gate Farm
5	Ambition Links
6	Hastings Gateway Club
7	Inspire Social Club
8	Boathouse Theatre Arts
9	Open Door
10	Active Arts
11	Community Hub
12	Chalk Farm
13	Project Artworks
14	Eastbourne Phab Club
15	The Bradbury Centre
16	Rocking Robins
17	Beeching Park
18	Working Wonders Satellite
19	Eastbourne Satellite
20	Hookstead
21	St Nicks

Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Colour shows details about Service Type. The marks are labelled by Number. Details are shown for Postcode. The data is filtered on District, which excludes Null.

Personal Assistants (PA's)

- There are no issues regarding general availability of PAs
- There can be issues in some specific instances e.g. where the PA is requested for a very small number of hours/rurality
- On average it takes less than 2 months to recruit a PA
- With $\frac{3}{4}$ of people having a PA in post within 3 months.

Other Provision

The closure and re-provisioning of Linden Court will not create a need for Residential Care or Respite

However, if a change in need results in a change of provision these options can be considered:

- 24/7 care – Residential, Supported Living, Shared Lives etc.
- Respite – either as a new service, or an increase to an existing respite provision.

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Transport

- It is not possible to be precise about future transport until reviews are completed, support plans agreed, and alternative services confirmed
- An additional bus and driver has been included in an expanded Beeching Park
- There is some spare capacity in current Beeching Park bus use
- The model for the Eastbourne satellite mitigates some need for additional transport
- It is estimated that this combined provision will be sufficient to meet all eligible transport need identified through adult and carer reviews.

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Consultation

There is a concern that consultation feedback was ignored

- We received around 3,500 responses to the 11 consultations about Adult Social Care services
- Every single consultation response received was included within the full consultation pack made available to all Members in advance of Cabinet on 25 February
- We amended 7 of the 11 proposals in light of feedback. Substantial changes were made, including the proposal to create a satellite service for Linden Court two days per week.

Potential Impact on Health and Care System

We understand that a change such as this could be disruptive for those involved.

- Our Care Management Team are skilled at reviews, assessing needs and options to meet those needs
- Brokerage are skilled at working with providers to secure services that meet needs
- Providers, including LD DPS, support people into their services all the time, managing complex transitions where needed
- Everyone now at Linden Court transitioned into attendance there. We have shown we have got this right for people before.

Potential Impact on Health and Care System

- We recognised this in the Cabinet report writing:
‘the change in service delivery could impact on some adults' emotional wellbeing and there is a possibility this could increase demand on health settings, particularly specialist provision such as the Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust Community Learning Disability Team’
- Our partners in the health system are skilled at supporting adults through times of change.

Education

- Only 2 of the 8 education settings cited have pupils up to the age of 18 and could therefore support adults who might need a day service
- Currently there is sufficient capacity in day opportunities supported by the Market Position Statement.
- [Market position statement | East Sussex County Council](#)

Questions / Discussion



Next Steps

- Cabinet Meeting 15 July 2025
- Cabinet papers will be published on 7 July 2025
- Thank you for attending