

# Briefing Note

## Better Carer Stronger Communities Funding 2020-2023 Consultation on Proposals

Children, Adults and Health Executive Members have requested a consultation takes place, on the potential impact of saving reductions that will be made against Better Care Stronger Communities Funding and specified voluntary sector activities, with effect from 1 April 2020. Views can be submitted from **17 June 2019 until 9 September 2019**.

We would also like your views on the process we will use to agree Better Care Stronger Communities Funding from 2020-2023.

### Background

South Gloucestershire Council has a strong track-record of working with and supporting the local voluntary and community sector. Better Care Stronger Communities Funding has offered stability to the sector with 3 year funding arrangements. National austerity measures and increasing demand for statutory services means that the Council has to make significant savings across all of our budgets. All areas of the Council's activity have savings targets to achieve. We want to continue supporting the voluntary sector in South Gloucestershire to thrive, but also need to make reductions in the level of funding available.

It is in this context that the councillors have asked for a consultation on the proposal to reduce Better Carer Strong Communities Funding and specified voluntary sector activities, beyond March 2020.

We welcome comments on the proposals and partner agencies are asked to give their own feedback and to encourage individuals that use services and relevant stakeholders to submit their views.

We are also holding two meetings to share information on the funding envelope, the proposed tender process and to share what we are looking to achieve from this funding.

The meetings will be held on:

- **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 4.30-6.30pm, South Gloucestershire Council Offices, Badminton Road, Yate, BS37 5AF**
- **Tuesday 2 July 2019, 9.30-11.30am, The Cullimore Room, Emersons Green Village Hall, Emersons Green Way, BS16 7AP**

Due to demand, a further meeting will be held as follows:

- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 2.00-4.00pm, the Vassal Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, BS16 2QQ**

More detailed background papers and the consultation questionnaires are available on the South Gloucestershire Council website using this link:

[https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/BCSC\\_2020/consultationHome](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/BCSC_2020/consultationHome)

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