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<p> One of the Council's four priority outcomes is 'People in Southampton lead safe, healthy, independent lives'. In developing our Medium Term Financial Strategy and to close our budget gap, we have reviewed all our services and considered what changes we can make in order to deliver our priority outcomes within the resources we have available.</p> <p>Under this outcome, we have grouped our proposals into two areas: this information sheet covers proposals about Public Health and Commissioning; the other information sheet covers our proposals for Adult Social Care.</p> <p>The Council, working with our partners particularly in Health, supports, commissions and delivers a wide range of Public Health services in the city, with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of all residents and reducing inequalities. Some of these services provide support to people with long-term illnesses, disabilities or specific conditions such as alcohol/drug abuse. Others focus on prevention and early intervention, and changing behaviours so that the risks of developing health problems later in life are reduced for our residents.</p> <p>We are committed to working together with local people to improve their health and wellbeing, and want to make sure that services are delivered as efficiently as possible, and targeted towards those people who need the most help.</p>	2016/17	58.9		
	2017/18	53.9		
	2018/19	50.6		
	2019/20	46.0		
	2020/21	46.0		
	This represents a reduction of 22% over 4 years.			
Resident feedback				
<p> In the 2015 Priorities Survey, 'People in Southampton are safe and protected from harm' was the highest rated priority outcome. 'People in Southampton live active, healthy lives for as long as possible' was the eighth highest outcome. In the 2016 City Survey, 74% of residents stated that they were in good health and 65% that they engage in physical activity at least three times a week. Given the importance of these services to our residents, our focus in developing budget proposals has been to ensure we make the best use of our resources, so we and our partners can provide support to everyone who really needs a service.</p>				
Budget proposals for 2017-18				
<p> This year, the Council has taken a different approach to budget planning. We have focused on the most important outcomes we want to achieve, and for the first time we have developed plans for the next four years rather than just one year. Under each outcome, we then identified proposals to reduce costs in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business as usual – being more efficient in how we manage and deliver our services on a day-to-day basis • Digital savings – changing and improving how we deliver services, making better use of online channels • Service delivery changes – redesigning, sharing, stopping, reducing or changing services. <p>Under the outcome of 'Safe, Healthy, Independent lives', we are proposing the following savings:</p>				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Further digital savings	0.0	(313.0)	(313.0)	(313.0)
Business as usual savings	(1,091.0)	(1,523.0)	(2,193.0)	(2,193.0)
Service delivery and redesign proposals	(6,213.4)	(8,522.4)	(9,731.4)	(9,731.4)



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Public Health and Commissioning



Service delivery and redesign proposals



Cease appropriate adult scheme and Positive Lives HIV/AIDS contract, and reduce alcohol specialist nurse service

We are proposing:

- To cease our funding contribution to the appropriate adult scheme, which provides people to act as an 'appropriate adult' for children and young people or mentally vulnerable adults in the absence of a parent or guardian whilst they are in custody, a victim or a witness at a police station. The service also supports unaccompanied asylum seeking children requiring an age assessment. Alternative approaches to funding the service will be developed with partners.
- Not to renew the outreach and support service commissioned from Positive Lives for people living with HIV/AIDS; this service currently supports approximately 120 service users at any one time. People living with HIV who meet our eligibility criteria will be able to obtain Social Care services. We will also support local voluntary sector and community organisations which address the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS with fundraising and grant applications.
- To redesign the Alcohol Specialist Nurse Service, based in the University Hospital, and seek an alternative funding source.

Review substance misuse provision

We are proposing to review drug and alcohol treatment services, to reduce costs and develop a more integrated approach. At present, a number of contracts are in place to deliver drug and alcohol treatment services, including via the Southampton Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service, Shared Care Support, Alcohol Care Team at Southampton General Hospital, the Hepatology Outreach Nurse and the Pharmacy Needle Exchange. The proposal is to reduce investment across all services, which have been protected from previous reductions, and review the whole model in the longer term to focus on earlier intervention and create further efficiencies. This includes incorporating national reductions in the Public Health grant.

Business as usual

We are also proposing to reduce our costs in a number of ways which include:

- Introducing spending controls to meet the cost pressure caused by increased provision of emergency contraception.
- Reviewing our contracts to identify efficiencies.
- Restructuring our workforce.

Potential impact of the proposals for this area



Residents

Some individuals will be impacted by a reduction in services, including those who currently receive support through the Positive Lives HIV/AIDS contract. The review of substance misuse services may also have an impact on some service users. The introduction of spending controls in relation to the provision emergency contraception will have the greatest impact on women, and could have an impact of increased unplanned pregnancies and generating demand on other areas of service provision.

The proposals will reduce or cease funding to other programmes, such as the Appropriate Adults scheme and Alcohol Specialist Nurse. However, we propose to work with partner organisations to identify alternative funding sources, ensure that statutory duties are met, and minimise the impacts on service users.

Where proposals affect a contract the service provider will engage with the services users on our behalf and inform us if there are any impacts we need to consider.



Staff

In order to make sure the Council is fit for the future and as efficient as possible, we will be restructuring our teams and services over the coming years. Staff will be consulted on proposals as they are developed in line with agreed Council processes.

Alternative options



In order to make sure that we continue to provide good quality services to residents, it is important that we identify efficiencies wherever possible. If we did not make these proposals, alternative options would be to reduce or stop delivering other front line services, increase fees or introduce charges for some services that are currently offered free to the user.