

## **APPENDIX B(iv)**

*Appendix amended as per the decision of the Executive on 2 November 2010 where it was agreed “to move the following proposals, OCE1, HT1, CSS2 and CSS9, from Appendix A (efficiencies for consultation) to Appendix B (service reconfigurations and reductions for consultations)”*

### **SAVING PROPOSALS**

### **SERVICE RECONFIGURATION AND REDUCTIONS**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Social Care, Health & Housing**

#### **SCHH16 LuDun – Service Reduction**

##### **Background**

LuDun works is a sheltered workshop based in Dunstable where 24 adults with disabilities are employed in picture framing, logistics and milling activities. This service was originally established in 1956 to provide training, accommodation and other services and facilities for people with disability or learning disabilities who were incapable in obtaining normal employment.

##### **Rationale for Service Change**

Following a feasibility study, the trustees have concluded that the current activity does not support the purpose of the trust and it is not financially viable. As a result it has given written notice to the council to vacate the LuDun premises.

The model of employment does not deliver the outcomes required by the trustees and is not considered to be a core activity of the council.

The outcome of the feasibility study carried out by officers and the trustees demonstrated that LuDun works is not financially viable or sustainable.

There is also uncertainty in the future funding arrangements with DWP and Luton Borough Council.

##### **Financial Implications**

It is estimated that a total saving of £300,000 will be made in 2011/12 if the operation is closed from April 2011.

##### **Service Implications and Impact**

A 90 day consultation process with staff will need to be undertaken. Staff and their families are likely to challenge the council decision to close the works. The council will seek to support its employees in their search for alternative employment and opportunities.

## **SCHH15 Modernisation of Day Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities – Service Reduction**

### **Background**

We currently provide day services at Biggleswade, Silsoe Horticultural and the Townsend Centre with a number of community cafés for adults with learning disabilities. The cost of these services is £1.53m.

### **Rationale for Service Change**

Younger people are choosing other options rather than this more institutional approach to care. The Council will seek to provide more community based opportunities in keeping with the personalisation agenda and a gradual withdraw from this institutional approach. This will result in a reduction in the use of the number of buildings. The council will focus and target the use of its buildings to provide support to customers with challenging and complex needs.

### **Financial Implications**

A reduction in 3 FTEs and other facility related costs should deliver savings of £100,000 in 2011/12. Further savings should be delivered over the next two years.

### **Service Implications and Impact**

The potential closure of a facility is likely to meet with current customer, family and local opposition. There will be a need to consult with customers, partners and relatives and allow 90 day staff consultation.

## **SCHH17 Reduction in the usage of residential care services – Service Reduction**

### **Background**

The current costs of Care Placements for older people are £16.69m. The council invests significantly more than its family group in residential care. This means that the people in residential care could be supported to live at home longer.

### **Rationale for Service Change**

Reduce the usage of residential care service placements but continue to support people in their own homes and ensure there is access to residential care for people with dementia.

### **Financial Implications**

It is estimated that a saving of £1.050m will be made in 2011/12 which is the equivalent of approximately 55 placements. Future savings will be made in the following years.

### **Service Implications and Impact**

The Council will be investing money to support more people but reduce expenditure on residential care. It is likely that some customers, their families and local care home providers may challenge the council.

### **SCHH18 Develop a joint approach to improved care and reablement services – Service Reduction**

#### **Background**

The Council and local NHS partners collectively provide a number of services to facilitate greater independence for customers at critical times in their lives, For instance intermediate care following a fall and hospital admission to return the customer to their previous way of living.

#### **Rationale for Service Change**

The council needs to develop a joint approach with the health service to deliver an improved care and reablement service which will lead to more positive outcomes for customers and reduce the dependency on the council and NHS for care. These services are currently dispersed and uncoordinated. National studies indicate a reduction in service needs by over 40% where services are coordinated and jointly delivered

#### **Financial Implications**

It is estimated that a saving of £250,000 will be made in 2011/12 and is likely that future savings will be realised in following years.

#### **Service Implications and Impact**

Improved outcomes for customers and may lead to future report to the Executive to consider integrating services with the Health Service.

