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Supporting People Young Peoples accommodation services and Young Mothers service		Proposal
<p>1.3 Young People at risk service (Supporting People)</p> <p>Original Savings proposal: £380,000</p>	<p>This service provides support for young people with complex needs, Care Leavers, young mothers, those at risk of domestic violence and those with special educational needs or disabilities.</p> <p>The service is available to vulnerable individuals aged between 16-25, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who need accommodation and on-site support. The service helps them to learn independent living skills so they can successfully move on to a home of their own.</p> <p>This proposal affects the following six services: Hastings: Brittany Road/Millward/Southwater (19 units or bedrooms); Eastbourne: YMCA residential centre and Barnabus House (26 units or bedrooms); Eastbourne Foyer and Hyland House (41 units or bedrooms); Wealden: Hailsham Foyer and Grove House (10 units or bedrooms); Rother: 181a and 181b London Road (13 units or bedrooms); Lewes: Newhaven Foyer (37 units or bedrooms).</p> <p>Remove 50% of Supporting People funding and refocus on high risk groups for young people aged 16-25</p>	<p>1.3 It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£380,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy</p>
<p>1.4 Young Mothers (Supporting People)</p> <p>Original Savings proposal: £50,000</p>	<p>The service provides specialist housing support and a pathway to independent living for vulnerable young mothers aged 16 to 25. This service provides support for young mothers with complex needs including Care Leavers, those at risk of domestic violence and those with special educational needs or disabilities.</p> <p>The service is available to individuals who are 16-25, pregnant or with a dependant child who need accommodation with on-site support to help them to learn independent living skills so they can successfully move on to a home of their own.</p> <p>This proposal affects the following three schemes: Hastings: Turner House (10 units or bedrooms); Eastbourne: SAHA: (5 units or bedrooms); Lewes: SAHA (5 units or bedrooms).</p> <p>Remove 24% of Supporting People funding. Review and realign service provision for accommodation based schemes for young mothers and their babies</p>	<p>1.4 It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£50,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy</p>

Impact summary: The equality impact assessment 'Reduction to Supporting People Young Peoples accommodation services and Young Mothers service' demonstrates the proposal is likely to have a negative impact on the people who are affected.

Removal or reduction of this support may lead to more young mothers unable to cope and, increased rates of postnatal depression, which may lead to these children being at greater risk and therefore increased safeguarding concerns, and ultimately more children looked after. Young children, young people, females, pregnant women or women with children up to 28 weeks, Black and Minority Ethnic people, Disabled people, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual and care leavers are all likely to be negatively affected by the proposal to reduce supported accommodation and young mothers accommodation as they are all over represented as users of these services. These groups are already vulnerable and this proposal places them at greater risk.

Those young people to whom the local authority has a statutory duty will be supported to find alternative accommodation. With the lack of available alternatives this is likely to be Bed and Breakfast with packages of support provided by Children's Services or Adult Social Care (if eligible). The quality of Bed and Breakfast accommodation available locally is poor and placement there is likely to increase safeguarding concerns. For some vulnerable young mothers, placement within a foster home may be offered which will increase costs to the County Council.

Consultation

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Service description: Supporting People Sheltered Housing Schemes; Extra care Housing Schemes; Learning Disability Housing Support; Home Works		Proposal
<p>1.5 Home Works (Supporting People)</p> <p>Home Works is a countywide service covering all areas of East Sussex and delivers floating housing support to people with multiple and complex needs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The service is usually delivered in the client's home, or in a community venue of their choice. The service aim is to support people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to achieve and maintain suitable accommodation and build resilience.</p> <p>This service provides support to people aged 16 to 64 (a single person, a couple or a family) who are homeless or at risk of losing of their home, to help them keep or to access safe and affordable housing and to live independently.</p> <p>Home Works helps individuals to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to stay in their home • Learn how to find and settle into a new home • Understand their tenancy or mortgage responsibilities • Develop online skills so they can use the internet and email • Manage their money and bills and reduce their debts • Know where to go for help and information, and how to access local service • Manage and improve your physical and mental wellbeing • Manage issues with alcohol or substance use or offending behaviour • Find out how to access volunteering, training, education and employment <p>A reduction by the proposed amount would impact on an estimated 850 people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Original Savings proposal: £835,000</p>	<p>Home Works helps individuals to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn how to stay in their home • Learn how to find and settle into a new home • Understand their tenancy or mortgage responsibilities • Develop online skills so they can use the internet and email • Manage their money and bills and reduce their debts • Know where to go for help and information, and how to access local service • Manage and improve your physical and mental wellbeing • Manage issues with alcohol or substance use or offending behaviour • Find out how to access volunteering, training, education and employment <p>A reduction by the proposed amount would impact on an estimated 850 people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Remove 24% of Supporting People funding for the Home Works service.</p>	<p>1.5 It is recommended to proceed with a reduced saving proposal of £300,000 as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy</p>

<p>1.6 Sheltered Housing (Supporting People)</p> <p>Original Savings proposal: £1,234,000</p>	<p>On-site support service within sheltered housing schemes. The service supports people to improve their wellbeing; reduce social isolation; manage their physical and mental health and to maintain their independence.</p> <p>At present, a resident warden is on duty from Monday to Friday during normal office hours to provide support to residents. In particular, wardens help residents of sheltered housing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manage their physical health, • better manage their mental health, • maximise their income • acquire and use aids and adaptations to support their independence. <p>Wardens also organise social activities such as coffee mornings and sightseeing trips.</p> <p>This proposal will affect 93 schemes with 3,445 households.</p> <p>Remove 100% Supporting People funding in sheltered housing for long term services.</p>	<p>1.6 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</p>
<p>1.7 Extra care schemes (Supporting People)</p> <p>Original Savings proposal: £103,000</p>	<p>On-site scheme managers provide support to households to support their independence and enable people to live in their own homes for longer.</p> <p>The on-site scheme manager helps people living within extra care schemes to better manage their physical health.</p> <p>The service is normally provided between 9-5 pm Monday to Friday and staff work alongside the care provider who offers 24 hr onsite care.</p> <p>This proposal affects the following schemes: Eastbourne: Cranbrook; Wealden: Margaret House and Bentley Grange; Lewes: Downlands; Rother: Newington Court and the Orangerie ; Hastings: Marlborough House</p> <p>Remove 100% Supporting People funding for on-site support within extra care schemes</p>	<p>1.7 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £103,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>

<p>1.8 Learning Disability services (Supporting People)</p> <p>Original Savings proposal: £152,000</p>	<p>On-site scheme managers provide support to individuals with a learning disability to support them to live independently. The scheme manager helps with communication issues. The service is normally provided between 9-5 pm Monday to Friday and staff work alongside the care provider who usually offers 24 hr onsite care.</p> <p>This proposal affects the following schemes: 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; Eastbourne: Livability (Martello Road): 12 units or bedrooms; Lewes: Fiveways: 2 units or bedrooms in Peacehaven.</p> <p>Remove 50% Supporting People funding from learning disability accommodation schemes</p>	<p>1.8 It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£152,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy</p>
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Impact summary: The equality impact assessment ‘Sheltered Housing Schemes; Extra care Housing Schemes; Learning Disability Housing Support; Home Works’ demonstrates the proposal is likely to have a negative impact on the people who are affected.

Homeworks:

- The large volume of people supported and the high level of vulnerability and complexity of the client group supported by Home Works is a particular concern.
- 26% of people receiving a Home Works service between 1 October 2014 and 30 September 2015 reported having a physical or sensory disability. 6% have a learning disability. 49% report having a mental health problem; 61% of people assessed between 1 January 2015 and 30 September 2015 have one or more long term conditions.
- Reductions to the Home Works service are likely to lead to an increase in safeguarding referrals. In addition Home Works saves on the cost of Personal Assistant packages and a reduction in available resources are likely to increase budget pressures on Adult Social Care Mental Health service costs.

Sheltered Housing:

- The impact will be negative on all ages living in sheltered housing as the removal of the onsite scheme manager will impact on all older people equally.
- In 2014/15, from a profile of 1166 people living in sheltered housing, 681 people were supported to manage their physical health and 171 to better manage their mental health, 558 to maximise their income and 514 were supported to acquire and use aids and adaptations to support their independence. It is reasonable to assume that people with sensory/physical disabilities benefited from having a relationship with the onsite scheme manager which helped them to achieve the above outcomes as well as reducing isolation and maintaining and improving their wellbeing. Although some

individuals will experience increased anxiety and a less effective level of personal contact and support current clients of sheltered housing will be supported to move on from the current arrangements. Care and support will remain in place for those with eligible needs.

- Funding reductions will impact on the availability of a range of services within sheltered housing. There will no longer be a general information and advice service provided, or a service promoting the well-being of all residents (unless provided through housing management). Services are unlikely to be able to support general social activities and there will be a reduction in the impetus for providers to use the buildings as a community hub. Residents in supported housing will, however, be able to access floating support. In addition, commissioners are working with providers to try and maintain an onsite scheme manager service using alternative funding streams building on the housing management rental income. There is no reason for these budget reductions to mean sheltered schemes cannot continue to have an available alarm system for residents to access emergency support 24/7.

Extra Care Schemes:

- The impact will be the same on all ages living in extra care as the removal of the onsite scheme manager will impact on all older people equally. In 2013/14, out of a sample of 108 clients living in extra care housing (and where a need was identified) 91% better managed their physical health. Although some individuals will experience increased anxiety and a less effective level of personal contact and support current clients of extra care housing will be supported to move on from the current arrangements. Disruption for extra care clients should be less than the impact on other services as care packages will remain in place.
- Funding reductions will impact on the availability of a range of services within extra care schemes. There will no longer be a general information and advice service provided, or a service promoting the well-being of all residents (unless provided through housing management). Services are unlikely to be able to support general social activities and there will be a reduction in the impetus for providers to use the buildings as a community hub. Residents living in extra care will, however, become eligible for a floating support service to address housing support needs. These services would visit eligible people in their home. These services can advise and signpost vulnerable people to other available provision, however funding reductions will impact on availability of a range of services. Within extra care, there will not be a general information and advice service and promotion of well-being for all residents unless provided through the onsite care team or housing management. Services are unlikely to be able to support general social activities and there will be a reduction in the impetus for providers to use the buildings as a community hub. Providers will be advised to refer people who may be eligible for support from Adult Social Care.

Learning Disability services:

- The potential removal of onsite housing support will reduce the resources available to support people with communication issues and impact their ability to achieve outcomes. People in learning disability services will, however, be able to access floating support. Both service providers and Learning Disability commissioners have expressed concern that clients with substantial learning disabilities will find it difficult to engage with floating support, and so the impact of removing this service will be more significant within this type of supported accommodation.
- Commissioners will work with the providers to aim to maximise rental income to minimise the impact. In addition, people with eligible care needs will continue to receive a care service onsite. All residents have a level of Adult Social Care funding which would indicate they have had a financial assessment and are eligible for ASC funding.

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Service description: Supporting People services for women and their children escaping domestic violence		Proposal
<p>1.9 Refuge service (Supporting People)</p> <p>Refuge service for women and their children escaping domestic violence. This service provides emergency accommodation for women and children when they are most in need due to domestic violence.</p> <p>This proposal affects five refuges across the county, one in each District and Borough across East Sussex.</p> <p>Original Savings proposal: £80,000</p> <p>Remove 20% of funding from accommodation based schemes for women fleeing domestic violence (refuges)</p>		<p>1.9 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>Impact summary: The provider has proposed to reduce the service by 1 FTE of a post from onsite staffing and to remove the 1.5 peripatetic staff who currently work across the services. These peripatetic posts are not essential to the core service delivery within the onsite staff team. Refuge, the service provider, have advised that they can and will manage the funding reduction without a service closure and with a minimal reduction to onsite staffing so the impact of this reduction on the client group will be comparatively small. They will still be able to deliver the core service as specified in their contract however it should be noted that the loss of the peripatetic worker will reduce the overall service received by these vulnerable women.</p> <p>Having agreed this approach with the provider we have undertaken a risk assessment which concludes the level of impact and risk to be small. By definition, these services do have a higher take up of people with the protected characteristic of gender as they are women only services. However the risk assessment concluded that there is no potential for or evidence that this service may adversely affect inclusiveness or harm good relations between different groups of people. The assessment also concluded that there is no potential for or evidence that any part of service could discriminate, directly or indirectly.</p> <p>If a decision is made to progress this reduction to Refuge funding, commissioners will need to work with the provider to establish a staffing schedule and budget to meet contractual requirements.</p> <p>Consultation This proposal has been subject to public consultation which ran between 23 October 2015 and 18 December 2015. The full consultation findings can be found in the 'Consultation results: Adult Social Care savings proposals 2015' report that is available online and with copies in the Members' room and is available for public inspection at County Hall on request.</p>		

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Sections 2 and 3 cover the Commissioning Grants Prospectus. Section 2 relates to services funded by Adult Social Care, and Section 3 covers services jointly funded by Health and Social Care. For Adult Social Care, a saving of £1.667m needs to be made across the whole Prospectus, from the Adult Social Care Prospectus budget of £2m.

2. Commissioning Grants Prospectus (CPG): Adult Social Care funded services.

Summary: £1.667m savings proposed from the Adult Social Care Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget of £2m.

Commissioning Grants Prospectus	Review, reduce and recommission services and support funded through the Prospectus Adult Social Care funded services			
Learning disability and autism services				
<p>Recommendations have been made for each individual service. For services where it is recommended to implement the saving proposal and give notice to terminate the agreement, it is unlikely that the service provision will continue following withdrawal of the funding.</p> <p>A summary of the impacts identified within the Equality Impact Assessment and key themes from the public consultation for the learning disability and autism service savings proposals are shown at the end of this section.</p>				
Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
2.1 Autism Sussex Original Savings Proposal: £20,000	Pathways to Employment – volunteering, training and work opportunities. Job Coaches to support individual ‘trainees’ to develop practical and social skills to enable them to move along their pathway towards volunteering and employment. Trainees receive intensive, specialist input and training	£20,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC	2.1 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

<p>2.2 Autism Sussex</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £5,000</p>	<p>Support groups online forum for Autism. Support for people with Autism and their families / carers through on-line methods, group support and 121 mentoring to strengthen personal development, increase self-esteem and improve social skills. The sessions include a wide variety of activities and social events.</p>	<p>£5,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>All CGP funding provided by ASC</p>	<p>2.2 It is recommended not to proceed with the savings proposal (£5,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget</p>
<p>2.3 Culture Shift</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £26,000</p>	<p>Arts Connect 2 – creative activities, volunteer training and skills. Supporting adults with learning disabilities to develop their arts interests and skills, including through arts courses in film, music and dance.</p>	<p>£26,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>All CGP funding provided by ASC</p>	<p>2.3 It is recommended not to proceed with the savings proposal (£26,000) and for the service to be funded from the Better Care Fund</p>
<p>2.4 Pepenbury</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £33,000</p>	<p>Steps – accredited training programme for LD adults to prepare for work through the setting up of charity shops. The programme enables LB adults to gain retail skills such as stock display, operating a till and dealing with customers by providing an opportunity to work in a charity shop.</p>	<p>£33,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>All CGP funding provided by ASC</p>	<p>2.4 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £33,000 and to give notice to terminate the proposal and withdraw this funding</p>
<p>2.5 Project Artworks</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £14,000</p>	<p>Studio provision for arts activities. This service promotes the meaningful involvement of people who have complex impairments in visual art activity. The service involves artists working with service users who have communication difficulties and challenging behaviour to engage them in visual art activity.</p>	<p>£14,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>All CGP funding provided by ASC</p>	<p>2.5 It is recommended not to proceed with the savings proposal (£14,000) and for the service to be funded from the Better Care Fund</p>

<p>2.6 Railway Land Wildlife Trust – Lewes Original Savings Proposal: £48,000</p>	<p>Nature Corridors for All – experience and education with local community wildlife trust. The project links adults with learning disabilities in Sussex and Normandie through project work at two wildlife sites – the Railway Land in Lewes and the Parc Naturel Guy Weber in St Aubin-le-Cauf, outside Dieppe</p>	<p>£48,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>All CGP funding provided by ASC</p>	<p>2.6 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £48,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>
<p>2.7 Southdown Housing Original Savings Proposal: £26,000</p>	<p>Quality Checking Day Services –clients trained as volunteer quality checkers of day services. Clients who access learning disability services are trained and are supported to undertake quality checks of residential services offered by the provider.</p>	<p>£26,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>All CGP funding provided by ASC</p>	<p>2.7 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £26,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>
<p>2.8 Stay Up Late Original Savings Proposal: £15,000</p>	<p>Gig Buddies – support to go out to events. The project pairs up people with and without learning disabilities to be friends and to go to events together.</p>	<p>£15,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>All CGP funding provided by ASC</p>	<p>2.8 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £15,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>
<p>2.9 Zest (was Norwood) Original Savings Proposal: £93,000</p>	<p>Social enterprise car valet service offering training and work. The service offers work and training to LD adults.</p>	<p>£93,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>All CGP funding provided by ASC</p>	<p>2.9 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £93,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>
<p>Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment ‘De-investing of commissioning grants prospectus learning disabilities and autism outcome’ demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.</p> <p>On their own each project represents a medium to low risk where a reduction in service provision may absorb the loss through other providers or provision. However, collectively all these services being de-invested in at the same time will mean a serious gap in service provision. An alternate provision would need to be considered to avoid increased levels of isolation, reduced levels of well-being and reliance on other service providers and their carers. Without these preventative activities or alternate provision this will result in increased reliance on other services such as mainstream health services such as Primary Care and Mental Health and also impact Adult Social Care. This will also result in increased levels of social isolation, reduction in aspirations to get paid employment, increased used of Short Breaks, increased levels of carers’ physical and mental ill health.</p>				

The projects in question have consistently advanced equality of opportunity for people with a Learning Disability and / or Autism who are subject to inequality and discrimination as a result of their condition. The removal of the funding for these projects would mean that they would cease, and therefore this progress would at best stop, or at worst, the progressive work undertaken would be undone. The projects have also fostered good relations between different groups by opening up access to a range of community venues such as the libraries; the Towner Gallery; The De La Warr Pavilion; Hastings Museum and many social venues. This work would cease.

If these proposals are implemented, access to these type of services is likely to be reduced, which will increase social isolation and may lead to deterioration in the physical and mental well-being of those who previously accessed the service. Ultimately this may lead to increased health, care and support needs.

A further potential impact of implementing the proposals is that for people with autism there will be the breakdown of community life that has developed, increasing levels of isolation, loss of sense of belonging, loss of developed or developing skills, loss of promotion of good health and loss of social interactions.

A number of mitigations have been proposed in order to minimise the impacts of this proposal; including providing support and guidance to the individuals affected throughout the transition.

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- A number of comments said the funding shouldn't be stopped and that services will have to close if funding is removed. Some people said the savings should at least be phased in so the services have time to become self-funding or find alternative funding.
- Comments raised the issue of people ending up in crisis and the increased risk of social isolation and exclusion. The impact on people of removing services, in terms of being involved in the community, supporting people to be independent and preparing them for employment was also raised.
- One comment said that the ASC funding is helpful in raising money from other sources and one person suggested that people could pay towards the services.

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

- Many of the comments talked about the significant impact on people: being stuck at home, not seeing friends, not being involved in the community,

losing opportunities to socialise and taking away people's jobs.

- The comments said this would affect people's general wellbeing, but also could have serious mental health implications for some, leaving them isolated and socially excluded. There would also be an impact on carers.
- All this would lead to additional costs elsewhere in the system and could push people into residential care. One comment also raised the issue of the wider impact on a charity's funding.

HIV services				
Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
2.10 Terrence Higgins Trust Original Savings Proposal: £48,000	Self-management support to enable people to more independently manage their long term condition (HIV). The service delivers self-management support enabling people with an HIV+ status to manage their long term condition as well as the impacts of medication side-effects and the stigma associated with HIV which isolates people from generic support. The service enables people to live more independently and healthily in the community, enabling many of whom have caring/parenting roles to continue, and to avoid onward transmission of HIV.	£48,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC	2.10 It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£48,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy

Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment 'Adult Social Care Revised Budgets for Physical Disability, Sensory Impairment and HIV Outcomes commissioned through the 2011 and 2014 Commissioning Grants Prospectuses' demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.

- The proposals risk serious adverse impact for disabled people (specifically people with HIV) as a result of significantly increased early mortality or severe ill-health (HIV) and risk of loss of family life for children of people with HIV. There is an additional risk of increased HIV infection if vulnerable people are not aware of how the condition is transferred.
- Implementing this proposal may undermine the Council's efforts to advance equality of opportunity for some disabled and older people.
- Disabled people will be disadvantaged by the removal or reduction in support and advice to live independently and have equality of opportunity in daily life, equal access and mobility.
- Information and advice and provision of equipment and training is a responsibility under the Care Act 2014

Consultation

This proposal has been subject to public consultation which ran between 23 October 2015 and 18 December 2015. The full consultation findings can be found in the 'Consultation results: Adult Social Care savings proposals 2015' report that is available online and with copies in the Members' room and is available for public inspection at County Hall on request.

Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

- Removing this value for money service would leave people isolated and unable to cope. There would be a cost impact for the NHS and an equality impact of removing funding for the service.

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

- Comments talk about the value of the service, particularly for the NHS and the role THT plays in supporting people, which makes their health interventions more effective. People say they could not function without the support they are given. The way the organisation treats people, ensuring they are not stigmatised, was also seen as critical.
- The equality impact of removing funding for the service and the cost to other services was also raised.

Sensory impairment services				
Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
2.11 Action for Blind Original Savings Proposal: £67,000	Routeways to Work – supports people with sensory impairments to find and retain employment. Routeways to Work supports disabled people, people with sensory impairments and people with long term conditions, to find and retain employment, by specifically meeting the gaps in existing service provision and by providing pre-employment support, including motivational workshops, training, voluntary and work placement opportunities.	£67,000 CGP total funding	All CGP funding provided by ASC	2.11 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £67,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding
<p>Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment ‘Adult Social Care Revised Budgets for Physical Disability, Sensory Impairment and HIV Outcomes commissioned through the 2011 and 2014 Commissioning Grants Prospectuses’ demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serious adverse impact is a risk for people with visual impairments or dual sensory loss where removal of services may result in increased likelihood of accident and injury. • Implementing this proposal may undermine the Council’s efforts to advance equality of opportunity for some disabled and older people. • Disabled people with sensory impairments and physical disabilities will be disadvantaged by the removal or reduction in support and advice to live independently and have equality of opportunity in daily life, equal access and mobility. • Disabled and older people who lack the communication skills, alternative personal support; or personal capacity will be disadvantaged as a result of their impairments to enable fair access to services. Other disabled clients without these needs who are not disadvantaged in this way will be more able to ensure that their eligible care and support needs are met. 				

- Information and advice and provision of equipment and training is a responsibility under the Care Act 2014
- If the proposals are agreed, ESCC proposes to work with current service providers so that actions can be taken to minimise the negative impacts on clients and their carers and better advance equality

Consultation

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Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

- People said the funding shouldn't be cut from critical services such as these, which encourage independence and reduce social isolation. These are value for money services which are already dealing with the impact of reduced funding. Services could be forced to close if the savings went ahead, leaving people isolated and unable to cope.
- There is also the equality impact to consider around people's communication needs, particularly relating to British Sign Language and managing written communications, and the wider implications of losing support in managing finances and health needs etc. People need to know what alternatives there would be if the funding was stopped.

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

- The impact would be on people's whole life, their health, wellbeing and mental health. People risk being isolated and getting into debt if their communication support needs and BSL needs aren't met. These services provide preventative support, so removing them would lead to costs elsewhere.
- One comment focused on the implications of the cuts across the voluntary sector and knock-on effect.

3. Commissioning Grants Prospectus (CPG): Joint health and Adult Social Care funded services.

Commissioning Grants Prospectus (CGP)	Through the East Sussex Better Together Programme, review funding arrangements for Commissioning Grants Prospectus (CGP) services and support funded by health and social care
	Joint health and social care funded services

Long-term condition services

Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
3.1 Stroke Association Original Savings Proposal: £80,000	Stroke survivors and their carers are supported to manage the condition and live independently. Including advice, communication cafes and exercise programmes. The service includes provision of emotional support to stroke survivors and their carers during the rehabilitation and post rehabilitation phases of recovery.	£159,000 CGP total funding	£80,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	3.1 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £80,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding

Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment 'Decommissioning of Commissioning Grants Prospectus Long Term Conditions Outcome' demonstrates the proposals are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.

People affected by stroke will be disadvantaged by the removal or reduction in support and advice to live independently and have equality of opportunity in daily life, equal access and mobility. If it is necessary to close the communication cafes as a result of reduced funding, this will have an impact on the quality of life for those with an impaired ability to communicate following a stroke as well as their safety and equal access. If dedicated exercise programmes are not funded, it will be extremely difficult for stroke survivors to access other suitable facilities to support their recovery. Disabled and older people who lack the communication skills, alternative personal support, or personal capacity will be disadvantaged as a result of their impairments and this will seriously undermine the Council's efforts to advance equality of opportunity between different groups of people.

Consultation

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available for public inspection at County Hall on request.

Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

It would affect peoples' lives and mean they would need more support from health and social care professionals and GPs, with the costs associated with that.

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

The comments said that people who've had a stroke need this valuable service. Removing funding would increase social isolation and affect people's quality of life. There is a national requirement to review people who've had a stroke so that need would still have to be met. This would put pressure on other services and budgets.

Long term condition and physical disability services

Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
3.2 East Sussex Disability Association (ESDA) Original Savings Proposal: £78,000	A User-Led Centre for Independent Living to promote daily living equipment and telecare that helps people to live at home for longer. Support is provided to disabled people through the Daily Living Centre (DLC) and a specialist information service. The DLC offers independent community equipment information, advice and demonstrations which are tailored to individual's needs; and the information and advice service provides detailed information that supports local disabled people to live more independently.	£117,000 CGP total funding	£78,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	3.2 It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£78,000) as additional funding is available through the Adult Social Care Levy

Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment 'Adult Social Care Revised Budgets for Physical Disability, Sensory Impairment and HIV Outcomes commissioned through the 2011 and 2014 Commissioning Grants Prospectuses' demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.

Disabled people with sensory impairments and physical disabilities will be disadvantaged by the removal or reduction in support and advice to live independently and have equality of opportunity in daily life, equal access and mobility. Disabled and older people who lack the communication skills,

alternative personal support; or personal capacity will be disadvantaged as a result of their impairments. Other disabled clients without these needs who are not disadvantaged in this way will be more able to ensure that their eligible care and support needs are met.

Specific impacts of implementing this proposal include:

- Increased likelihood of experiencing isolation
- Increased likelihood of experiencing depression and other mental health issues
- Possible increased likelihood of safeguarding issues.

Consultation

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Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

- There would be an impact on people's lives and independence, possibly leading more people to need to move into residential care. It would also remove a key independent resource for getting advice on the most suitable products.

People felt this would put pressure on Adult Social Care workers, create budget pressures elsewhere and increase the risks of falls and injury from people buying unsuitable equipment.

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

- The comments noted the role ESDA has in helping people to be independent and live in the community. The service was described as a valuable resource, with a number of professionals noting that it is a key resource for staff to refer to.
- It is described as offering independent advice and providing a good resource for self-funders. A number of comments noted that removing the service could lead to people needing more Adult Social Care support in the community or to move into residential care.

Advocacy services				
Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
3.3 POhWER Original Savings Proposal: £114,000	Independent advocacy service that offers support or representation to vulnerable adults to speak up for themselves. POhWER provide a variety of advocacy support and interventions to enable people with a learning disability and those people with PDSI (Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment) to make informed choices, express their views and exercise full rights as citizens.	£250,000 CGP total funding	£114,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	3.3 It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£114,000) as additional funding is available through the Better Care Fund
<p>Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment ‘Decommissioning of Commissioning Grants Prospectus Advocacy Outcome’ demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.</p> <p>Disabled and older people who lack the communication skills, alternative personal support; or personal capacity will be disadvantaged as a result of their impairments in obtaining advocacy to enable fair access to services. Other disabled clients without these needs who are not disadvantaged in this way will be more able to ensure that their eligible care and support needs are met. Provision of advocacy support to disabled and older people who need care and support services is a requirement of the Care Act 2014.</p> <p>It is likely that an impact of the proposals is that people who have a Learning Disability (‘LD’) or Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment (‘PDSI’), will have reduced access to a range of services if they are unable to access advocacy. Without an advocacy service people will not be supported to understand their rights, and will therefore have less choice and control over their life and their support. It is possible that people with a LD or PSID will be less able to speak up for themselves in a range of settings without access to advocacy.</p> <p>Consultation</p> <p>This proposal has been subject to public consultation which ran between 23 October 2015 and 18 December 2015. The full consultation findings can be found in the ‘Consultation results: Adult Social Care savings proposals 2015’ report that is available online and with copies in the Members’ room and is available for public inspection at County Hall on request.</p>				

Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

People raised the fact that advocacy is an essential service helping people to be independent and is needed by the most vulnerable. Some people won't be able to speak up for themselves without this service. Social workers don't provide the same level of 1-2-1 support and BME people's ability to access support and services would be affected.

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

The comments said that advocacy has a vital role to play in giving people and their families a voice in their own care, particularly at times when people might need independent support to make choices about their health and wellbeing. If the service wasn't available people wouldn't get the support they need to access services and support, particularly mental health services and BME clients.

Mental health services

The total Adult Social Care contribution to Mental Health Services in the Commissioning Grants Prospectus is £819k. From this contribution £680k savings have been identified. Where savings are proposed, a percentage reduction of the Adult Social Care funding has been identified.

A summary of the impacts identified within the Equality Impact Assessment and key themes from the public consultation for the Mental Health service savings proposals are shown at the end of this section.

Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
3.4 Alzheimer's Society Original Savings Proposal: £30,000	Day support services for people with early onset dementia. Two separate drop-in days available in Bexhill and Eastbourne. This is support for carers as well as service users who are working age and diagnosed/assessed with having dementia.	£68,000 CGP total funding	£30,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	3.4 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
3.5 Hastings Advice and Representation Centre (HARC) Original Savings Proposal: £2,000	Hard to engage – welfare benefits advice and representation for vulnerable people. The service provides free advice, information and representation on all welfare benefits and tax credits.	£4,000 CGP total funding	£2,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	3.5 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

<p>3.6 Recovery Partners Original Savings Proposal: £37,000</p>	<p>Peer Support specialists – self management and recovery plans at hubs. Group and 1-1 support sessions with peer specialists.</p>	<p>£84,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£37,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.6 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</p>
<p>3.7 Seaview Project Original Savings Proposal: £52,000</p>	<p>Open access drop-in centre for hard to engage people in St Leonards. A 6 day a week drop-in café style provision which engages people to partake in monitoring their health, drug and alcohol interventions and deals with issues such as homelessness homeless, street drinkers.</p>	<p>£115,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£52,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.7 It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £48,000.</p> <p><i>£67,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i></p>
<p>3.8 Southdown Housing Original Savings Proposal: £144,000</p>	<p>Supported Employment using Individual Placement and Support Model enabling independence. Dedicated employment specialists offering employment as well as employment retention for people who become unwell and are at risk of losing their job.</p>	<p>£326,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£144,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.8 It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £130,000.</p> <p><i>£196,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i></p>
<p>3.9 Southdown Housing Original Savings Proposal: £115,000</p>	<p>Community Links – tailored help for individuals (forensic history, personality disorder, substance misuse) to aid recovery and inclusion. Social inclusion support for people so they can develop support networks in their local communities. Includes a dedicated Autism Specialist who will deliver the above support focusing on people with Autism/Asperger's</p>	<p>£261,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£115,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.9 It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £104,000.</p> <p><i>£157,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i></p>

<p>3.10 Sussex Oakleaf Original Savings Proposal: £92,000</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Hub – recovery orientated flexible/ personalised mental health support in Eastbourne. (Brightview) The Wellbeing Hub replaces traditional Mental Health Day centres. Centres also facilitate other service provision and clubs in evenings and weekends linking with other services including Health in Mind, alcoholics anonymous, Hearing Voices groups and LGBT groups.</p>	<p>£208,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£92,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.10 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></p>
<p>3.11 Sussex Oakleaf Original Savings Proposal: £44,000</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Hub – recovery orientated flexible/ personalised mental health support in North Wealden. North Wealden Wellbeing Hub – Bellbrook, Uckfield and surrounding area, Crowborough. The Wellbeing Hub replaces traditional Mental Health Day centres. Centres also facilitate other service provision and clubs in evenings and weekends linking with other services including Health in Mind, alcoholics anonymous, Hearing Voices groups and LGBT groups.</p>	<p>£99,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£44,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.11 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></p>
<p>3.12 Sussex Oakleaf Original Savings Proposal: £40,000</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Hub - recovery orientated flexible/personalised mental health support in South Wealden. The Wellbeing Hub replaces traditional Mental Health Day centres. Centres also facilitate other service provision and clubs in evenings and weekends linking with other services including Health in Mind, alcoholics anonymous, Hearing Voices groups and LGBT groups.</p>	<p>£90,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£40,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.12 It is recommended to reduce Adult 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></p>

<p>3.13 Together Original Savings Proposal: £263,000</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Hub – recovery orientated flexible/ personalised mental health support in Hastings, Bexhill, Rother, Newhaven and Lewes. "Your Way" in Bexhill.</p> <p>The Wellbeing Hub replaces traditional Mental Health Day centres. Centres also facilitate other service provision and clubs in evenings and weekends linking with other services including Health in Mind, alcoholics anonymous, Hearing Voices groups and LGBT groups.</p>	<p>£596,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£263,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.13 It is recommended to reduce Adult Social Care funding by 90%, saving £238,000.</p> <p><i>£358,000 of joint funding will remain in place to ensure on-going viability of this service.</i></p>
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Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment ‘Voluntary and community based mental health support (Commissioning Grants Prospectus)’ demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.

There is potential for the proposals to have a significant adverse impact on individuals with mental health needs who will become unable to access suitable services and support as a result of the proportion of the budget savings being made through the Commissioning Grants Prospectus funded services. In particular, the following impacts were identified:

- Fewer effective opportunities to build plans towards their personal recovery goals, resilience and self-management,
- Less respite and practical support for carers, including support with their own mental health needs
- Significant reduction in engagement and access to services
- Less support with recovery and maintenance of good mental health and independent living over the longer-term

A small proportion of services are currently proposed to retain funding. A number of this cohort of people have in the last 3 years moved from residential care services into supported accommodation or independent living. This has been successful due to the support received from these services.

There is a high risk that individuals will develop needs that are a risk to themselves and others for example high levels of mental health distress, aggression, and potential for suicide (HRA Right to Life). The quality of life and safety is severely impacted by removing or significantly reducing mental health support services in the community.

Consultation

This proposal has been subject to public consultation which ran between 23 October 2015 and 18 December 2015. The full consultation findings can be found in the ‘Consultation results: Adult Social Care savings proposals 2015’ report that is available online and with copies in the Members’ room and is available for public inspection at County Hall on request.

Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

- The majority of the comments talked about the value of the services in question: to the individual, their family and carers, and to the wider community. Many people also said they disagreed with the proposals, with some saying that mental health services would be disproportionately affected.
- The services are seen as critical, value for money services which support people's wellbeing, encourage independence and recovery, and support people into employment. In the case of the Alzheimer service a number of comments said this is a unique service with nothing else available for those suffering from early-onset Alzheimer's or dementia.
- Suggestions include streamlining services instead of cutting them, asking people to pay a contribution, cutting management costs and requiring providers to demonstrate the value of services.

The feedback was that people consider that reducing or removing funding would:

- Affect the most vulnerable, having a domino effect for clients and putting lives at risk
- Increase social isolation and exclusion
 - Increase the pressure on family and carers, in some cases meaning they can't work any more
 - Remove community resources and buildings
 - Increase hospital admissions and put pressure on other budgets and services
 - Leave more people reliant on benefits

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

- Removing or reducing funding would leave people with no services and no support for their illness. There would be an impact on the individual, with a real risk to people's lives and safety as well as their quality of life and wellbeing, and a wider impact on families and the community. People will be pushed into acute services and there would be more hospital admissions.
- There will also be a social impact, with a lot of people saying they would be at home all day. The knock-on effect to people's mental health would be felt through greater risks of depression, homelessness and exploitation.
- People would need more funded support from Adult Social Care and it may push people into institutions or mean they need more NHS care.

Older peoples services

Recommendations have been made for each individual service. For services where it is recommended to implement the saving proposal and give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw the funding, it is unlikely that the service provision will continue following withdrawal of the funding.

A summary of the impacts identified within the Equality Impact Assessment and key themes from the public consultation for the Older Peoples service savings proposals are shown at the end of this section.

Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
<p>3.14 Age Concern Eastbourne</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal £40,000</p>	<p>Home From Hospital – short term discharge support provided by volunteers – covering Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford.</p> <p>The service is for older people or their friends and relatives who are concerned about how they will cope at home when leaving hospital. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting older people at home for between 4 to 6 weeks • Accompanying to short medical appointments • Collecting prescriptions and shopping • Preparing light snacks • Providing information and help to obtain other services or equipment needed • Making introductions to clubs and other organisations 	<p>£46,000</p> <p>CGP total funding</p>	<p>£40,000</p> <p>ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.14 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</p>
<p>3.15 Age Concern Eastbourne</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £30,000</p>	<p>Eastbourne Shed (formerly Men in Sheds) – educational, occupational, leisure, activity opportunity in Eastbourne.</p> <p>The Eastbourne Shed provides a place where men and women can come along and take part in activities similar to what they would do in their own garden shed but with other like minded people supplying good company.</p>	<p>£41,000</p> <p>CGP total funding</p>	<p>£30,000</p> <p>ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.15 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £30,000 and give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>

<p>3.16 Alzheimer's Society</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £23,000</p>	<p>Befriending Service for people with early stage dementia to maintain independence.</p> <p>The service provides personalised companionship for people with dementia or carers, either in their own home or during outings and activities in the community</p>	<p>£69,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£23,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.16 It is recommended not to proceed with the savings proposal (£23,000) and for the service to be funded from the Better Care Fund</p>
<p>3.17 Age UK East Sussex</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £77,000</p>	<p>Home from Hospital – short term discharge support provided by volunteers – covering Hastings, Rother and High Weald, Lewes and the Havens.</p> <p>The service is for older people or their friends and relatives who are concerned about how they will cope at home when leaving hospital. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visiting older people at home for between 4 to 6 weeks • Collecting prescriptions and shopping • Preparing light snacks • Providing information and help to obtain other services or equipment needed <p>Making introductions to clubs and other organisations</p>	<p>£89,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£77,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.17 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</p>

<p>3.18 Age UK East Sussex</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £28,000</p>	<p>Take Home and Settle – discharge support including transport home from Eastbourne District General Hospital and Conquest Hospital.</p> <p>This service enables older people who have attended Accident and Emergency, at the Conquest Hospital Hastings or the Eastbourne District General Hospital, to go home rather than be admitted to hospital.</p> <p>It serves older residents of East Sussex with an emphasis on those who live alone or who are carers. It helps to facilitate a safe discharge from hospital, accompany patients home and ensures they are safely settled in.</p>	<p>£107,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£28,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.18 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</p>
<p>3.19 Age UK East Sussex</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £50,000</p>	<p>123 Service – on-going access to day opportunities with different levels of support/transport/activities.</p> <p>The service provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Companionship: support by telephone, home visits, assistance to enjoy the day and achieve practical tasks. • Support by escorting and encouraging clients to attend local community centres, events, local clubs and friendship groups which could facilitate future independent attendance and peer-to-peer contact. 	<p>£66,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£50,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.19 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>3.20 Marsham Older People's Project</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £4,000</p>	<p>Weekly day centre/lunch club promoting independent living for those isolated in rural area.</p> <p>The Centre offers information and advice on health together with Podiatry and other health services.</p> <p>There are also occasional visits from the local farm shop and a clothing retailer.</p>	<p>£5,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£4,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.20 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £4,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>

<p>3.21 RVS Royal Voluntary Service</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £22,000</p>	<p>Get Well Stay Well, Newhaven – good neighbours service combatting isolation in community.</p> <p>The service offers befriending and can include visits to older people to provide friendly social contact and help with small practical tasks. volunteers visit older people at home carry out tasks including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • safe, warm and well checks, • chatting to and offering regular friendly, social contact, • post office or prescription collections, • assisting with shopping or food preparation, • providing transport, • general household jobs, • helping access other services if necessary. 	<p>£29,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£22,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.21 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £22,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>
<p>3.22 Sound Architect Creative Media</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £6,000</p>	<p>Community participation and activities co-ordinator in Wealden district. (TN22, TN21 Clubs, Techclub.)</p> <p>The service provides educational and recreational opportunities for all through music technology, film making, digital photography and all other aspects of digital creative media.</p>	<p>£8,000 CGP total funding</p>	<p>£6,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.22 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £6,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>
<p>Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment ‘Decommissioning of Commissioning Grants Prospectus Older People Outcome’ demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.</p> <p>These proposals would present a significant risk to older people and their carers in being able to return home safely from hospital. There would be a risk of readmission to hospital and/ or a potential deterioration in the persons and/or carers physical and mental health and wellbeing. These proposals would also present a significant risk to older people and their carers due to an increased risk of deterioration in the persons and /or carers physical and mental health and wellbeing due to social isolation.</p> <p>This could have a greater impact on people living in rural areas where there may not be alternative services available or sufficient capacity. In addition there could be an increased risk of further deterioration for people living with a long term condition and/ or disability, Due to the additional pressure carers may find themselves unable to continue with their caring role.</p>				

Consultation

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Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

- Home from hospital services were recognised as excellent services that should be protected, with a number of people raising the issue of pressure on the NHS and bed blocking if funding stopped.
- The Parish Council responded regarding Marsham Older Peoples Project (MOPPs), explaining the value of the service and the fact that the needs of people would still need to be met. Isolation was also mentioned as an issue of removing funding for this service.
- Increased costs through people needing other services and the risk of voluntary sector closures were also raised.
- Suggestions included raising Council tax, cutting out duplicate services and cutting management and administration costs.

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

- People will be housebound and isolated, with others being stuck in hospital without help to get home. All of this will put more demands on social care in the long term.

Sensory impairment services

Recommendations have been made for each individual service. For services where it is recommended to implement the saving proposal and give notice to terminate the agreement, it is unlikely that provision of the service will continue following withdrawal of the funding.

A summary of the impacts identified within the Equality Impact Assessment and key themes from the public consultation for the Sensory Impairment service savings proposals are shown at the end of this section.

Service type and provider	Service description	CGP funding award 2015/2016	ASC funding /contribution	Proposal
3.23 East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre Original Savings Proposal: £78,000	<p>Delivery of specialist equipment and services in the community to support people with hearing impairments to retain and improve their independence.</p> <p>The service provides support that enables Deaf people and people with hearing impairments and long term conditions to live independently for longer through the provision of sensory community aids and equipment and support services such as hearing aids maintenance, lip reading classes and a wide range of practical and social support opportunities.</p>	£126,000 CGP total funding	£78,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	3.23 It is recommended not to proceed with the saving proposal (£78,000) and for the service to be funded from the remaining Commissioning Grants Prospectus budget
3.24 East Sussex Vision Care Original Savings Proposal: £104,000	<p>Delivery and support to use specialist equipment and services in the community for people with a visual impairment to maintain or improve their independence.</p> <p>The service provides assessments for CVI status (certified as visually impaired), sensory equipment, and support services, including: to maintain equipment, learn to walk with a white cane, social engagement to reduce isolation for blind or sensory impaired people who struggle with daily living activities due to sight barriers.</p>	£143,000 CGP total funding	£104,000 ASC contribution to CGP funding	3.24 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

<p>3.25 The Sussex Deaf Association</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £29,000</p>	<p>Community Support, information, life skills and social facility services for the Hearing Impaired.</p> <p>The service provides support, social and welfare service for deaf, deafblind, deafened and hard of hearing people across Sussex to enable them to communicate and live independently through personalised advice and information, and group support to reduce isolation</p>	<p>£37,000</p> <p>CGP total funding</p>	<p>£29,000</p> <p>ASC contribution to CGP funding</p>	<p>3.25 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £29,000 and to give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>
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Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment 'Adult Social Care Revised Budgets for Physical Disability, Sensory Impairment and HIV Outcomes commissioned through the 2011 and 2014 Commissioning Grants Prospectuses' demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have negative impacts on the people who are affected.

- There is a risk for people with visual impairments or dual sensory loss where removal of services may result in increased likelihood of accident and injury.
- Disabled people with sensory impairments and physical disabilities will be disadvantaged by the removal or reduction in support and advice to live independently and have equality of opportunity in daily life, equal access and mobility. In particular, people who are deaf, blind or have a sensory impairment may struggle to manage daily living tasks and to understand the world around them. For example, some deaf people struggle to read (BSL is often their first language) and so often cannot manage to maintain their independence (take telephone calls, read correspondence, attend appointments, manage their conditions) or employment without support.
- Disabled and older people who lack the communication skills, alternative personal support; or personal capacity will be disadvantaged as a result of their impairments to enable fair access to services. Other disabled clients without these needs who are not disadvantaged in this way will be more able to ensure that their eligible care and support needs are met.

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Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

- People said the funding shouldn't be cut from critical services such as these, which encourage independence and reduce social isolation. These are value for money services which are already dealing with the impact of reduced funding. Services could be forced to close if the savings went ahead, leaving people isolated and unable to cope.

- The hearing impairment services are doing things the private sector doesn't want to do and in some cases there isn't an alternative service. Services that understand what deaf people need could be forced to close if the savings went ahead leaving people isolated.
- There is also the equality impact to consider around people's communication needs, particularly relating to British Sign Language and managing written communications, and the wider implications of losing support in managing finances and health needs etc. People need to know what alternatives there would be if the funding was stopped.

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

- The impact would be on people's whole life, their health, wellbeing and mental health. People risk being isolated and getting into debt if their communication support needs and BSL needs aren't met. These services provide preventative support, so removing them would lead to costs elsewhere.

4. Drug and alcohol services

The drug and alcohol prevention strategy funds a range of services for adults and young people, providing treatment, recovery and specialist support for people affected by drug or alcohol misuse. Many of these services are funded by Public Health, for which there is a savings target of £788k in 2016/2017. Services will be reviewed and reconfigured to deliver this savings target and these changes will be managed through existing commissioning processes. A decision is required regarding the saving below, which formed part of the public consultation and has an associated equality impact assessment.

Drug and alcohol services

Service type and provider	Service description	Proposal
<p>4.1 The Local Area Single Assessment and Referrals Service (LASARS)</p> <p>Original Savings Proposal: £457,000</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.</p> <p>The aim of the LASAR is to rapidly engage people in effective structured treatment which enables them to recover. The LASAR will assess suitability for treatment, assign a complexity tariff, develop initial recovery plans and broker access to appropriate treatment pathways including residential rehabilitation.</p> <p>That the current service ceases and all assessments are carried out by the main treatment service provider.</p>	<p>4.1 It is recommended to proceed with the savings proposal of £457,000 and give notice to terminate the agreement and withdraw this funding</p>

Impact Summary: The equality impact assessment 'Decommissioning of LASAR: Gateway service to accessing treatment' demonstrates the proposals below are likely to have the following impacts on the people who are affected:

- Service user consultation showed that this proposal may improve access for all groups. Following meeting with and East Sussex Recovery Alliance and peer support groups plus feedback from the strategy consultation this was the conclusion that service users wanted to be added to this impact assessment.
- Waiting times to access treatment are expected to reduce as this will be one less layer of assessment. After the decommissioning of LASARS all access to treatment services will be managed by STAR our commissioned treatment provider.
- The LASARS carers assessment function will need to be mainstreamed into ASC as there will be a potential impact on carer identification and recognition. There may also be an impact on carers assessments. The LASARS service has safeguarding responsibilities and this will be mainstreamed into Adult Social Care.
- There will be no reduction in treatment capacity as a result of this change.

Consultation

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Summary of key points: Comments/suggestions on the proposals

- Many of the comments state that people disagree with the proposed savings. In contrast to other areas though, there are also a minority of people who support making savings in this area. Sometimes this is because people don't think such services should be funded and in other cases it is because they think priority should be given to other services facing cuts

Reducing or removing funding would:

- Lead to people losing their lives if they don't get the support they need
- Remove a service from a vulnerable group of people, with many comments focusing on the impact on young people and the cumulative effect of service funding cuts in other areas such as housing support services (Supporting People funding)
- Increase hospital admissions and the chances of people reaching crisis point
- Lead to higher consumption for people with a drug or alcohol problem
- Increase the chances of people losing their accommodation and becoming homeless
- Affect the families of people who use services, pushing families into crisis or leading to relationship breakdowns

- Affect the community through increased street drinking and crime
- Increase costs for the NHS, particularly acute mental health services and A&E
- Put pressure on other budgets and services, such as the Police
- ESCC could fail to meet its statutory obligations and it could affect the success of the East Sussex Better Together project
- Affect communities through increases in drug and alcohol use, anti-social behaviour, drink driving, and crime

Summary of key points: Impact if the proposals went ahead

- Many of the comments focused on what the proposals would mean for them, family or friends. People feel that a vulnerable and hard to engage client group would be left with no support, affecting their mental health and making them more at risk of isolation, exploitation and neglect. There is also a danger that people will lose their lives if they don't receive the support they need.
- There would be no one to support them or challenge their behaviour. They would be more likely to drop out of treatment as trust and 1-2-1 support is crucial to recovery. This would also put them at greater risk of harm and put other people at greater risk of harm from them.
- There will also be a significant impact on families, carers and children and their wellbeing. There is also a risk that family relationships will break down.
- The result will be increased use of NHS services and the risk of increased homelessness, anti-social behaviour and crime. As well as the impact on other services it will also affect the community, as the streets will become more unsafe. This is raised as a particular issue in areas like Hastings and St Leonards.
- Professionals have queried whether adult social care teams have the specialist knowledge and capacity required to give this client group the support they need. A number of comments also flag the issue of the cumulative impact of cuts in other areas, such as housing support services (Supporting People) particularly for younger people and young mothers.