

Budget Option 2019/20 – 2020/21

Cumulative Net Savings

Reference:	ACH 1
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2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000
0	23.5	47

Director Responsible for Delivery	Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
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Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Cllr David Roche
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Finance Business Partner	Julie Copley
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Proposal Description	Proposed ending of funding for the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind Sight and Sound service
Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)	<p>Following a review of the sensory offer, it was determined that there was a need to develop local services to assist people with sensory disabilities to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible and prevent dependency on statutorily provided services. On the 12 September 2016, Cabinet agreed to fund the development of a sensory impairment service for people with both hearing and sight impairment with a budget of £140k per annum.</p> <p>The new service called Rotherham Sight and Sound, located at Ship Hill in Rotherham town centre commenced in October 2017. It is delivered by Sheffield Royal Society for Blind. Funding for the project was agreed for a two year period and the provider agreed that it would be a time limited investment to pump prime their Rotherham offer, with a view to the service being self-financing from there on in.</p> <p>It is proposed to end funding for the service at the end of the contract term. £93k of the overall £140k budget comes from alternative cost centres and these have already been considered within other ASR savings proposals. Therefore this element of funding will not be available from the end of the initial contract period – September 2019.</p> <p>The balance of £47k will be released as originally intended from September 2019. Officers will work closely with the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind to assist in their transition towards a self-financing model.</p>

Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)	The service supports the Council's Adult Care Directorate with an enhanced sensory offer. There will be a need for consideration to be given as to the financial position of the Rotherham Sight and Sound Service in order to ensure that the provision continues to be delivered beyond the contract period.
Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify)	Potential support from Finance to understand the financial position of the Rotherham Sight and Sound service.
Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)	The provider will determine – no direct impact for the Council.
Reduction in Head Count	The provider will determine – no direct impact for the Council.

Decision Maker : Either Cabinet or Officer/Management Action	
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