



Financial Year	2017/18
Proposal no.	ACS-2017-340
Directorate	Adult Services

Savings Programme Pre-consultation Report	
Subject:	Community Opportunities Contract

1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that members consider the proposal to not retender the Community Opportunities service when the contract ends in August 2017, thereby ending the service from that date.

1.2 Reason for recommendation

The Community Opportunities service is a low level prevention service which does not provide direct care to service users eligible for adult social care support. This service was funded as part of the previous Supporting People housing related support grant. The service has helped to develop a number of self-sustaining groups that support vulnerable people to remain independent and some groups that are moving towards being self-sustaining. It has also offered a number of low level prevention initiatives including a range of group activities for vulnerable people and the initial development of a time bank. Alternative provision of these services from the voluntary sector and possibly community centres will be investigated to mitigate the impact of not retendering this service. If alternative provision cannot be identified it is anticipated that these services will not be able to continue. As the services provide support for people with lower level needs it is not anticipated that the ending of the services will have a significant impact on health and social care services.

2. Proposal

2.1 The Community Opportunities contract is not retendered when the current contract ends in August 2017. The Community Opportunities Service is a low level prevention service for Adults with disabilities to promote wellbeing. The focus of the service is to develop self-sustaining community models of support which promote independence and reduce the need for care and support.

2.2 The service delivers the following:

A timetable of activities – a monthly timetable is distributed of the activities

that are to be delivered throughout that month. The activities are held at several different locations throughout the borough. The timetable changes on a monthly basis and evolves to meet service user's needs and interests. Examples of activities that have taken place are money management sessions, confidence building sessions, multi- sport sessions for disabled people and walk and well-being sessions.

Self-Sustaining Groups – XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX have supported five groups that are now self-sustaining. They are working with a further seven groups with an objective for them also to be self-sustaining.

Timebanking - In September 88 hours of time were exchanged. In order to support the development of the Time Bank the provider has been holding skills weeks - The latest skills week was held at Burnside Community Centre in September 2016. The aim of Skills Week was to encourage new members to join the Timebank, and for existing members to connect with one another. There is an event day in November 2016 and another skills week scheduled for Christmas activities in December 2016.

Mapping - XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX have created a series of maps using My Maps on Google which are free to use. The maps show facilities in the borough that people can access and may be of interest. They have requested a link to the maps on the Rochdale Council Stay well portal.

Volunteering – XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX are offering volunteering opportunities and had 11 applications in August 16. They are currently working with 4 volunteers.

3. **The possible impact of ending the contract:**

The impact on individuals: the impact on individuals of ending the service will be that new service users will not be able to access the support that is currently available such as money management sessions, health and well-being sessions, job clubs and healthy cookery sessions. There are, however, a range of other community services across the borough delivered through a number of venues including community centres that may be able to support people in a similar way. As the service provides short term interventions for people and does not carry a caseload it is not anticipated that there will be any impact on current service users.

The impact on groups: the purpose of the service was to establish self-sustaining groups whereby people with similar interests were supported to establish groups that would continue without any additional support. As noted above this has been achieved for five groups and another 7 groups are moving towards becoming self-sustaining. The expectation of the provider would be that these 7 groups would become self-sustaining before the end of the contract.

Time bank: the development of the time bank has been challenging. Initially the provider attempted to develop a time bank for the whole of the borough but this was difficult to achieve and so they have more recently focused on the development of a time bank on Langley. Adult care will work with other community organisations across the borough e.g. CVS and Community Centres to establish whether the time banking project can continue.

Mapping: the project plan for developing the easy access to support services in the Rochdale borough's Locality Plan includes the development of a directory of

community services that will be used to sign post people to community resources that will help them to meet their needs. It also includes the development of electronic maps that people can use to identify community resources that can help them to meet their needs. The work that the Community Opportunities service has carried out in relation to mapping can contribute to this piece of work.

Volunteering: there are many opportunities for volunteering across the borough and the Council for Voluntary Services can provide the current volunteers with alternative volunteering opportunities if the contract ends.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The saving proposal is 5% of the total budget for the area of service affected.

The whole savings in relation to ending the Community Opportunities contract is £133k in 2017/18 and £67k in 2018/19. It is important to note £100k of these savings (£56k in 2017/18 and £44k in 2018/19) were approved under the group 1 savings proposals not requiring service consultation. The additional savings achieved from ending the contract altogether are shown in the table below.

4.2 Table 1 provides details of the Community Opportunities contract proposal

	Savings 2017/18 £k		Savings 2018/19 £k		Savings 2019/20 £k		Total savings £k	
	On-going	One off	On-going	One off	On-going	One off	On-going	One off
Employees								
Other Costs	77		23					
Income lost								
Net savings	77		23					
Additional income generated								
Total savings	77		23					
Implementation costs								
Total savings less implementation costs	77		23					

5. Asset implications

There are no asset implications arising from this report.

6. Voluntary Sector impact

The Community Opportunities contract is delivered via a lead provider contract whereby the lead provider is XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX and the partner organisation is XXXXXXXX. Both providers are registered charities and there will be staffing implications for them if this proposal is approved.

7. Alternatives considered

7.1 Members could decide not to take the proposal forward and identify alternative savings proposals.

8. Risk Assessment Implications

The following risks arise from the issues raised in this report as set out below:

Risk	Mitigation
People with low level needs cannot access support to help them to help themselves	A range of community services exist that may be able to support people to meet their needs. The easy access to support service will support people to access the community services available to meet their needs once this is established.

9. Legal Implications

The proposals outlined in this report have no legal implications

10. Personnel Implications

The proposals outlined within this report will not have any personnel implication for the council's workforce

11. Equalities Impacts

Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment

11.1 There are no workforce equality issues arising from this report.

11.2 Equality/Community Impact Assessments

The following equality/community issues arise from the issues raised in this report as set out below:

This proposal has a differential impact on people from BAME groups.

The proposal has a differential impact on disabled people.

To mitigate this impact we will work with existing voluntary sector organisations, community centres and the proposed community hubs (as outlined in the locality plan) development project to establish whether alternative appropriate support and activities are available.

The main conclusions from the EIA are set out at Appendix 1.

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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR SAVINGS PROPOSALS

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3. What is the scope of this assessment?																																	
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4 a). What does the function currently do? b). Describe the needs which this service meets?																																	
<p>The Community Opportunities Service is a low level prevention service for Adults with disabilities to promote wellbeing. The focus of the service is to develop self-sustaining community models of support which will promote independence and reduce the need for people with disabilities to access higher levels support.</p> <p>The service aims to support vulnerable adults over the age of 18, including service users from Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities. The service is accessible to vulnerable adults including people with mental health needs, learning disabilities, physical disabilities, elderly people and people with acquired brain injuries and who are resident within the Rochdale Borough.</p> <p>The service currently provides innovative support to individuals who are socially isolated as well as people who are making their first steps toward greater independence. Groups have been set up to represent a wide range of interests and needs and some are service-user led within a supportive and community based environment.</p> <p><u>Ethnicity Data</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>White British</td> <td>131</td> <td>43%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>White Irish</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>White other</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black British</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black Caribbean</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black Asian</td> <td>3</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian British</td> <td>38</td> <td>12%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian Indian</td> <td>1</td> <td>0.5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian Pakistani</td> <td>85</td> <td>28%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian Kashmir</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Asian Bengali</td> <td>6</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> </table>	White British	131	43%	White Irish			White other	1	0.5%	Black British			Black Caribbean			Black Asian	3	1%	Asian British	38	12%	Asian Indian	1	0.5%	Asian Pakistani	85	28%	Asian Kashmir			Asian Bengali	6	2%
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Chinese		
Middle east	31	10%
Other	10	3%
	306	100%

Age Data

Age Range		
18-24	30	10%
25-50	140	46%
50-64	93	30%
65+	38	12%
Unknown	5	2%
		0%
	306	100%

Gender Data

Male	38%	115
Female	62%	191

5. What proposed changes do you wish to make?

It is proposed to decommission this service.

Ending this contract will have an impact on the service provider and staff. It is likely that the staff live in the Rochdale borough. There are approximately 7 Full Time Equivalent provider staff that could be affected by this proposal (as staff may be part time this could be more individuals and this information will be updated throughout the consultation).

Work will need to be undertaken with the service provider to identify the number of current service users within the services affected by the proposal in the months prior to the contract ending.

6. Who are the key stakeholders who may be affected by the proposed changes?

Service users
Service Providers
Families and Carers
Housing Providers

Voluntary Sector
Strategic Housing
Community Providers of services

7. What impact will this proposal have on all the protected groups?

Race Equality

There is an impact on people from BAME communities as a result of this proposal.

To mitigate this impact we will work with existing voluntary sector organisations, community centres and the proposed community hubs (as outlined in the locality plan) development project to establish whether alternative appropriate support and activities are available.

Disabled People

There is a differential impact on people with disabilities as a result of this proposal. The service users accessing this prevention service have some form of disability.

To mitigate this impact we will work with existing voluntary sector organisations, community centres and the proposed community hubs (as outlined in the locality plan) development project to establish whether alternative appropriate support and activities are available.

Carers

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

Gender

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

Age

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

Armed Forces and Ex-Armed Forces Personnel

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

Religion or Belief

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

Sexual Orientation

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

Gender Reassignment

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

Pregnant Women or Those on Maternity Leave or Those who have given Birth in the Previous 26 weeks

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

Marriage or Civil Partnership

There is no adverse impact on this group from this proposal

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

What are the main conclusions and recommendations from this analysis?

This proposal has a differential impact on people from BAME groups.

The proposal has a differential impact on disabled people.

To mitigate this impact we will work with existing voluntary sector organisations, community centres and the proposed community hubs (as outlined in the locality plan) development project to establish whether alternative appropriate support and activities are available.

9. In the box below please provide details of who you will consult with on the proposals, when you consult, and the methods which you will use to consult. In the box below

The Consultation and Inclusion Methodology Used
We will consult with existing service users via existing consultation routes. We will consult with existing service users groups. We will consult providers using existing forums We will consult with stakeholders.

10. Produce an action plan detailing the mitigation measures that you propose to put in place to address any adverse impacts.

Mitigation Measure	Action	Responsible Officer	Implementation Date	Review Date	Evaluation Measure
Work with the voluntary sector to establish whether there are alternative activities and support for people.					
Work with Community Centres to establish whether there are alternative activities and support for people.	Commissioning will work with existing Community Centres to establish whether they can provide access to alternative activities and support	xxxx xxxxxxxxxxx	Savings proposals and approval onwards	Monthly review ongoing	Services reviewed
Work with the project establishing the easy access to support buildings to establish whether there are alternative activities and support for people.	Commissioning will work with the project developing the easy access to support buildings, as outlined in the locality plan, to establish whether they can provide access to alternative activities and support	xxxx xxxxxxxxxxx	Savings proposals and approval onwards	Monthly review ongoing	Services reviewed
Self-Sustaining groups to continue with support from the voluntary sector and community centres if required	Commissioning will work with existing voluntary sector services and community centres to establish whether they can provide	xxxx xxxxxxxxxxx	Savings proposals and approval onwards	Monthly review ongoing	Services reviewed

	any support to the self-sustaining groups if required				
Work with the existing provider during transition period	Commissioning to work with the existing provider to review activities and people accessing the service	xxxx xxxxxxxxxxx	Savings proposals and approval onwards	Monthly review ongoing	Services reviewed
Other providers within the borough	Commissioning to work with providers to see if any other existing alternatives can be offered/ explored	xxxx xxxxxxxxxxx	Savings proposals and approval onwards	Monthly review ongoing	Services reviewed
Identify existing Service User groups	Commissioning to work with service user groups to review activities to see if alternatives can be offered/ explored	xxxx xxxxxxxxxxx	Savings proposals and approval onwards	Monthly review ongoing	Services reviewed