



Supporting People and Third Sector Grants Consultation Findings Report

Purpose

To provide analysis of the consultation findings relating to proposed cuts to both the Supporting People budget and Third Sector Grants.

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 Introduction

The prevention services funded through Supporting People and Third Sector Grants currently support approximately 31,000 people a year in Birmingham to remain independent and to continue to live in their homes. The provision of prevention services also directly supports the objectives of the Council by offering the potential to reduce demand and expenditure on more costly statutory interventions including Social Care, Homelessness and Health.

Third Sector Grants provide support services to older and vulnerable citizens, to help them achieve and/or maintain independent living. The aim of preventative services is to promote independence by reducing negative dependency and empowering citizens to do as much as they can for themselves for as long as possible. A total of 42 services are commissioned through the Third Sector Grant. The support is positioned to address the needs of those that are at the greatest risk of accessing Adult Social Care, which would cost the Council far more than the costs associated with the Third Sector services themselves if they are removed.

In Birmingham the Supporting People Programme offers housing support to a wide range of vulnerable groups. Housing support services help people to move into and sustain independent housing, contribute to wider society and to live independent lives.

The purpose of the consultation was to seek views on proposals to deliver the savings identified for these service areas, and to use the information to support further development of the proposals and form a recommendation to be presented to Cabinet for decision in June 2017.

The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the consultation.

1.2 Background

Birmingham City Council approved its budget on 28th February 2017 and two of the identified budget savings areas were the Supporting People Programme and the Grants Programme to some third sector organisations. The required savings across both programmes is £3.2 million in 2017/18 increasing to £5.0million in 2018/19. The savings have to be delivered in line with the Council budget cutbacks, however we want to continue to utilise cross sector partnerships to continue to deliver the best possible care and support to vulnerable people.

The consultation questionnaires are included at Appendix A and B.

2. Key findings

On the 21st March 2017 a 50 day Directorate consultation was launched to determine the approach to delivering the required savings. The consultation ended on 10th May 2017.

Meetings with providers and citizen representatives also took place on the 3rd and 10th of March 2017.

Some high level key points from the consultation include;

- The detrimental impacts upon the most excluded and vulnerable citizens.
- The important role of the Supporting People and Third Sector Grant funded organisations in providing a safety net of preventative services. This support avoids or delays the escalation into statutory responses particularly with regards to homelessness, children's and adult social care or health.
- The lack of local authority recognition or strategy with regards to the role of the third sector providers and community based services in supporting the objectives of the local authority.
- Concerns that two very distinct funding streams (Supporting People and Third Sector Grants) were being badged together under one budget reduction proposal (HW1).
- Loss of services that are considered as national best practice.

3. Options to be considered

3.1. Supporting People

There were three options proposed for the Supporting People consultation and people were invited to respond to three questions in relation to these options (Appendix A).

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Options to be considered:

- An overall reduction in contract value by up to 27%
- Any other cost savings proposal as submitted by the service provider during the consultation that will

achieve the required saving in the timeframe will be considered.

- Identify alternative funding streams for services . In relation to the Youth Hub (Young Peoples Homeless Advice Service) and the Rough Sleeper Outreach services we propose to continue to fund these services but not from the Supporting People budget. These would be paid through homeless prevention funding.

Questions:

1. Do you agree or disagree with all of the proposals?
2. Have you got any ideas for delivering these services differently in the future that would save money by making them more effective?
3. Do you have any other views or comments on the intentions or the savings set out?

3.2 Option 2 – Third Sector Grants

There was one option in the Third Sector consultation and people were invited to respond to the three questions in relation to this option (Appendix B).

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To decommission 100% of Grants in this category

This would mean that the Grant will no longer be available as a funding stream.

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4. Methodology

4.1 Consultation

Between 21st March and 10thth May 2017, the Council held a public consultation. The consultation document and questionnaire were made available in two versions; standard text (available as appendix A) and easy read. There was also a questionnaire designed specifically for service users and Mencap designed their own consultation feedback (available as appendix B).

The consultation documents were available in a variety of ways including:

- Online at Birmingham Be Heard - all documents were available to the general public via this platform. The web link to this platform was also circulated to a wide range of stakeholders with details of how they could 'have their say'.
- Electronically with an editable PDF - the electronic version was available at Birmingham Be Heard or via by email. Respondents could complete the questionnaire electronically and return via email or print and free-post.
- Hard copy print - respondents could request a hard copy print version to complete and return via free-post. Hard copy versions were also available at consultation events, via our commissioned Domestic Abuse Service provider locations and through other linked, commissioned organisations including KIKIT Pathways to Recovery.

In addition:

- A dedicated phone line was set up for service users
- A meeting was held between Cabinet Members for Social Care and Health and Housing and Homes and provider representatives/Citizens Panel.
- Two meetings were held with providers and citizen representatives
- A meeting was held with citizen panel
- A template was created was providers to complete with service users

4.2 Analysis of responses

A very diverse range of views were received in response to the consultation and in a number of ways including direct to Councillors and Council Officers. Feedback was also provided to officers in CRC (Community Rehabilitation Company), Voluntary Sector umbrella bodies, CCG's, probation, and Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust.

Responses were also submitted onto the Council's Be Heard consultation database. All comments were considered overall and any emerging themes/common issues were highlighted accordingly. The comments for each question were then considered and again common themes/issues highlighted.

For the other methods of consultation the main themes were identified and all comments considered.

Total number of participants	589
Beheard responses	42
Hard Copy responses	547

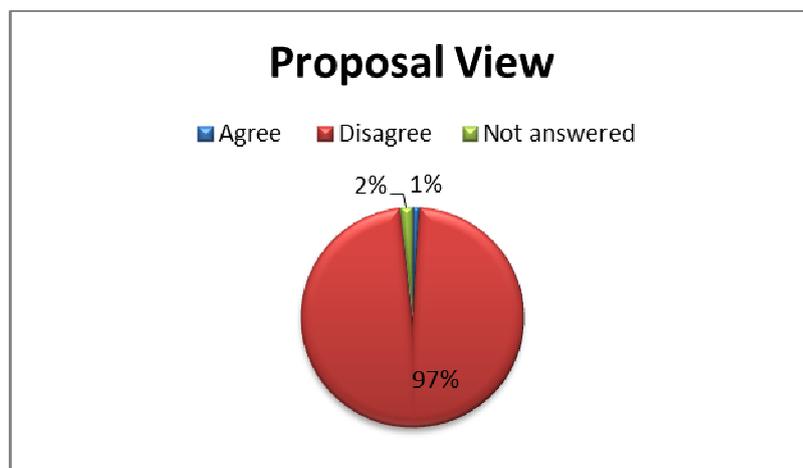
A total of 589 responses were received. 42 of those responses were via Beheard and 547 were hard copy responses.

5. Findings from the questions we asked

5.1 Quantitative (closed question) analysis

From the 589 responses received only 6 responses (1.02%) agreed with the proposals and an overwhelming 573 people (97.28%) disagreed, with 10 respondents not answering.

Number and Percentage of responses in agreement with proposals		
Proposal View	No. of responses	Percentage
Agree	6	1.02%
Disagree	573	97.28%
Not answered	10	1.70%
Total	589	100.00%



MENCAP consultation document (Appendix C)

Separately, Mencap conducted their own consultation with their Service Users and asked:

If you lost your service, do you feel that your health would be affected? Out of 253 people, 238 felt that their health would be affected and 229 felt that they would be less safe, with 231 people saying they would be worried about abuse and exploitation

5.2 Qualitative (open question) analysis

Delivering services differently in the future:

477 people had ideas for delivering services differently in the future

Number and percentage of respondents indicating ideas for delivering services differently in the future		
Ideas	No. of responses	Percentage
Yes	477	80.98%
No	87	14.77%
Not answered	25	4.24%
Total	589	100.00%

Those ideas ranged from:

- Save on services that aren't customer facing/needed
- Improve partnership working between providers and BCC
- Stop spending money on road repairs/entertainment events
- Use the increased Council Tax to offset cuts in SP
- Review and increase parking charges
- Services run by service users
- Better communication and therefore less duplication of services

Do you have any other views or comments on the intentions or the savings set out:

The most common themes were:

- BCC would be in breach of the Care Act obligations
- BCC have a duty of care to the most vulnerable
- There would be an increase in the number of vulnerable individuals, homelessness, safeguarding issues, isolation, self-harm and mortalities
- Increased hospital admissions
- Increase in demand for more costly packages of social care
- Short term savings will mean longer term crisis – short sighted approach
- Support workers have changed lives!

A detailed response was received from BVSC compiled at the request of providers involved in the delivery of services under Birmingham City Council's grant from the Third Sector funding stream. Key points were:-

- The funding is currently used to support over 20,000 of Birmingham's most vulnerable citizens
- 'The most vulnerable people will bear the brunt of these cuts'
- BVSC acknowledge there is a continuing need for change and transformation of the affected services in order to meet the emerging needs of Birmingham's citizens

- It was emphasised a number of times that the cuts target specifically the most vulnerable in the City: the elderly, disabled, young homeless families, women and children fleeing domestic violence, and people suffering from mental ill health
- Linking the two funding streams together has been unhelpful in that it sets third sector organisations up against each other (a smaller cut to one stream automatically necessitates a larger cut to the other)
- The £2.7 million to be saved by cutting the Third Sector grants will prove a false economy. Firstly, because there is a loss to the City of the external funded that is levered through these grants, and the loss of volunteer input built up over many years, but even greater will be the impact of the loss of prevention services on the cost of adult social care.
- Services should be restructured around the needs of the citizen
- The current third sector services are preventing a potential 3324 people from needing high care cost packages

A PowerPoint presentation was shared at the meeting between Providers and Cabinet Members on the 'case for protecting supporting people and the Third Sector Grant programmes' - (Appendix D).

The presentation highlighted what the funding did and its importance - 'it is the Council's single largest Health and Wellbeing Programme delivered in Partnership with the not for profit sector'.

It is an:-

- Equalities programme
- Prevention programme
- Empowerment programme
- Resource generator
- It is the means by which the Council fulfils its statutory responsibilities

The following was also highlighted as just some of the impacts of reducing funding/funding cessation:-

- At risk of loss of other funding – such as trailblazer and rough sleeper funding.
- The SP programme has already been cut by 50% and the Third Sector grants significantly reduced
- This funding provides the most cost effective, evidence based, outcome focussed service delivered
- Once gone, these services are not recoverable
- Do we want increased begging and rough sleeping in our communities?
- It will in the long term increase costs rather than make savings

5.3 Summary

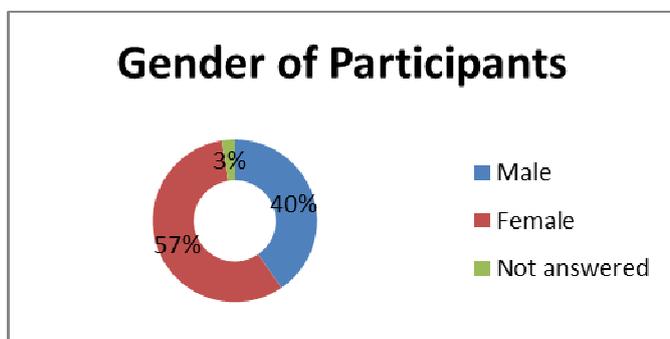
In summary there is a very clear message that these proposals are strongly opposed by those responding to the consultation. The impact will disproportionately target the most vulnerable citizens in Birmingham and the savings will prove to be a false economy. A large number would require an adult social care assessment which will be a major task at very significant costs.

6. Equality monitoring

6.1 What age group applies to you?

Age Range (years)	No. of responses	Percentage
18-19	8	1%
20-24	38	6%
25-29	64	11%
30-34	53	9%
35-39	54	9%
40-44	74	13%
45-49	70	12%
50-54	93	16%
55-59	55	9%
60-64	31	5%
65-69	14	2%
70-74	8	1%
75-79	8	1%
80-84	6	1%
85+	1	0%
not answered	12	2%
Total	589	100.00%

6.2 What is your gender?

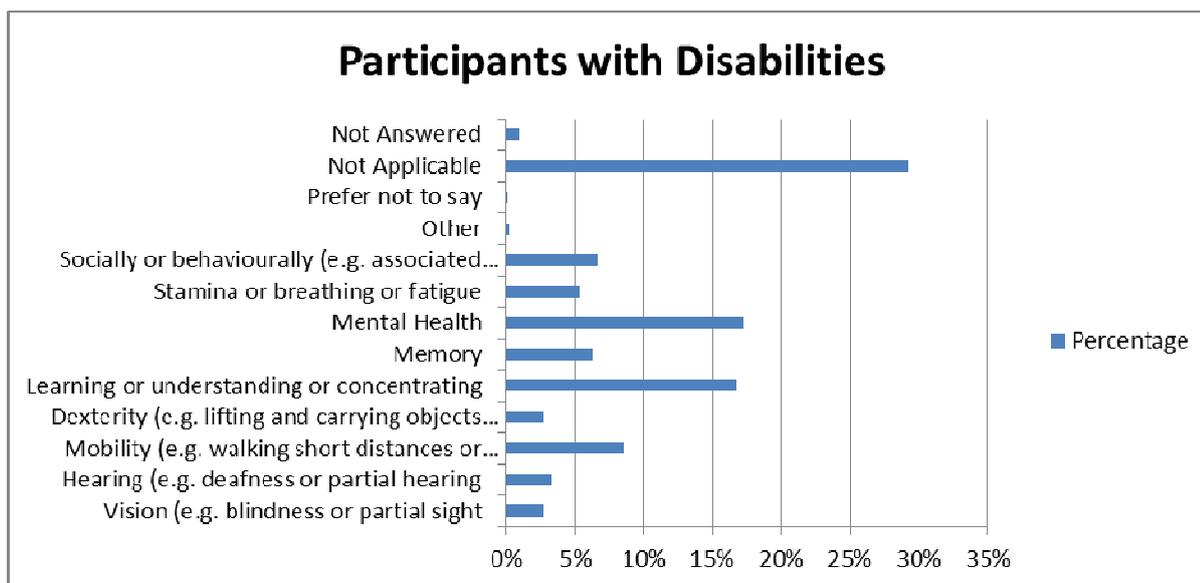


Gender	No of responses	Percentage
Male	238	40%
Female	336	57%
Not answered	15	3%
Total	589	100.00%

6.3 Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more?

Disability	No. of responses	Percentage
Yes	295	50%
No	203	34%
Prefer not to say	80	14%
Not answered	11	2%
Total	589	100.00%

6.4 If yes, do any of these conditions or illnesses affect you in any of the following areas?



Disability	No. of responses	Percentage
Vision (e.g. blindness or partial sight)	27	3%
Hearing (e.g. deafness or partial hearing)	32	3%
Mobility (e.g. walking short distances or climbing stairs)	84	8%
Dexterity (e.g. lifting and carrying objects or using a keyboard)	27	3%
Learning or understanding or concentrating	166	17%
Memory	63	6%
Mental Health	170	17%
Stamina or breathing or fatigue	53	5%
Socially or behaviourally (e.g. associated with Autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger's Syndrome)	66	7%
Other	2	0%
Prefer not to say	1	0%
Not Applicable	289	29%
Not Answered	9	1%
Totals	989	100.00%

6.5 What is your ethnic group?

Ethnicity	No. of responses	Percentage
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Afghani	1	0.17%
British Asian	54	9.17%
Bangladeshi	4	0.68%
Black African Other	3	0.51%
Black African/ Caribbean	57	9.68%
Black British	37	6.28%
English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British	78	13.24%
Indian	10	1.70%
Irish	13	2.21%
Kashmiri	2	0.34%
Mixed Multiple	58	9.85%
Other ethnic group	7	1.19%
Pakistani	5	0.85%
South African	3	0.51%
White European	1	0.17%
Not answered	256	43.46%
Total	589	100.00%

6.6 What is your sexual orientation?

Sexual Orientation	No. of responses	Percentage
Heterosexual	471	79.97%
Bisexual	7	1.19%
Gay or Lesbian	15	2.55%
Prefer not to say	33	5.60%
Other	3	0.51%
Not answered	60	10.19%
Total	589	100.00%

6.7 What is your religion or belief?

Religion	No. of responses	Percentage
Buddhist	2	0.34%
Christian	269	45.67%
Hindu	8	1.36%
Muslim	83	14.09%
Sikh	9	1.53%
Prefer not to say	1	0.17%
No religion	158	26.83%
Not answered	59	10.02%
Total	589	100.00%

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Supporting People

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What are we consulting on?

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How will we consult people?

1. We will be asking for views on our proposals from people who use services, carers, city council staff, health partners, organisations that provide adult social care services in the private or voluntary sectors and the general public;
2. You can tell us your views by completing a questionnaire, taking part in consultation meetings, by emailing or telephoning us. We will listen to, and take note of all your comments;

3. We will publish and make widely available what you tell us and what we plan to do next. We will show where we have changed any of the proposals as a result of listening to people's views. Where we have not made changes to our proposals we will explain why this was the case;
4. We will write a report to our Cabinet including material about what we have found out through this consultation. The Cabinet is the governing body of the City Council, made up of elected councillors; it is responsible for decisions on all Council services.

How long will this consultation run for?

This Directorate Budget Consultation begins on 21st March 2017 and finishes on 10th May 2017.

Who will be affected by the results of this consultation?

This consultation affects:

- some adults living in Birmingham who receive or may need adult social care services;
- young people who receive or may need adult social care services in the future;
- carers for adults with a social care need who live in Birmingham;
- Birmingham City Council staff;
- health organisations in Birmingham and their staff;
- people in need of housing related support services (Supporting People)
- private, third sector and voluntary providers of adult social care services and their staff; and
- the Police, Probation and Fire and Rescue Service

Background Information

Supporting People

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

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

Section 1 - Specific Proposals

Proposal 1:

Proposed changes

The amount currently spent on the whole service across which these savings apply and the proposed reduction is shown below.

Total Spend 16/17		Saving in 17/18	Saving in 18/19
£24.108m	Gross Saving	(£3.200m)	(£5.000m)
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Section 2

Have your say

During the consultation period there are various ways in which you can find out more and give us your views. You can do this by:

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- Partner organisations in Birmingham and their staff

Background Information

Grant Funding stream - Vulnerable Adults

This Grant funding provides support services to older and

vulnerable citizens, to help them achieve and/or maintain independent living.

The services support the Council's priorities of reducing dependency and creating community resilience. One way of doing this is to keep people active and engaged within their own families, communities and neighbourhoods.

These services aim to promote independence by helping people to do as much as they can for themselves for as long as possible.

The services support partnership working with Adult Social Care, and have changed the focus from 'eligibility and assessment' to a sustainable model of 'prevention and independence' in line with the Care Act.

A total of 41 services are commissioned through the Grant which are broadly categorised into four groups:

- Day opportunities
- Advice and Support
- Advice and Information
- Domestic Violence

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Appendix C

MENCAP

Third Sector and Supporting People Consultation feedback -hard copy 'Easy Read returns summary of concerns raised

Total number of returns received - **253**

Questions posed by MENCAP (These are different to the set consultation questions)

Q1. If you lost your service, do you feel that your health would be affected?

Yes - 238

No - 15

No Response -0

Q2. If you lost your service, do you feel that you would be less safe?

Yes - 229

No - 22

No response -2

Q3. If you lost your service, would you be worried about abuse or exploitation?

Yes - 231

No - 20

No response - 2

Q4. If you lost your service, would you be worried about losing your home?

Yes - 211

No - 39

No Response -3

Q5. If you had no service, would you be able to manage your money or budget?

Yes - 0

No - 248

Half/Half -1

No Response -4

Q6. Could your read or understand information (like letters or bills) without a support service?

Yes - 18

No - 229

Half/ Half -1

No Response - 5

Q7. If you had no service, would you go out less?

Yes - 194

No - 52

Not sure/don't know/ don't go out - 4

No Response -3

Q8. Would you be able to afford or pay for your own service?

Yes - 11

No - 235

Don't know -1

Don't know -1

No Response -6

Q9. What would your life be like without support? (Freetext)

Overview of key issues summarised

I would forget to do things.

Staff help me with cooking, attending appointments e.g. dentist, looking after my money understanding bills/letters

I would not be able to make phone calls to DWP etc. and fill out forms.

Would not have help with shopping

I would not feel safe

It would bring a lot more uncertainty and instability,

I would lose that bridge for my independence, I would be isolated and secluded

I would be at risk

less confidence to move house, increase bullying

I would struggle and not cope

I would be worried

I would feel isolated and have no friends

Harder, not much family support anymore

Depressed, stressed out and feeling alone and upset.

Without support I am not able to maintain my mental health

I would probably feel at a loss without support as I sometimes rely on family and they are always away

Not much socialising and not mixing with others

I would find it hard with maintaining my tenancy

my health would deteriorate, my stress levels would be much higher

I would be dead

They are helping me with an eating disorder. How will I cope

Very upsetting because this is the first time I've officially moved out of the parental home

Feel scared to use public transport

Q10. What do you think about the proposed cuts to your services? (Freetext)

Overview of key issues summarised

I am not happy, I feel there can be a lot more done for the service

I would feel disgusted as I think my support staff help me in every way to maintain a good life

Need to be very careful on cuts as these are going to have a great impact on people's lives. If support network not there the ability will cause a lot of damage and harm and people will be at risk

That is unfair

Diabolical

it is bad and very worrying

Don't want them

I wouldn't like it as I would lose my independence and would have to go home and live
I feel this not good enough, I am vulnerable and rely on the service for advice and
guidance

They are bad, it is not fair I am frightened

Should not cut services should have more social workers more care workers

More vulnerable people will suffer without their support

upset, worried because I need support because I am vulnerable

I feel there have already been too many cuts to my services & that any more would be
Detrimental to my health, wellbeing and safety

I would struggle and I would lack self-confidence even more

Disagree, shouldn't be cut

I think it's cruel and inhumane to cut services on people that are vulnerable and
struggling on society

People with learning disabilities need to support not let them struggle to cope with
certain things. This is the purpose of support work

I think there should be no cuts for people with learning difficulties

It would have a major effect on my life.

Not good - going to leave vulnerable people more vulnerable.

It's not fair! I've lost my DLA, what next?

Terrible, scared Heart breaking.

I think there should be cuts too something else instead like politicians wages

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The case for protecting Supporting People and Third Sector Grant Programme

Not for Profit Sector Leads

What does this funding do?

- **It's an Equalities Programme**
 - **It's a Prevention Programme**
 - **It's an Empowerment programme**
 - **It's a Resource Generator**
 - **It's the means by which the Council fulfils its statutory responsibilities**
 - **It has provided the Council with local, national and international renown and reputation**
- Levelling the playing field for those facing discrimination and disadvantage; targeted at those at risk
 - Preventing crisis and care dependency and higher tariff costs to public sector
 - Promoting Independence, self-help and skills development
 - Levering in 4 X investment from providers; 3 X return on every £1 spent; over 2 X additional funding
 - Homelessness duties; Care Act; Children Act; Southwark Judgement; Health and Wellbeing
 - DCLG pathway models; Select Committee mention; OFSTED commended; International visits; Trailblazer, YEI and programme success

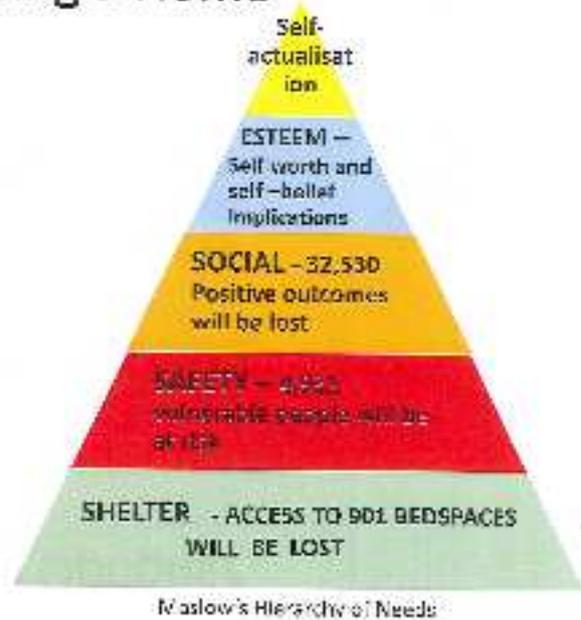
It is the Council's single largest Health and Wellbeing Programme delivered in Partnership with the Not for Profit sector

Finding and Keeping a Home

HomeLESS or at risk....

- 2000 People with mental health problems
- 950 People with Learning Disabilities
- 600 People with physical and sensory disabilities
- 2100 Victims of domestic abuse and violence
- 4200 Vulnerable young people aged 16 – 25 including Care leavers
- 750 Ex-offenders and those at risk of re-offending
- 1670 Homeless single people
- 520 Homeless families
- 787 Individuals with drug and/or alcohol dependencies

* Many of the above have multiple needs over and above primary issue



Alternative Funding Options?



- SP Programme already cut by 50%
- Government review of supported housing funding covers *only* rents and service charges

AT RISK:

- Loss of % of £52million HB
- Loss of % of £50million YEI
- Loss of £2.1million Trailblazer and RS programme
- Loss of £40 million provider contributions
- Increase in costs - displacement into statutory duties



Triple Bottom Line- What's ours?

Social

- Is it Ok to see vulnerable people living and dying on Birmingham streets?
- Are we serious about eradicating homelessness, safeguarding children and standing up for our most vulnerable?
- Is Caring at the heart of our culture – do we all belong?

Environmental

- Do we want increased begging and rough sleeping in our communities and outside City businesses?
- Can we cope with increased discord, crime and violence, and manifestation of drug misuse on our streets and in our communities?
- Clean, green, caring and proud?

Financial

- This is false economy; it will increase costs rather than make savings;
- This funding provides the most cost effective, evidence based, outcome focussed services delivered by the 'not for profit' regulated sector
- Once gone, these services are not recoverable

