APPENDIX 1 TO SHORT BREAKS PAPER

# **Central Bedfordshire**

# Short Breaks: Future Partnership and Grant Funding with Voluntary Organisations

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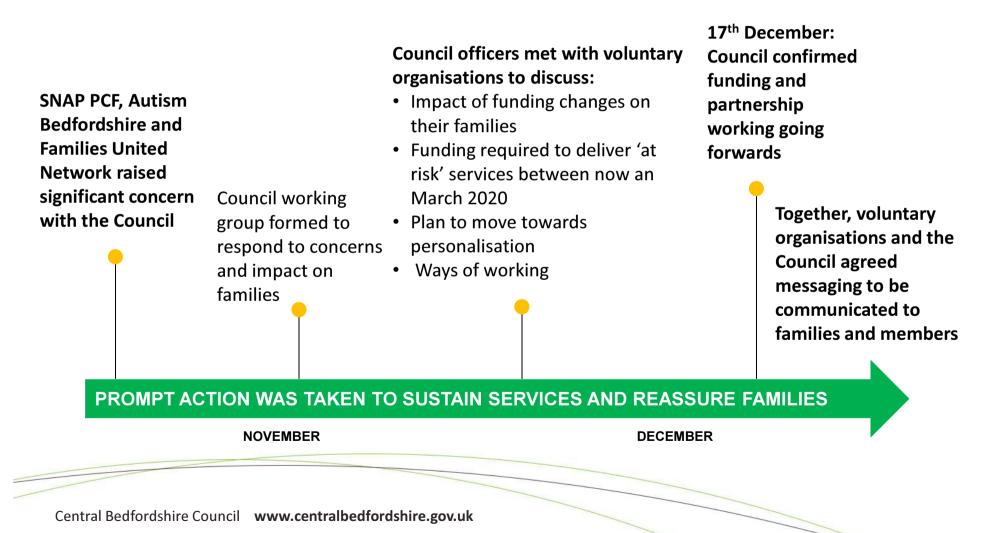


#### CONTEXT

- S The **voluntary sector is critical** to the way in which children and families with disabilities and/or additional needs are supported
- S Historically, the council has provided grants directly to voluntary organisations to deliver short breaks for these families
- In line with the central government **personalisation agenda**, we have been discussing these changes with the voluntary organisations since 2015
- S Changes were agreed in 2017 at Executive. Since 2016, traditional grant funding has been reduced/then reallocated with the aim of transitioning to personal budgets
- S **Changes in funding have impacted on some children and families** receiving the services and support they needed over the summer of 2018

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## **RECENT PROGRESS** The last two months have been critical to reestablishing partnerships



### **STABILISATION OF GRANT FUNDING Sustaining support to families has been the priority**

- S All voluntary organisations have received their full funding arrangements this financial year
- S Grant funding will remain in place until **March 2020**, this is confirmed
- S Stabilising the grant funding will enable us to **work in partnership** towards the personalisation agenda whilst families continue to receive the support they need



#### MOVING FORWARDS Co-construction will enable positive steps

- S Co-construct and agree a plan to map provision, services, and support across all levels of need in Central Bedfordshire
  - S Publish a clear offer for families and children with additional needs and/or disabilities in Autumn 2019
- S Co-develop a personalisation strategy and funding methodology for Central Bedfordshire
  - S System agreement to a way forward in Autumn 2019
  - **S** Mobilise and prepare from Autumn 2019
  - S Effective from 1 April 2020 involving a wider range of organisations to deliver short breaks



#### GOVERNANCE Timely and representative governance will be critical

