

## Budget Option 2019/20 – 2020/21

### Cumulative Net Savings

<b>Reference:</b>	<b>ACH 6</b>
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2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000
<b>0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>

<b>Director Responsible for Delivery</b>	Strategic Director Adult Care, Housing and Public Health
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<b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder</b>	CLlr David Roche
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<b>Finance Business Partner</b>	Julie Copley
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<b>Proposal Description</b>	Proposed reduction in the contract value of the Healthwatch Rotherham contract.
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<b>Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)</b>	<p>The Health and Social Care Act 2012 amended the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to make provision for a national Healthwatch England and for a local Healthwatch. This is a statutory service.</p> <p>Healthwatch Rotherham is expected to be the local consumer champion for patients, service users and the public, covering both health and social care for all ages. Their statutory activities should include gathering local views and making these known to providers and commissioners, monitoring and scrutinising the quality of provision of local services, and a seat on the local Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>The Healthwatch contract is funded from a previously ring fenced grant allocation: Local Reform and Community Voices Grant of £183,917. The ring fence was removed in 2015/16 and this became part of the Better Care Fund allocation. There is therefore no mandate as to the value of the contract since the removal of the ring fence.</p> <p>A two year contract was issued following a competitive tender process during 2017/18 with a contract value of £174,150. The contract had a tapered value for year two, with the current value of £156,735 during 2018/19. The contract has an option to extend for one year to 31 March 2020 subject to agreement on a revised contract value.</p>
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	<p>It is proposed that the contract value is further reduced to £90,000 for 2019/20. This can be facilitated through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a negotiated discussion with the existing provider with the option to extend on a revised contract value/service specification for the one year period.</li> <li>(2) a tender process with a revised service specification and contract value with the award of a three year contract</li> </ol> <p>The service is statutory and therefore cannot be fully decommissioned.</p> <p>Outcomes from the current Healthwatch contract are limited. The following achievements were cited in the Healthwatch Rotherham 2017/18 Annual Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Published Lasting Power of Attorney Guide</li> <li>• Updated directories on Mental Health and Health and Social Care.</li> <li>• Focus on the advocacy service, especially on CAMHS cases</li> <li>• Worked closely with RMBC and CCG to develop an Autism Partnership Board</li> </ul>
<p><b>Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)</b></p>	<p>The Healthwatch service is an all age offer and though the majority of activity is focused on adults there are also aspects that cover CYPS such as CAMHS and maternity services. A revised service specification will therefore need to be co-produced with CYPS colleagues and health partners as the Healthwatch function has a statutory place on the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>The provider employs a small number of staff and has recently moved offices in order to reduce overhead costs. It is likely that the existing Healthwatch Rotherham staffing deployment will need to be revised should this proposal be taken forward.</p>
<p><b>Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify)</b></p>	<p>Possible support requirement from Corporate Procurement to facilitate a tender process (if required) for a new Healthwatch Rotherham contract from April 2019.</p>
<p><b>Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)</b></p>	<p>To be determined by the provider – no direct impact for the Council.</p>
<p><b>Reduction in Head Count</b></p>	<p>To be determined by the provider – no direct impact for the Council.</p>

<p><b>Decision Maker : Either Cabinet or Officer/Management Action</b></p>	
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