

BUDGET CUT ASSESSMENT FORM

C5

Budget Cut Assessment Form CEASING VULNERABLE ADULTS FLOATING SUPPORT	Ref No C5	Responsible AD	Responsible Finance Manager	Responsible HR Manager	Responsible Lawyer	Responsible EIA Officer
Description of Proposal:						
To remove the contract for the provision of Housing Related Support for Vulnerable People aged 25+. (This is not Hostel provision – 29 units will remain). This contract also encompasses the management of Darlington Borough Council’s statutory provision of Temporary Accommodation (11 units of accommodation) and this statutory provision would need to remain.						
Service Detail						
The service provides support to individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and has capacity to support over 300 Individuals per annum. Support is delivered through triage, group work, crisis interventions and floating support (floating support is support delivered on a regular basis to individuals whose identified needs cannot be met through triage, for a maximum of 6 months). In addition to ensuring the individual is adequately housed, the service aims to reduce dependency, increase & sustain independence, increase clients taking part in education, training and employment and meaningful daytime activities. These include, but, are not limited to; reducing overall debt, better management of physical health, mental health and substance misuse issues, and support to avoid harm from others and to others which are all important in supporting an individual to move towards independent living and becoming a contributor to society,.						
Human Resources Impacts		Asset Management Impacts	Decommissioning Costs	Cost Shunting		
No. of posts to be deleted	0	Detail any released buildings/building space Identify disposal or requisition issues	In addition to HR and Asset costs identify any others e.g. early contract termination costs The contract was let for a period of three years plus an option to extend for a further one plus one years, the contractual agreement has provision for 90 days’ notice.	Is there any known or potential to increase costs elsewhere within Council budgets If this service is de-commissioned, there could be a potential cost shunt to ASC and/or Housing to meet some people’s needs. The service plays a preventative role in avoiding the escalation of avoidable circumstances which then require a Social Care intervention. The provision of Housing Services temporary accommodation is contained within this contractual agreement. This element would have to transfer back to DBC to manage if the full service was de-commissioned. The service includes the provision of a rapid intervention/triage support which enables individuals to receive instant support and interventions. If this daily drop in service was not available it could result in an increase in the number of direct presentations to housing services. Due to the chaotic lifestyles of the individuals it is unlikely that they would make and keep appointments to access advice/help in the same way.		
No. of potential redundancies	0					
Estimated Redundancy costs	£0					

Financial Summary					
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Estimated reduction to budget	£141,365	£282,731	£282,731	£282,731	£282,731
Redundancy Costs					
Asset Implication					
Decommissioning Costs					
Known Cost Shunting	Not able to be specifically quantified				
Overhead	£4,617	£9,102	£8,984	£8,919	£8,919
NET Budget Reduction	£145,982	£291,833	£291,715	£291,650	£291,650

Equality Impact Assessment
Officers have considered the proposal’s relevance to Darlington Borough Council’s Public Sector Equality Duty and full Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken. A copy of this is available in 3 (b) Appendix 1.