



**Derby City Council**

## **CONSULTATION FINDINGS HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT PROPOSALS**

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## 1. Background

### Context

Housing Related support services (also known as “Supporting People” services) provide a range of services for vulnerable people in Derby to help them live independently and manage their homes. Housing related support services are not statutory, meaning there is no legal obligation on the Council to provide them.

As at the end of February 2013, the projected spend on housing related support to the year end was £9.450m per annum. Following an extensive consultation exercise in 2013, Cabinet agreed new commissioning priorities and a procurement programme commenced to achieve savings. The budget was finally set at £3.765m for 2013/14, reducing to £1.382m in 2015/16. This is the current level of budget in 2016/17 and it is being used to fund the following areas of activity:

Organisation / Service Name	Annual value	Customer Group	Service Type and nature of support
<b>Refuge</b> Domestic Violence refuge	£160k	Adult Women with children	Refuge for women at risk of domestic abuse
<b>Derby Homes – Milestone House</b> Single homeless people	£300k	Single people and couples	hostel for single homeless people
<b>Derby Homes – Single Point of Entry</b> Single Homeless People	£160k	Single people and couples	Advice service for single homeless people
<b>Riverside – Centenary House</b> Drug and Alcohol High Intensity	£310k	Adults	Hostel for people with complex drug and alcohol issues
<b>Riverside</b> Young People	£175k	Young People	Accom & support service for young people at risk between the ages of 16 and 18
<b>Action Housing</b> Drug and Alcohol Medium Intensity	£136k	Adults	Recovery and reablement services
<b>Action Housing</b> High Risk Offenders	£85k (of which £37k income is received from the PCC)	Adults	Accom & support services high risk offenders.

## The Proposals

The table below summarises the proposals which were consulted upon regarding the future of Housing Related Support

Organisation / Service Name	Annual value	Customer Group	Service Type and nature of support	Proposed funding
<b>Refuge</b> Domestic Violence refuge	£160k	Adult Women with children	Refuge for women at risk of domestic abuse	Derby Homes will take this over from April 2017
<b>Derby Homes – Milestone House</b> Single homeless people	£300k	Single people and couples	hostel for single homeless people	Derby Homes will take this over from April 2017
<b>Derby Homes – Single Point of Entry</b> Single Homeless People	£160k	Single people and couples	Advice service for single homeless people	Derby Homes will take this over from April 2017
<b>Riverside – Centenary House</b> Drug and Alcohol High Intensity	£310k	Adults	Hostel for people with complex drug and alcohol issues	Public Health will take this over from April 2017
<b>Action Housing</b> High Risk Offenders	£85k (of which £37k income is received from the PCC)	Adults	Accommodation & support services high risk offenders.	To cease funding Service <i>(however as of 08/01/2017 the PCC has agreed to fully fund the project and will become lead commissioner for a County and City wide service)</i>
<b>Riverside</b> Young People	£175k	Young People	Accommodation & support service for young people at risk between the ages of 16 and 18	Children Services deal with the children through their Housing Framework for support and accommodation
<b>Action Housing</b> Drug and Alcohol Medium Intensity	£136k	Adults	Recovery and re-ablement services	Service finished 01/12/2016.

## 2. Methodology

Given the current financial constraints the Council faces, in order to ensure the consultation was as cost effective as possible the consultation took the form of a self completion online or paper based survey with specific questions designed to be aimed at users and providers of services.

However, it was felt that it was important that the users and stakeholders of services provided by the organisations affected should have an opportunity to have their say in a way that was not dependent on the language, literacy or IT skills completing a survey requires. This was particularly important as some organisations specialised in working with vulnerable or minority groups. Therefore providers were met individually to discuss the consultation process and encouraged to support their users in completing surveys, providing Case Studies and attending the Equalities Impact Assessment. The Survey used is included as an Appendix to this report. An open session was held on the 9th January for members of the public to have their say and a session was also held with the Council's Youth Consultation Group, Voices in Action on the 9th January.

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) was also held to look at the impact of the proposals on diverse communities in the City. The findings of the EIA are in a separate report.

## 3. Format of this report

This report provides an overall analysis of the survey findings, providing a platform to highlight the opinions and issues raised by respondents. It does not provide any value judgements or recommendations on what should happen as a result of the consultation. The full verbatim comments made in response to the consultation are appended to this report.

## 4. Summary

The table below summarises the key findings of the survey

Organisation / Service Name	Agree with proposal	Disagree with proposal	Themes
<b>Domestic Violence Refuge</b>	75%	15%	Most respondents support the proposal, with some issues raised about the track record of Derby Homes in running services
<b>Milestone House and Single Point of Entry</b>	78%	15%	Over three quarters of respondents support the proposal, with only concern being longevity of funding
<b>High Intensity Drug and Alcohol Services</b>	76%	13%	Centenary House is felt to provide an effective service for those with complex needs and closer connections to health could be advantageous
<b>Young People</b>	20%	61%	Only 20% agreed with the proposal with issues raised about the additional strain on Children's budget with more young people using the service

Organisation / Service Name	Agree with proposal	Disagree with proposal	Themes
High Risk Offenders	14%	76%	Few respondents agreed with the proposal and most respondents felt the service should continue with funding from the PCC or the Probation Service suggested

## 5. Findings from the survey

In total 218 surveys were completed and returned by the consultation end date of 18 January 2017. It should be noted that not all respondents answered all of the survey questions; the total number of responses for each question is therefore shown throughout the report.

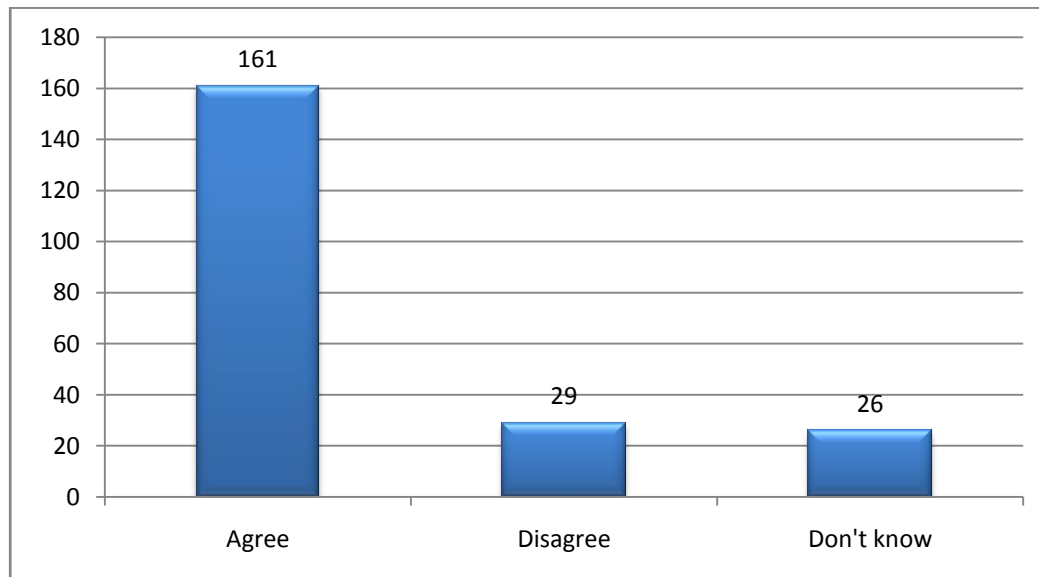
### Feedback on the proposals

The following describes the findings from the survey for each of the proposals.

#### Domestic Violence Refuge

The majority of respondents, 161 (75%) agreed with the proposal that Derby Homes take over the funding of the contract currently with Refuge. As figure 1 shows only a minority of respondents 15% (29 respondents) disagreed.

**Figure 1: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Derby Homes to fund and manage Refuge? (Number of respondents)**



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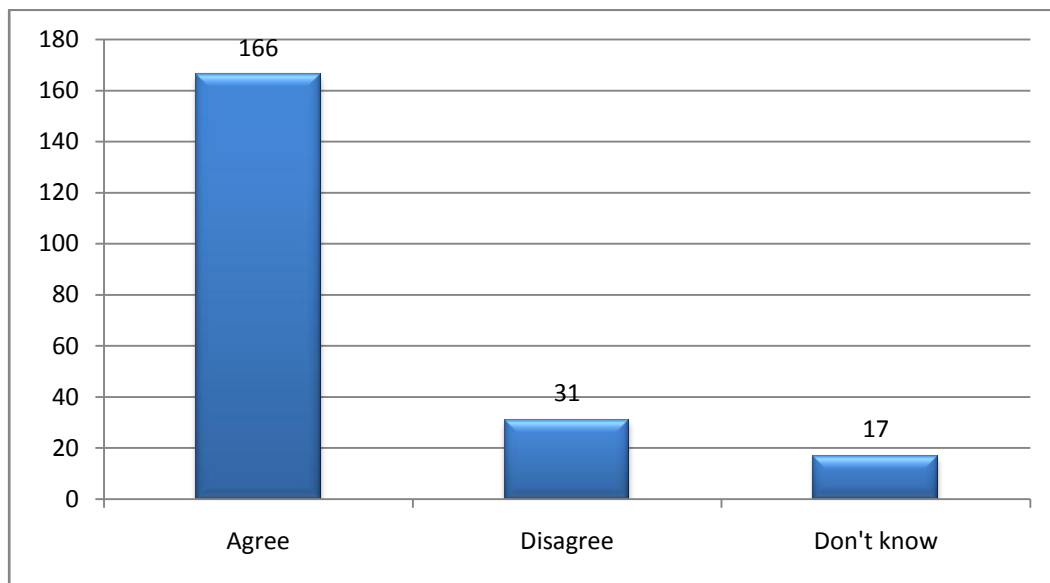
The questionnaire went on to ask those respondents who disagreed with the proposal why they disagreed. Comments included:

*The Council should not be doing anything that would result in a reduction of services for the homeless in Derby*

*I would be worried that it would become a Derby Homes tenants exclusive service, as most of their other services have been cut back to be exclusive to their own customer base. Also, where would Derby Homes get the funds for this from? Do they have the experience to deal with domestic violence customers?*



**Figure 3: Number of respondents who agree or disagree with the proposal for Derby Homes to fund and manage Milestone House and the Single Point of Entry service? Please select one option**



N=214

When asked why they disagreed with the proposal those who replied gave responses which included issues such as:

*My view is as stated before. I am concerned that the funding and management will not be secured for the long term if it were to move under the control of Derby Homes. For something as important as homelessness and re-introducing guests back into society it cannot be left to chance or for a voluntary organisation to pick up in the event that Derby Homes does not continue in the future*

*Council should fund this*

*I don't feel Milestone House works well for homeless people due to the layout and size of the building and I don't think SPE works as well as it could.*

*Failed to prevent antisocial behaviour. Deaths on site. Sell off for students for theatre studies*

Again the issues raised by those who disagreed fell into mainly three main themes:

- Derby City Council should retain the service
- Concern that funding will not be secure long term
- Derby homes lacking sufficient in-house expertise to manage complex client groups

When a word cloud is created (as in Figure 4) it shows that homes and funding were mentioned by several of the respondents

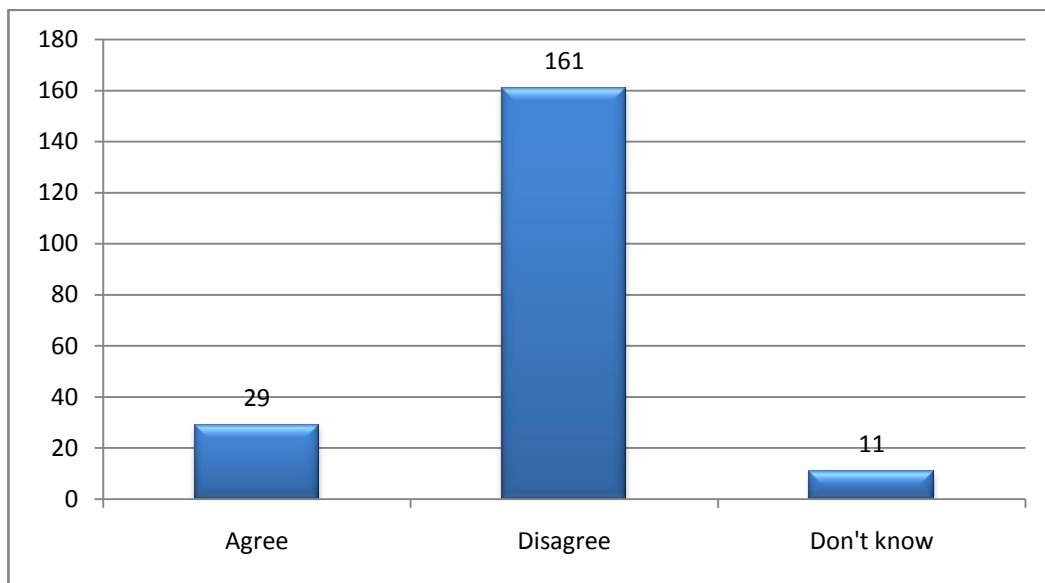






Unlike the previous proposals there is significantly less support for the proposal to cease funding the High Risk Offender programme. Only 29 respondents (14%) agreed with the proposal with the majority, 161 respondents (76%) disagreeing – this is shown in Figure 7.

**Figure 7: Number of respondents who agree or disagree with the proposal to cease funding the High Risk Offender programme**



N=201

When asked the reasons why they disagreed with the proposal, responses included:

*I do not think the funding should cease, if it did where would high risk offenders go, they would be released into the system and could end up anywhere, at least with Action Housing we would know where they are*

*I absolutely disagree with this proposal and I think it is incredibly short sighted to cease funding. As a Probation Officer since Action Housing have taken over the contract they have consistently delivered a high standard of keyworker support through experienced and knowledgeable staff.*

*This service provides a vital service in managing some of the most dangerous offenders in the community. Without access to secure accommodation and high intensity support from experienced workers these offenders are more likely to commit serious violent and sexual offences against the residents of Derby. In terms of the service this provides it cannot be provided by mainstream homeless provision as many of the target group are high risk predatory sex offenders who are not suitable for general provision. I truly believe that this service keeps the people of Derby safer and prevents crime*

*This will have the effect of just moving the costs elsewhere and potentially causing an increase as other services attempt to take up the slack this service is there for a reason and can look to reduce the offending activity of its service user population you need to look at the service provider if they are not meeting their targets not just attempt to sweep it under the carpet*

*I think there should be MORE provision in Derby for people who are homeless rather than LESS*

All of the respondents who disagreed with the proposal to cease funding spoke about the importance of the service for user and public safety. Many spoke about the effectiveness of the current Arbor project

It is interesting to note that the most frequently cited word in the responses (see figure 8) was risk, with again words such as support and funding being frequently used.



When asked the reason why they disagreed with the proposal typical responses were:

*There are a lot of young people who are being made homeless everyday, the children's services alone would not cope with the high demand of young homeless people, Young homeless need funding also as they are also vulnerable to society and predators.*

*Young people have very different needs and require specialist skills in securing safe accommodation*

*Children within such environments are supported and their vulnerabilities are addressed. Should such services cease/ moved into mainstream there would be concern this specialised support*

*Children's Services are stretched to the limits, Young People's Services run by DCC should remain until there are guarantees that Children's Services have the resources to support vulnerable young people*

*What happens to ineligible young people. Who will help them? Are they discarded as your proposal indicates? Surely we need to be making society (and Derby) a more inclusive society with those most disadvantaged helped. I believe that we owe it to all young people to make society fairer for them and to give them opportunities, training, mentoring and counselling to help them all reach their potential. This must be to the benefit of our city*

The main issue raised by the respondents was the longevity of funding for the programme and the additional strain this may have on Children's services budgets

When asked what alternative there could be for running the young people's service the main comment was to continue to fund the service and ensure Children's Services had sufficient budget to continue provision

**Figure 10 Word cloud frequency of words used in the response why respondents disagreed with the proposal to cease the Young Person's service and move them to a mainstream accommodation contract with Children's Services**

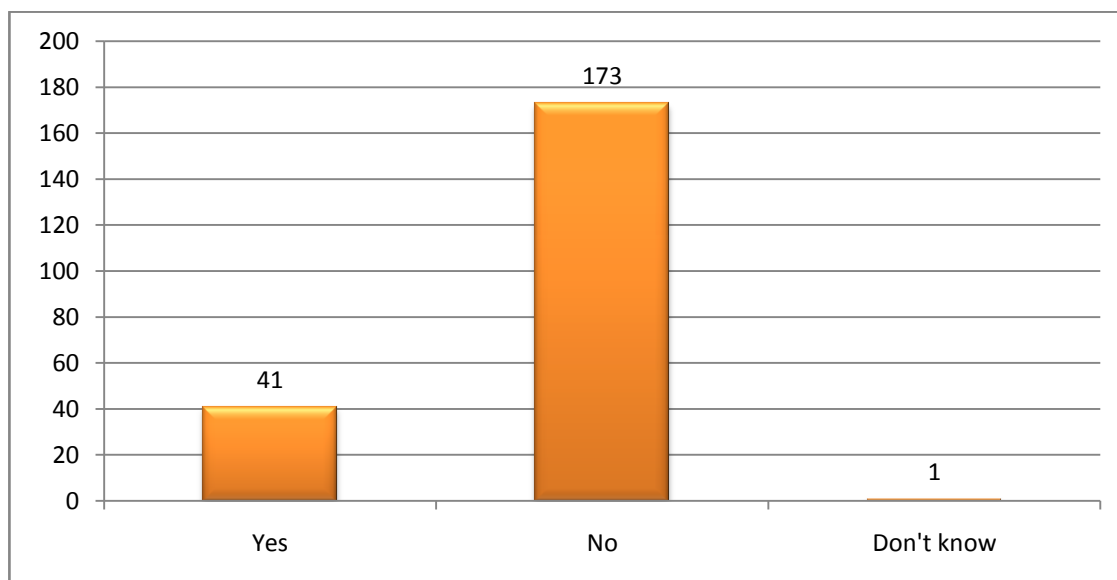


## Impact of the Housing Related Support services

The survey went on to ask respondents if they were current or former customers of the programmes being consulted upon

Respondents were asked if they currently use, or have used, any of the Housing Related Support services the City Council are consulting on, 41 (19%) respondents said that they had used or currently use the service.

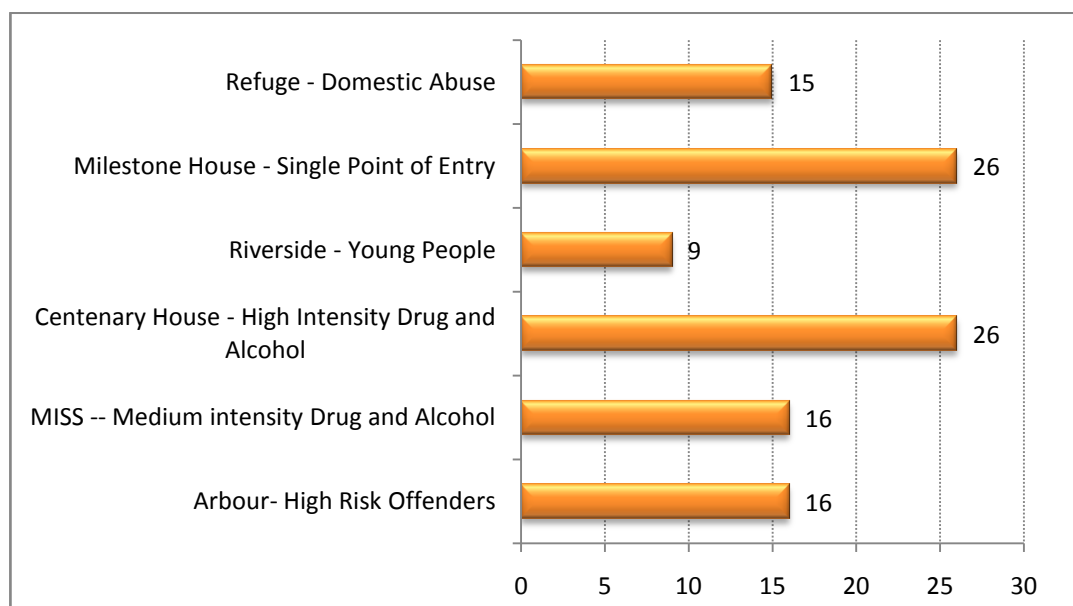
**Figure 11 Number of respondents who currently use, or have used, any of the Housing Related Support services we are consulting on**



N=215

When asked which services they used/have used it is apparent that some individuals have used more than one of the programmes as demonstrated in figure 7 below. The services most commonly used are

**Figure 7 Services used by Respondents**



N=108

For those individuals who had used/used any of the services respondents were invited to say how the service had impacted upon them personally. Some of the experiences shared included the following:

*I used to be a customer within Centenary house back in 2006 to 2008 the service helped me and my family as I met my current partner within the service in 2006. We have used the tools we learned from the service to achieve successful secure accommodation and employment since leaving the support program. We have gone on to live a happy life with three amazing children. We are not the only successful individuals who have had positive move on from the support given*

*My nephew was homeless and Milestone House helped and supported him moving forward in his life - a valuable service!*

*Both services wher (spelling mistake) very helpful and easy to access and now I am in long term accommodation where before I was living on my friends sofa.*

The responses to the question asking for what impact of the services were spoke about the positive impact to individuals in particular being a important factor in helping them turn their lives around

## **Other Comments**

Respondents to the survey were invited to make any other comments on the proposals outlined in the survey. Many respondents used the opportunity to re-emphasise the importance of the Housing Related Support Programmes

*Stable housing is key to reduce other risky behaviours which the LA has to pay for. The most cost efficient approach is needed without reducing support for individuals as this will be of detriment to the whole community as well the Council*

*I am deeply concerned about the proposed cuts. There are already too many homeless and struggling people in Derby. Further reducing the help available to them is bad for our city - bad for its character, and indeed bad for the economy, as the NHS and criminal justice systems will be forced to take up the slack. I suggest that instead, funding for services for all homeless people in the area (including offenders, addicts and teenagers!) is greatly increased*

*I feel that where funding ceases, it will prove to be a false economy and will create further problems when services are already under a lot of uncertainty and severe strain*

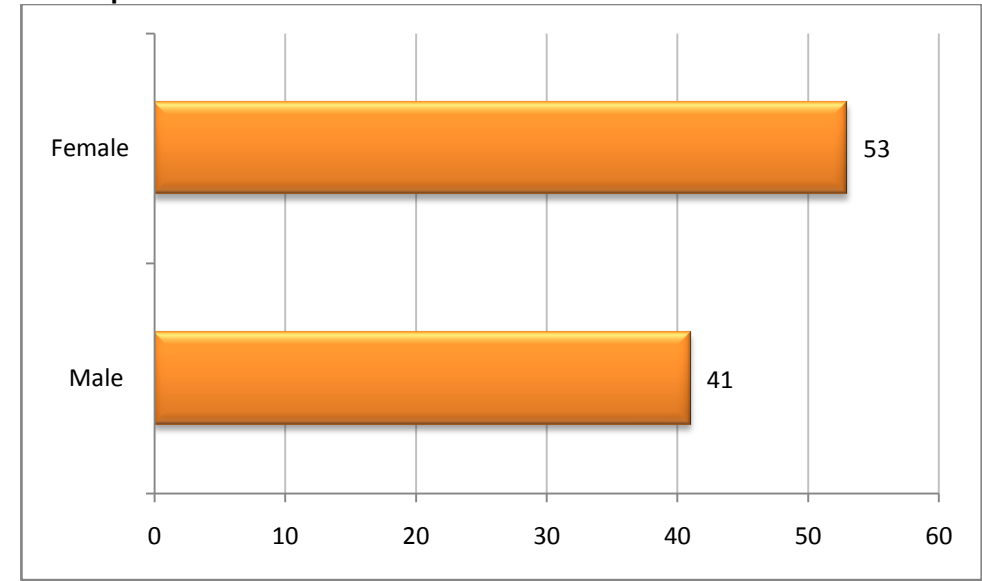






Of those who responded to the question, as shown in figure 15, there were more women (56%) than men (44%)

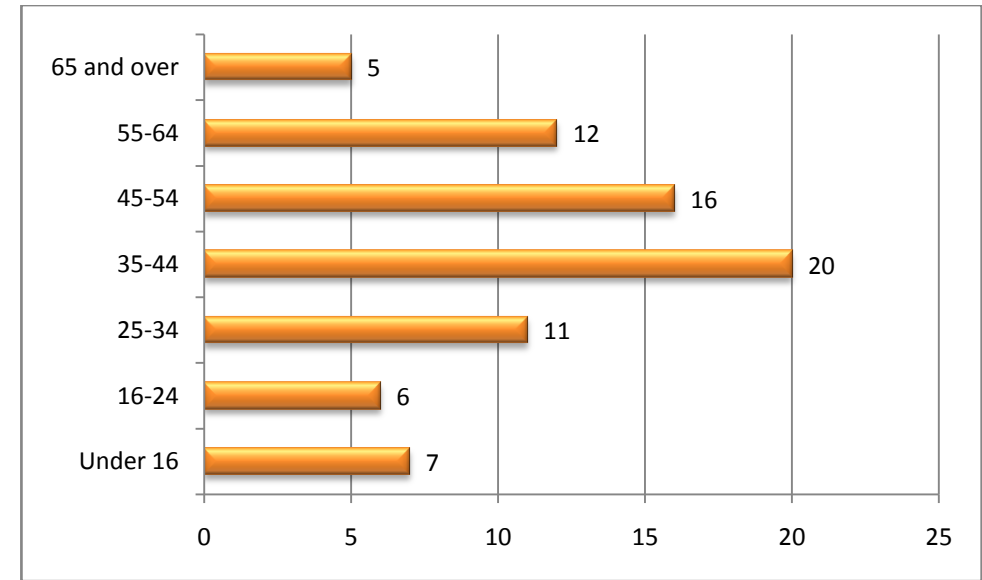
Figure 15 Gender of respondents



N=95

When asked their age, as shown in Figure 16 below there is a spread of ages from under 16 to over 65. The majority were aged between 35-54

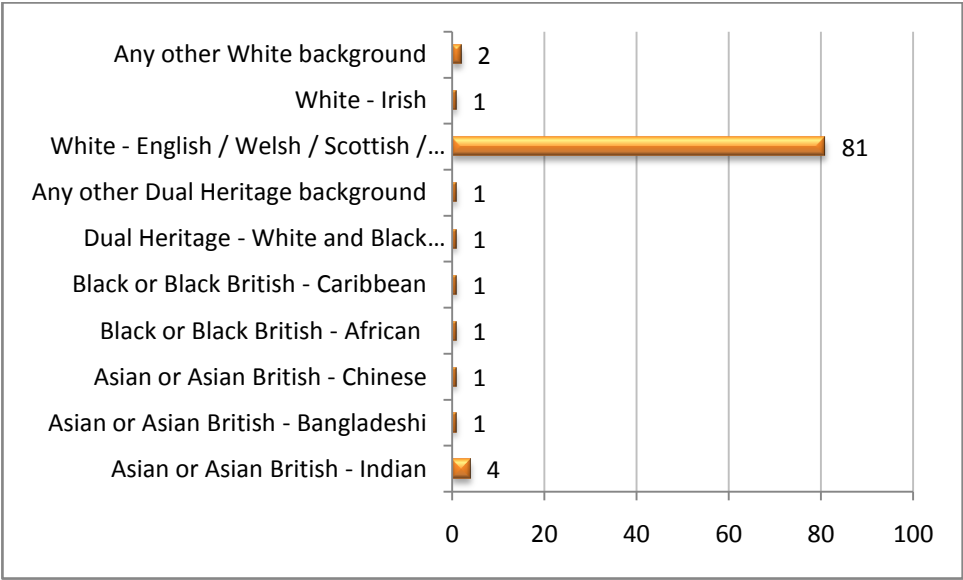
Figure 16 Age of respondents



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Most respondents (see figure 17 below) are white (86%)

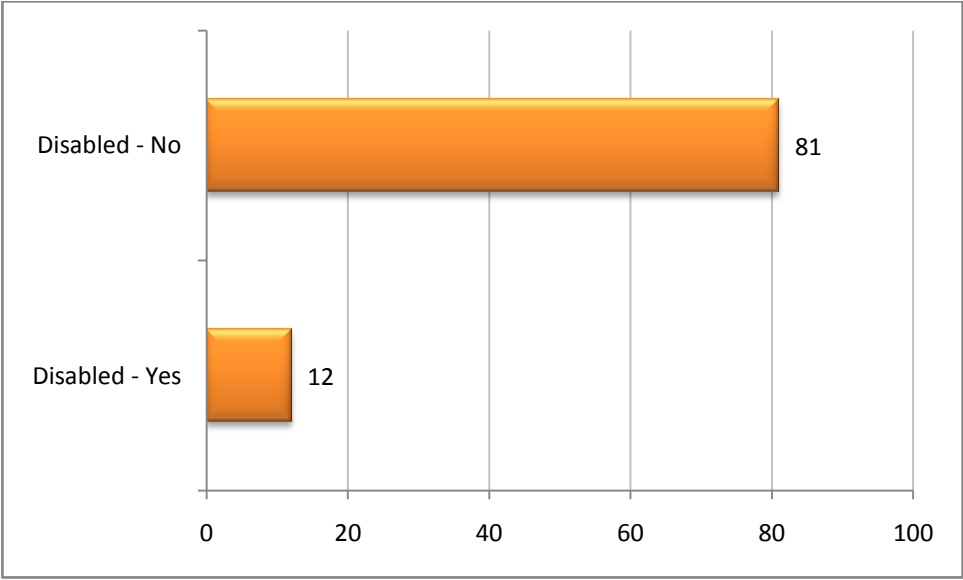
Figure 17 Ethnicity of respondents



N=94

Most respondents to the survey (87%) do not feel they have a disability- see figure 18 below

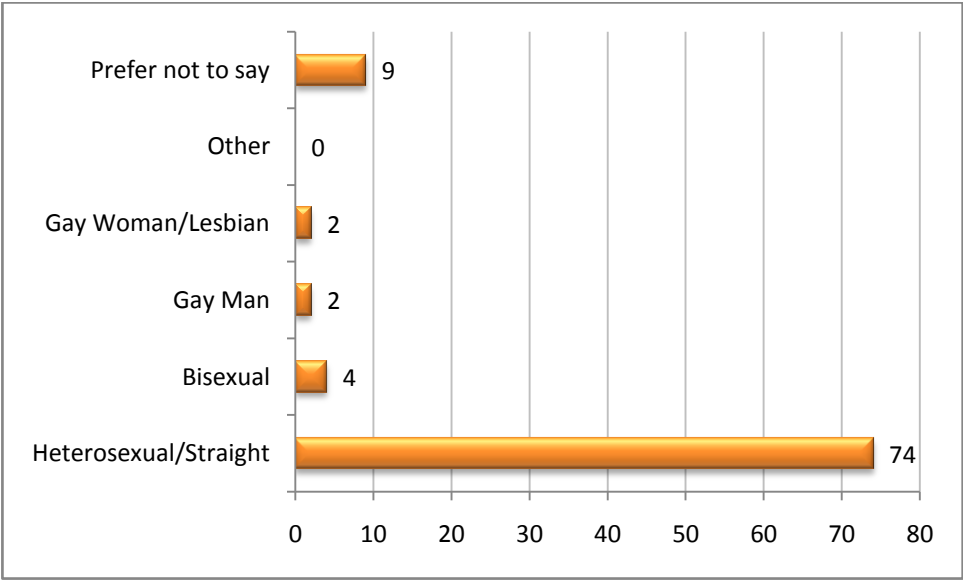
Figure 18Whether respondents identify as having a disability or not



N=93

Most respondents – 81%- (as can be seen in figure 19 below) identify themselves as being heterosexual

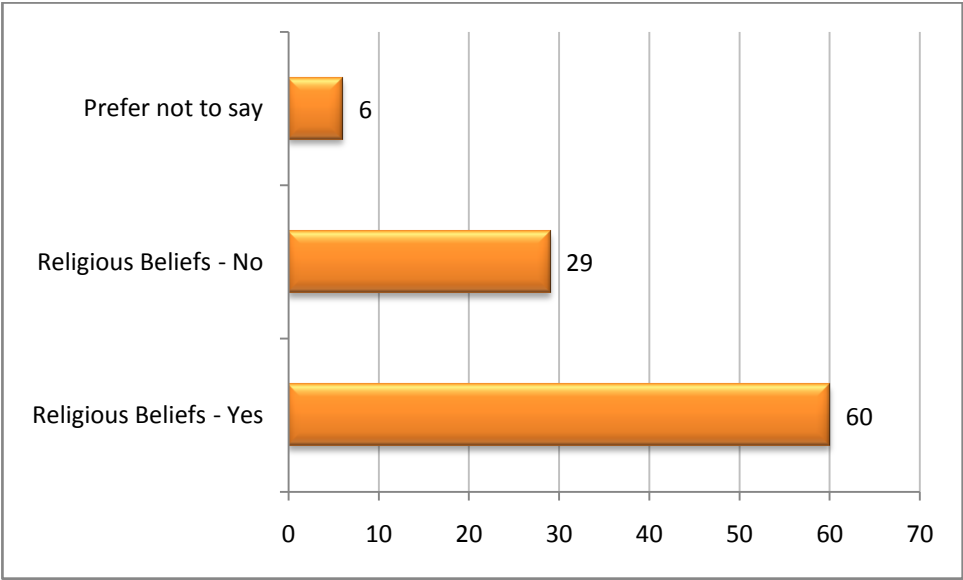
**Figure 19 Sexual orientation of respondents**



N=91

The majority of those who responded to the survey (63%) stated that they have a religious belief – see figure 20 below

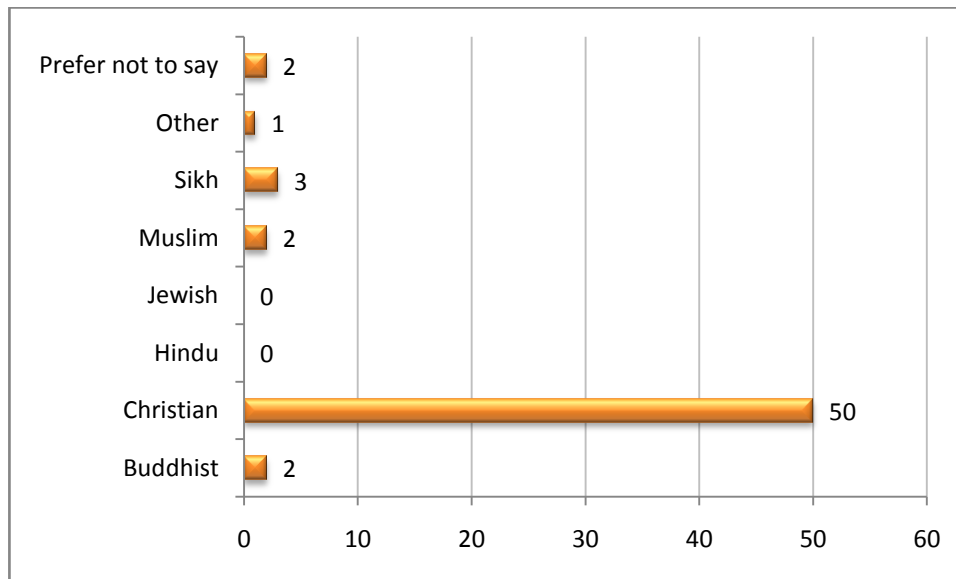
**Figure 20 Religious belief of respondents**



N=95

Most respondents to the survey are Christian (83%) – see figure 21 below

**Figure 21 Religion of Respondents**



N=60

## 6. Feedback from the open meeting

An Open Public Meeting was held on 9 January 2017 to which five people attended. Following a full discussion on the HRS proposals all participants agreed with the funding and management proposals for Milestone House, The Single Point of Entry, Centenary House and Refuge. They also expressed the hope that the High Risk Offenders Service could remain if alternative funding could be found, and urged the Council to continue with negotiations to this end.

Issues around the longer term viability of projects with the pressures the Council is facing around statutory services was also discussed. Some specific issues were raised around the proposal to decommission the Young People's service. These issues comprised; how quickly young people would be able to access services via the new housing framework; that the framework makes it difficult for organisations to have staffing and bed space capacity when there are no assured levels of work and; whether the Framework Budget will be sufficient to meet the needs of an increase in the number of young people accessing the service.

## 7. Feedback from Voices in Action

Council officers from the Commissioning Team attended Voices in Action (VIA) on 9 January 2017 to present the HRS proposals to 30 young people. Voices in Action is a Youth council for young people aged 11 to 19 years old representing their school, support group or youth project. Feedback from VIA during the session indicated strong support for the proposed alternative funding models and the support for the 4 HRS services (Milestone House, The Single Point of Entry, Centenary House and Refuge) in the future from Derby Homes and Public Health. They also urged continued negotiation with any interested parties as regards the continued funding of the High Risk Offenders service.

When considering the Younger Peoples service Voices in Action raised concern regarding the proposal to cease funding and expressed hope that by utilising the new Housing Framework which will come on stream 1 March 2017,

this would mitigate in some way any negative effects. VIA were involved in the development of the new Housing Framework when consulted with by Children and Young People in 2016.

As part of a workshop conducted on the night, all 30 young people completed the paper version of the HRS questionnaire and these questionnaires were then all fed back into and recorded through the online consultation. In the second part to the workshop VIA were asked “if you were a vulnerable young homeless person...

1. What are the top 5 things you think you would need support/ help with from Derby City Council?
2. Apart from the Council, where else would you go for support?

For the response to question 1, the following were considered most important:

- Food/water
- Shelter (housing)
- Finance
- Support/advice
- Health
- Employment

For question 2 the response was as follows:

- Family/ friends
- Religious places (churches, spiritual support etc.)
- Charities e.g. Salvation Army/ Barnardo's
- Hospital- emotional/ physical help

## Full Verbatim comments

### Derby Homes to fund and manage Refuge

If you disagree, please tell us why below.

All of the services provides needs for the most vulnerable people in the community and to reduce these provisions and support will increase negative behaviour linked to the lack of such support

The Council should not be doing anything that would result in a reduction of services for the homeless in Derby

I would be worried that it would become a Derby Homes tenants exclusive service, as most of their other services have been cut back to be exclusive to their own customer base. Also, where would Derby Homes get the funds for this from? Do they have the experience to deal with domestic violence customers?

If private sector fund this support is not necessarily long term.

If the service is outsourced to Derby Homes then there is no guarantee that funding by them will continue year after year. If it is still your intention for Derby Homes to fund and manage this you need to put in place a cast iron guarantee that they will do this for at least a 5 year term

The council should also be investing in these front line services for the most vulnerable people in Derby.

While I am happy for Derby homes to manage the refuge - this could reduce some of the bureaucracy for some clients I believe that the Council would have to increase the funding to Derby homes to enable them to at least maintain the current level of service

While it is admirable that Derby Homes are interested in running Refuge, I believe services as fundamental as Refuge should at the very least be funded by Derby City Council. Derby City Council has the money to fund excessive, non necessary, non urgent projects and give its inept councillors ridiculous pay packages. Therefore you have the money to fund Refuge and help those whose lives depend on it. Carry on funding it and cut elsewhere if you insist on doing so!

I think there should be MORE provision in Derby for people who are homeless rather than LESS.

City council needs to look at provision for all sectors of society instead of discriminating against people who are unable to stand up for themselves.

It's a very different job than simply managing properties. I don't see how it is part of the remit of Derby Homes.

There needs to be long term funding for the homeless which is sustainable & shows commitment to their needs.

The Council must provide funding and management responsibility for Homeless persons. From personal experience I have found Derby Homes to lack the resources and experience to be satisfactory overseers.

Long term delivery may be an issue

As a previous volunteer for a Derby charity working with homeless people, it is clear to me that homelessness has many other issues as a root cause, especially but not exclusively drug and alcohol abuse. I am concerned that Derby Homes is simply a service for managing housing and will not have the necessary skills and resources to cope with the multi faceted support needed for homeless people. They do not need to be bounced from pillar to post, and all in one comprehensive support department is required.

Needs to be more provision for homeless people

These are human beings who deserve dignity and respect

The service users of Milestone house, Refuse have specific needs which need specialist skills and support. Derby Homes has a wider remit to look after housing in Derby and will not be specifically focused on the needs of these service users.

Derby Housing staff do not have the necessary skills and experience

Whist derby homes is bigger so cost should reduce I wonder about the loss of the expertise of refuge working with this specialist area.

The council should do this. Council tax !

The are an "arms length" housing service, not equipped to deal with the needs of the homeless

I do not agree in clumping things together to balance budgets. I think this leads to bigger problems

**If you have any alternative suggestions or proposals for the future of this service, please tell us below.**

this is a good idea as services would be under one roof. However I feel it is important to retain specialist knowledge from organisations such as Refuge. The emotional and practical support is so important and I feel this cannot be provided by generic services.

none

people need help

I feel the council should continue funding as the services in question are doing a good job the most important thing is for there to be long term sustainable funding for these services.

I'd want to know that whoever takes over would keep the funding level high, and that the services treat transgender women as women.

I strongly agree that a refuge should receive funding from Derby Homes. Cutting funding for the most vulnerable in society is wrong.

It is better than it shutting, but how long will Derby Homes fund it? And as this is one of the main reasons people become homeless, I can't believe it isn't a statutory obligation of the council to care for these people

I strongly oppose anything which reduces funding - or puts future funding at risk - when considering reducing support for those desperate to escape domestic violence.

there may be some level of synergy which can enable Derby Homes to manage both services at a slightly lower cost but the current level of service must be maintained if not improved

The question seems vague to me. If it is to continue support, I am in favour of that. If it is to cut support, then NO!

This is a very important service and for the safety of women and children in the city this MUST be funded. I have seen too many families left in dire circumstances because of shortage of places

I think that would be great! Refuges are so so needed!! And having been in one myself when I was a victim of domestic violence I was grateful. So yes a great idea and it comes into force!!

It is difficult to see how this could be achieved and retain the 42 homeless beds in Milestone House and provide for Refuge too

Needs to be more long-term commitment that's sustainable Look at wages of senior staff in council house

Are they not limited by their resources to do this effectively?

I agree but without any funding cuts! People fleeing from domestic violence need support. More funding needed

I agree with the proposal for Derby homes to fund a refuge service but would be concerned that Derby homes does not have the experience, knowledge and skills need to run such a service in comparison to former or existing domestic violence services. I feel that victims of domestic violence now have increased difficulty in getting support and refuge places, the processes have put many victims off from seeking help.

Is this a long term commitment?

Use the community organisations eg The Padley Group

If it can be funded and run more efficiently via Derby Homes than through DCC then this is a positive move.

Support to women and children fleeing domestic violence needs to remain specialist, there needs to be a service where accommodation + support is also provided.

N/A

Womens refuge

Approach larger businesses in the area for support. "To help them spread their image"

I suggest (Typed as written) a public awareness/funding campaign where/implemented to not only have a larger number of people are reached (could not read) applying for the service and inflate the budget.

No alternative suggestions No other options



## Derby Homes to fund and manage Milestone House and the Single Point of Entry Service

If you disagree please tell us why below.

I disagree for the council having complete control and monopoly.

I would personally like the funding to be given to RIVERSIDE Centenary House . As I feel I have had a lot of help and support the number of times I have accessed the services.

Same comment as previous

What would this mean for the service? Do Derby Homes have a plan laid out for how they intend to manage these services? What benefits would come about through this? With homeless services receiving less funding than ever before, how would Derby Homes manage with this increase? This seems like a cost cutting exercise which I understand, but I am concerned that it hasn't been thought through in how this will impact on vulnerable customers.

as above.

My view is as stated before. I am concerned that the funding and management will not be secured for the long term if it were to move under the control of Derby Homes. For something as important as homelessness and re-introducing guests back into society it cannot be left to chance or for a voluntary organisation to pick up in the event that Derby Homes does not continue in the future.

You should be funding this service. Too many shelters have already been shut because of your cuts and I fear more will buckle when they lose your funding.

I am happy for Derby Homes to manage both Milestone House and SPOE however I believe that Derby City Council should continue to fund these as specific entities to ensure that current service levels are maintained and the burden of funding does not effectively fall on the Derby Homes tenants only - some of the least able in our City

There is not enough support in place already.

What happens when Derby homes decide to drop their funding a year later? See

above comment

Again, I don't believe there is the expertise within Derby Homes to do this properly. As

above

Council should be responsible ensuring quality staff and long term commitment

As a previous volunteer for a Derby charity working with homeless people, it is clear to me that homelessness has many other issues as a root cause, especially but not exclusively drug and alcohol abuse. I am concerned that Derby Homes is simply a service for managing housing and will not have the necessary skills and resources to cope with the multi faceted support needed for homeless people. They do not need to be bounced from pillar to post, and all in one comprehensive support department is required.

More provision for homeless people

The service users of Milestone house, Refuse have specific needs which need specialist skills and support. Derby Homes has a wider remit to look after housing in Derby and will not be specifically focused on the needs of these service users.

Council should fund this .

I don't feel Milestone House works well for homeless people due to the layout and size of the building and I don't think SPE works as well as it could.

Failed to prevent antisocial behaviour.Deaths on site. Sell off for students for theatre studies As

previous answer

There needs to be services for vulnerable client groups. Someone fleeing domestic violence is not suited in Milestone House. The service is poorly managed for people to access.

I don't believe this will make the service any better

Milestone house should be run by Derby HRSS because there is already strain on Derby Homes.

**If you have any alternative suggestions or proposals for the future of this service, please tell us below.**

yes as this works well in other cities

no issues

This is a staggeringly important function and budgets should be higher or at least remain the same.

What ever plans are made must give those organisations a medium to long term funding commitment. Changing plans each year is inefficient

I thought this was the case already

I strongly oppose anything which reduces the funding or security for funding for helping house and rehabilitate those at risk and those who have no home or place of safety

The changes to go ahead as planned however costs for Milestone House and SPOE to be ring fenced and funded by Derby City Council

Stop privatising, cutting funding for and outsourcing essential services.

A lot of these projects are supported by volunteers, however, there are people using these services that require more support than a bed for a night. The needs of people who find themselves in a position to use the refuges are often in need of the other services talked about in this consultation. However, as most of them do not meet the threshold for a social worker or case holder then there are no reviews of how they are progressing. It needs more support not less.

Take funding from elsewhere

Needs to be more long-term commitment that's sustainable Again

agree if this does not cut funding for this vital provision. More

funding needed

I think moving SPE into the Council house was a mistake - it can be an intimidating place for those needing support and housing, there is a lack of appropriate space to assess people in a confidential environment where they feel able to open up honestly about their situation and needs. Milestone House is a more complicated issue - there is no doubt that the emergency bed spaces are needed and that having them in one place is more financially viable, however by having more but smaller units, perhaps separating different people based on their vulnerability for example would be more effective and help prevent the cycle of homelessness some individuals experience. Better links/partnerships are needed to move people on quickly from emergency accommodation to prevent those new to the experience from getting entrenched into the lifestyle and unhealthy groups from forming which I realise is difficult given that few services are funded now and those that have managed to remain have had to cut services in order to do so

Move out of city centre. Give money to Padley who do job with no money Is this

a long term option? Does it have sustainability?

If they can run it more efficiently than previous then its a positive move. N/A

I think that Milestone House should be funded by Derby Homes, but not managed, because in previous meetings, Youth Council have been reworking the forms and improving Milestone House.

I think this is an extremely good idea because then Derby Homes can help them get a home.

Maybe a low cost rent would help keep some homeless people busy with work, allowing them to benefit (typed as written) themselves & the shelter.

Combine this service with other homelessness services. Eg. Have milestone house and the hope centre partner up so that it is easier for certain aspects of homelessness to be completed easier. (Food from hope centre can be directly given to milestone house and donations given can be shared)

## Services for Drug and Alcohol dependency to be funded and managed by Public Health at Centenary House

If you disagree, please tell us why below.

Idon'tbelieve the current proposal will make the gains as PH are not specialists in housing support cutting the funding for such services is likely to increase offending behaviour and reduce the support for those who need this. You should be funding this.

I think the Council should also provide funding for it.

The Council should help addicts. You can fund arenas and velodromes and even to drop the council house! You can also afford to help people whose lives are in GENUINE NEED of help, rather than your own pockets and selves for a change.

Adequate provision needs to be made to effectively provide support for this vulnerable group of people. Continuity of care is vital in their rehabilitation. This provision needs to be increased not decreased.

Derby City Council should do this

Again, a completely different remit.

The council should continue to fund more homelessness projects and ongoing support not less. It is unsustainable to 'farm' out services without long term funding implementation

Housing should stay within the council and be funded adequately and appropriately managed by those with the correct expertise. If funding is transferred it is likely to be used elsewhere and not managed properly as public health are not experienced in delivering this service area.

This looks like it will affect St Andrew's house which is already overstretched with clients. The knock on effect will be devastating for homeless provision.

Need to be more provision for homeless

This is effectively a cut in funding, as I doubt very much that Public Health will get any increased funding to manage Centenary House. Derby Council has repeatedly cut funding for services to the most vulnerable in our city over the past few years.

Public health budget is already stretched and other services will suffer

The council should fund this.

I think this will make the service worse.

People won't (spelling mistake) go - Centenary house has stigma.

If you have any alternative suggestions or proposals for the future of this service, please tell us below.

Centenary house is a specialist hostel that houses high risk customers who have extremely chaotic lifestyles. We have an experienced team who work with customers to begin to address their issues such as drug and alcohol, mental health, emotional wellbeing. Centenary House has 12 beds dedicated to entrenched street drinkers that work under a controlled drink programme, and nutrition values, as well as working closely with the Homeless surgery and the Hospital. Allowing Public Health to continue the work Centenary House is doing, allows customers to have a safe and secure environment which allows them to start to address areas of their life that have caused them to be in the situation they find themselves in. Centenary is a valuable asset to Derby City Council in reducing costs to the Police for ASB and the Hospital for reduced admissions. Working under the new remit of Health funding will allow Centenary to expand their specialist service to enable a better working partnership within the Community, as well as continuing to offer a high quality service.

I would like more individual one to one person centered services.

I believe that the ADU is supporting me and has really helped me at RIVERSIDE Centenary House.

good idea because we will get better healthcare

I am an alcoholic and I need the help that Centenary house provides. If I was here I would be homeless

I definitely agree to them providing funding for alcohol dependent units. I would hate to see this service being lost. As it is very beneficial and needed in the community.

PROVIDED IT IS LONG TERM AND SUSTAINABLE

Drugandalcoholdependency services should receive adequate funding. Would another organisation pick up the funding responsibility if Public Health didn't fund these services? If not, I agree that Public Health should fund this at Centenary House

It says in the document that this would allow them to focus on people with complex needs, but gives no information on how?

There is no alternative, we have to continue to help and aid as many people who for one reason or another find themselves in such dire straits. Circumstance puts our homeless, our alcoholic and drug users in this position and we should always be aware that we are there but for the grace of God.

I agree providing the funding and management of it is secured and Public Health guarantees its funding for at least a 5 year period

I have no view on whether this proposal is suitable however I think it is an appalling indictment of this Labour Council to be reducing or refusing services to those most in need. A repeating policy which targets those who are most vulnerable and have the least.

This is a tricky one as there is already a disconnect between support services given the Council's responsibilities and how they have been devolved to the likes of Derby Homes, Riverside and other Housing Associations like PACE, Derventio etc. It is this disconnect which causes some of the greatest issues as service users are pushed from pillar to post as they attempt to get the appropriate service they require at a time when they are most vulnerable. This can often lead to them falling through the cracks quickly turning normality into hopeless despair. I understand the Council's need to reduce costs and pushing these vulnerable members of society onto public health will reduce costs to the Council but just squeeze the same ball onto a different part of the floor.

This seems a reasonable option as long as the continuation of the service under their management can be guaranteed.

I guess my worry around this would be how many people would this service reach?? Is it just for the prolific users? If it is where is the support to prevent escalation?

Stay funded as currently and work closely with health to ensure clients and budgets are managed effectively.

I think the Council should be looking at other areas for cutting services. The homeless problem is getting more severe rather than less severe due to government austerity. Surely a roof over someone's head is a fundamental need and should not even be in the same consultation as libraries and environmental projects! These are surely a luxury....

Need to be more long-

term commitment that's sustainable as long as services are not further reduced?

If this is done appropriately and with the right number of independent charity is working in this area. This is so that the right people are right people are targeted for this type of support.

Riverside have poor reputation if you Google them

It's important to have city wide support, not just one point of access. This will put vulnerable people at risk.

Providing it's not taking money out of other services public health run. N/A

I think that Public Health will be able to help the people more, but I think we should fund a small amount to ensure it is a good service.

Work closely with the Police about this matter target repeat offenders make them priority due to they may be the ones most in need.

Propose and increase tax on these substances

Some people truly are willing to quit/would be desperate for help. So you get them to pay a decent fee for the support so that their money goes to a better cause.

I propose a semi-or fully independent institute to help with more specialised/severe cases.

## Services for High Risk Offenders cease to be funded by Derby City Council

**If you disagree, please tell us why below.**

ActionHousing's provision for High Risk Offenders in Derby is excellent. Without this service where will these offenders go? Approved premises are always full and so this offers an alternative when individuals are too risky to return to the community without accommodation. I have managed one case in particular who has successfully resettled and this would not have been achieved without this project.

Working with such individuals such support enables more effective rehabilitative work to be completed and the management of such individuals is more rounded. Reducing the funding for this area would impact on a number of individuals who could pose a serious harm to others, and feeling unsupported increases risk factors in relation to their future behaviour everyone deserves a second chance in life the service themore help

This is a critical service that not only protects the individual who requires this service but also protects the community as a whole.

I feel some of the people will pose a threat or danger to the respectable community especially minors. I disagree to violent people and their behaviour. I find such people are very manipulative and unwilling to change.

I feel there would be no other people to support such people.

Important project that delivers good outcomes and supports Public Protection through MAPPA.

May be high risk to minors in community.

The Arbor scheme continues to provide much needed housing and support for high risk offenders. The needs and monitoring of these offenders cannot be met through generic housing provision. If the service were to cease we would have high risk offenders not being managed appropriately and hence an increase to the community as a whole.

Because presumably no-one will do it.

This is a critical service to our City's most vulnerable people and I would expect a Labour Council to follow the National Labour Party's objective to make homelessness services their highest priority.

It strikes me that cuts in this area are an enormous false economy. If we want to prevent recidivism, then ensuring that High Risk Offenders have housing and a future is essential, and necessary for the well-being of all. Not to mention the fact that allowing High Risk Offenders to become homeless is morally wrong.

The first ethical and moral responsibility we have is to look after our most vulnerable. If we can't do that then I wouldn't call us a 'society' more a degenerative model of humanity.

High risk offenders need a great deal of joined up support to reduce their risk of reoffending. Many would fall through then if this group were the sole responsibility of the Home Office. Derby City have a responsibility to work with high risk offenders in order to protect the public.

What good would ceasing funding do? If anything these people need more funding to give them more support, if they are cut off even further this will just promote crime and begging, causing more issues down the line, at a cost to the police, the NHS and other services. This seems very shortsighted.

These are people who need help now in order not to be a drag on public finances later

Anyone of us could have family or friends in the situation, how and why would you want to cease to help them, if one person is helped and saved it's a success. The middle ground people pay their taxes, NI, council tax, utilities which are rising all of the time. The wonderful things we have to show for it are our amazing refugee service, libraries, museums, housing and our most vulnerable, why would you want to cut costs?? If everyone employed by the council took a £5 drop the money saved would be quite good. 5x35 weeks 175 this averages should cover full & part time workers x 13000 employees

£2,275,000 how easy would that be??

This is an important service and what will happen to them without this?

**If you disagree, please tell us why below.**

So if it ceases where will these services come from. Are you expecting voluntary organisations to fund. If so this is not the way that Derby should provide such services. The most vulnerable of Derby have no voices so we who work in the voluntary sector must campaign on their behalf. They cannot be left with no help. The proposal to end services by Action Housing is an example of the risk that outsourcing all the proposed services gives.

Why are you cutting a key frontline service? Stop shirking your responsibility to the vulnerable.

These people are ostracised by society as it is and for the council to do the same is pretty poor. Without support it is likely the people will re-offend and what are they meant to do if the council can't offer them support

These people have problems and they need to be cared for

Offenders still need help. Without the council doing its human duty, volunteers who have a heart will step in and could be putting themselves at risk.

This will have the effect of just moving the costs elsewhere and potentially causing an increase as other services attempt to take up the slack this service is there for a reason and can look to reduce the offending activity of its service user population you need to look at the service provider if they are not meeting their targets not just attempt to sweep it under the carpet

They need more help not less.

Ceasing funding for these services will increase the risk of re-offending. We may as well have the Conservative government running Derby, such is your ridiculous obsession with austerity, cuts and looking after yourselves.

We need to have something in place for high risk offenders to keep them off the streets and help them not to offend/re-offend. For their safety, and for ours, please do not stop funding this.

Where do these people go or live if this support and provision is removed?

Re-housing offenders and integrating vulnerable adults back into society is key.

The Arbor project is essential provision for high risk offenders. If this is contracted out, I am not convinced that the service will be correctly managed and that offending will rise and that individuals will not receive the support to alter their lifestyle choices.

This group need continuity of care, they are the most vulnerable. They need adequate support to rehabilitate and minimise the risk of re-offending. They are the most difficult group to re-house. Derby is a city with increasing numbers of homeless, every resource is overstretched. This resource needs an increase not a cessation.

What happens to them if this support ceases?

If high risk offenders are thrown out on the streets, they will immediately turn to crime again. They need housing and a new start.

It will have a significant impact on the managing of high and very high risk offenders in the community. The National Probation Service works very closely with Action Housing Arbor project to safely manage these high risk cases in the community. Some of the cases who access this provision would be unsuitable to return to family homes due to risk and would not be a priority in terms of homeless provisions or would not be safely managed. It may mean offenders spending longer periods of time in custody which will cost the taxpayers more money if there are less suitable beds for these cases.

I don't agree with any cuts for vulnerable people in our society

I think there should be MORE provision in Derby for people who are homeless rather than LESS.

It provides an important service and ceasing the funding will increase the chance of negative consequences and the cost being picked up elsewhere.

Why are the Council suggesting withdrawing support from High Risk Offenders. This is shocking. There is a danger that this service could be in danger of being lost altogether if it is put out to tender and given to an alternative provider. This provision needs to be constant and consistent. The best place to do this is from government funding.

Do you think they'll go away without funding?

It is a much needed support for those people who are at risk of offending. What will happen to them

### If you disagree, please tell us why below.

everyone has a right to housing and if they had a home and were off the streets there would perhaps be less chance of them re-offending. when you have nothing you have nothing to lose so re-offending isn't a deterrent, at least if you did re-offend went to jail you would have a roof over your head and be given food. being given a home takes this out of the equation.

Surely if appropriate housing is not provided for high risk offenders then it will only encourage them to re-offend if the housing they do manage to get is an inappropriate environment or too expensive for them to manage. Some of whom will not be able to find accommodation due to cost or background checks which will leave them homeless and much more likely to re-offend.

Without assistance there is probably an increased risk of further offending

Young people are at high risk as their whole future is at risk. It is unfair for cuts to affect the most disadvantaged. Costs are incurred by potential crime increase among disadvantaged youngsters, including policing costs. Other negative impact to community with increased crime.

This is an essential service which requires statutory involvement as well as long term planning and supervision

They need support

High risk offenders would be more likely to re-offend if they were to be left homeless due. They are more likely to become a stable citizen, contributing to society, if they have help from the state to house themselves

Homelessness is an increasing issue in this climate, who supports these high risk clients if funding ceases? These people being unsupported and homeless leave them and the public more at risk as they are untraceable if sleeping rough and more likely to re-offend. Re-offending and higher crime rates cost society more in the long term.

Again - this will have a devastating effect on homeless provision as more high risk offenders are not given vital support.

Without housing risk will increase and costs will rise due to strain on statutory and legal and custodial services

What is the council's alternative? Stop providing help to high risk offenders and let them continue to engage in criminal activity?

This needs more funding, not less.

Need to be more funding, more provision for homeless and marginalised people, disadvantaged people

They do very good work.

I believe that as a society we have a duty to care and rehabilitate these people giving them their best chance to reform.

High risk offenders are a vulnerable group in terms of housing and without support are more likely to become homeless

These are very vulnerable people who need experienced support. The community have a responsibility to provide this in order to rehabilitate these folks safely back into community living. This is not a job for volunteers or amateurs however well meaning.

If the users of this service are termed 'high risk' it is surely obvious what will happen if their support is withdrawn! There have already been significant cuts to services for homeless and at-risk people in our city over the last few years and there remain support services, whether publicly funded or third sector, are under pressure.

High risk offenders are at risk to themselves and also to Derby residents

The vulnerable within our society should be cared for by the government and local council. Obviously there is a duty of care at the council to ensure that the limited funds are being spent on the highest priority issues. The reason why I believe High Risk Offenders to be a priority is not only ethical as these are vulnerable people but also of funds spent on them will reduce crime (and increase safety) and funds being spent on other areas such as police, healthcare, prisons, etc.



### If you disagree, please tell us why below.

I absolutely disagree with this proposal and I believe that it is remarkably short sighted to even consider it. Homelessness is one of the most significant issues to face an offender when leaving prison and to consider placement at Milestone House is inappropriate given the highly volatile and toxic environment that surrounds Milestone House where offenders leaving prison immediately mix with highly chaotic individuals and where there is frequent access to drugs. Staff at Milestone House do the very best to manage these issues but this is the reality of the situation at Milestone. The high risk service known as Arbor provides individual placements which are better matched to an individual's needs and it provides them with stability and support in order to be rehabilitated and reintegrated into the community. This service also disrupts chaotic behaviour. Secondly, a significant number of the high risk offenders who are referred to the high risk service are offenders with a sexual offending history and these cannot be referred to Milestone as Milestone does not accept offenders convicted of such offences. Arbor provides suitably environmentally scanned properties which are approved by Police in order to minimise and manage the risk of harm that could potentially be caused to the public. If the funding for this service was withdrawn then these offenders would be homeless and this would result in serious ramifications for public protection within the community and it would place residents of Derby and Derbyshire at risk and that is unacceptable. Managing homeless high risk offenders in the community is a thankless and almost impossible task and the current high risk service helps to manage individuals and protect the public.

Homelessness is one of the biggest issues facing offenders leaving prison and placing them at Milestone House is frequently not appropriate owing to its volatile and toxic environment. If placed there they are immediately mixing with highly chaotic individuals and where access to drug stores if few which then lead to new offences being committed and a return to custody so the cycle of re-offending is not broken. Staff at Milestone manage this to the best of their ability but this is the stark reality. By contrast Action Housing (Arbor) provide individual placements which are better matched to an offender's needs and it provides them with the stability they need to resettlement in the community. They are able to manage which offenders occupy which properties and therefore disrupt chaotic behaviour. In addition Action Housing (Arbor) accommodate individuals that Milestone House will not consider, namely those with sexual convictions. The properties used by the service have all been checked by the Police to minimise the risk to the public (in terms of access to vulnerable children and adults and localities to schools and nurseries) and as such were funding for this service to be withdrawn then these individuals would be homeless as there are few other accommodation providers who will take them. This has serious ramifications for public protection management in the community and would in my view place Derby and Derbyshire residents at an unacceptable risk as monitoring the behaviour of an homeless high risk offender is virtually impossible. In my opinion funding appropriate accommodation for high risk sex offenders should be an intrinsic part of the Council's Child Safeguarding strategy.

It should be funded as I feel that without support they are likely to re-offend.

It is imperative that there is a specific service to support this client group in order to provide a safe and appropriate accommodation

There needs to be provision for the most risky on release from prison.

It is difficult to say that any person in need is not worthy of funding. Therefore I do not believe that funding should be cut in this area.

Without proper provision and support, the High Risk Offenders are much more likely to re-offend and therefore cause more problems in the long term

Unfair, need to be supported to be re-educated and not offend People need the support and we cannot give up.

I think that without the proper network of support, already vulnerable people will find it impossible to find suitable housing and will end up back in prison.

Should be the council who funds this.

Don't remove any funding from anything, until you've found an alternative provider!

This is an essential service to the local community, it is long standing and has a reputation for success it will cost more in the long run due to offenders re-offending.

It is vital to have a service that supports high risk offenders. These individuals can otherwise have a high and disproportionate impact on the city and Derby citizens.

I have heard the number of homeless people is growing... should we not have more provision rather than less?

### If you disagree, please tell us why below.

And how one earth will that support vulnerable people to access services? You're cutting this, and other resources eg police that are underfunded will have to deal with the fallout.

Without this service high risk offenders will be on the street and more likely to re-offend costing more money to the state whereas action Housing work with the offender on release, house them and move them onto other housing services with a view of rehabilitation.

This would cause more homelessness and would have a huge impact on state.

If funding is to cease where will high risk offenders be housed? How will Derby city council manage potential risks and how will risk assessments be carried out on each individual?

I am concerned that if this funding ends, the (spelling mistake) will be no services for high risk offenders

I think the MISS Project is a stepping stone to get further long term housing and a great support network and feel benefited whilst living in one of the (spelling mistake) accommodations

Action Housing helped me a lot and I don't (spelling mistake) know where I would have been without them.

Don't want more high risk offenders being homeless/living on the streets.

High risk offenders will increase in the city.

There will be significant issues for the community and individuals if this happens.

There are minimal services being funded to house & rehabilitate high risk offenders, there needs to be support for those Derby offenders who pledged to make a lasting change.

Action House has no big major public noticing problems so why stop funding.

Even those who are offenders are still eligible for their human rights of safety and if this scheme is helping to maintain protection then it should continue to run.

By stopping funding for high risk offenders it is likely that many who otherwise would not have offended would do so, costing the public more in the long term.

High risk offenders would cause more risk if on streets.

Many people suffer due to offences caused such as domestic violence or being pressured into committing offences.

The people who are high risk offenders are offenders for a reason. They will likely offend again, so a service needs to be in place.

Because it helped offenders (spelling mistake) rehabilitate

It is necessary for these people as they might struggle to find housing as a lack of stability may lead to further crimes.

Due to the high risk offenders being possibly dangerous therefore cutting of (spelling mistake) the support may be detrimental.

I believe everyone has the right for a second chance.

High risk offenders need the support to change, without the service they will be put in the same position and there would be a high risk they will offend again.

**If you have any alternative suggestions or proposals for the future of this service, please tell us below.**

HighRiskOffendersaregoingtobeprevalentintheCommunity.ItisimportantthattheyarepickedupfromreleasefromPrison to allow them opportunity to reintegrate into the Community without being stigmatized. I am unsure who could provide this service, as Derby City Council is focused on general public housing and not necessarily specialised housing.

Police and Crime Commissioner?

Co-commission with criminal justice commissioners.

who is going to support high risk offenders if this funding stops? worried this vulnerable group will have no support if funding ends

I strongly agree

This service would benefit from additional support in respect of more key workers to work with cases.

This is a "gotta fund" service to help reduce offending in Derby City

This service should be funded and the contract renewed, otherwise there will be a real lack of options for the safe management of high risk offenders in the community.

Could funding come from the Community Safety Budget if Adult Social Services can no longer fund? This remains an important area of need. Should this be funded via other means, ie Probation around

public protection/reablement post offence. We work with people with an LD, where offending has been an issue, but they are also vulnerable in their own right, and we have struggled to find appropriate support/accommodation post offence, to offer reablement post prison for the person, and reduce risk of reoffending (public protection).

Keep the Arbor scheme.

Who is going to provide these services now? What is the provision for High Risk Offenders in our city?

No cut to homelessness provision.

The alternative is to fund it!! And further to look at resolving the root causes, and where the root causes can be addressed by the City then that too should take priority.

Joint funded strategies should be developed between: Home Office (Probation), CRC's, Police & Crime Commissioners and Derby City Council.

Increase funding and support for the more vulnerable customers so they can get the support they need to improve their lives, rather than punishing them all the time.

Read the above through a few times and work out how easy it would be, a little extra work in administration over a week or so and you could save quite a fortune which means you wouldn't need to cut costs!!!

To find alternative funding or ask existing providers to change their remit. E.g. Derwentio, pace, metropolitan, padley, ymca

Use money to care for the needy rather than building velodromes or refurbishing the Council House again

The other council services will have to carry the cost and strain of the consequences if this service ceases and this may overall be more costly than continuing the service.

Who will fund this then? who is taking responsibility? Do you not think High Risk Offenders are the responsibility of all agencies? Where will they go? will this group then add to the homelessness situation which is already a real meeting demand in Derby City?

This service needs to be continued to be funded to safely manage this group of offenders.

Find the money to continue support by cutting other less vital areas which I realise is difficult but priorities dictate that the homeless able to manage must not be harmed

this still needs to be funded! not bothered by who but it's a necessary service

Increase council charges for those better able to pay.

**If you have any alternative suggestions or proposals for the future of this service, please tell us below.**

Continuetofundtheserviceincollaborationwithproviders,probationserviceandhealth.

Asprevious....

Needstobemorelong-termcommitmentthat'ssustainable

Partnershipswithcompaniesfromthepriatesectorwhocangrantfundingforcommunitysupport...IncludingdrugcompanieswhobenefitasNHSsuppliers?

ThereshouldbeMOREprovisioninDerbyforpeoplewhoarehomelessratherthanLESS!Homelessnessandmentalhealtharehandinhandrightnowandhomelessnessisbecomingahiddenagenda.Evenforsomeonelikemewhoworksinahomelesscharity,therearesomanypeoplethatyoumayseeoneortwotimesandthentheygointotheabyss!Thesepeopleweneedtohelpmore.Thesepeoplearethepeoplewithmentalhealthissues,thesepeoplearewithalcoholanddrugrelatedproblems.Weneedtodomoreweneedmorefunding!Theotherconcernisthatifotherorganisationsfundservices,thenthismayonlybeforayear,ormore,butthereisnolongtermsustainabilityorcommitment.Thehomelessneedmoretimeandmorestabilitythananyothergroupinourcountry.

TheseservicesareveryimportantandmustbefundedadequatelybyDerbyCityCouncil.Whereelsewoldtheseservicesfindfunding?

WorkwithalltheotheragenciesincludingtheCityMissiontoproduceaplantotakeovertheseservices!Makesureyouputthemoneyyousaveintosecuringotherservices!

Probationshouldfundthis

Wholepersonapproach,treatpeoplelikehumansandsupportthemwhenneeded.

N/A

Ifthisserviceceasesthenwherewouldthese'high'riskoffendersgo?

- Voluntarysectorled(couldbeanidea).

Introducedayreleaseprogrammesandundertakeriskassessmentsaccordingly

Re-

habilitationhouses/servicesshouldbesupportedbyprisons.Thiswouldlessenthebudgetonthecouncilandputtousesomeofthemoneyfromprisons.

## The Young Person's service ceases; with eligible Young People able to move to mainstream accommodation contract within Children's Services

If you disagree, please tell us why below.

Endingtheserviceforyoungpeoplewillincreasetheirvulnerability

ThereisaneedforthisserviceinDerbyandthisserviceshouldcontinueasitbenefitsthewidercommunity.Thiservicebenefitsthecustomerswhoneedthisservice.

Thereneedstobeaccommodationtomeettheneedsofyoungpeople.Younghomelesspeople need accommodation.

Therearealotofyoungpeoplewhoarebeingmadehomelesseveryday,thechildren'sservicesalonewouldnotcopewith thehighdemandofyounghomelesspeople,Younghomelessneedfundingalsoastheyarealsovulnerabletosocietyand predators.

notsurethatthesevulnerableyoungpeoplecancopeinmainstreamaccommodationlessyoungpeople will access service

As therewouldbelimitedresourcesforyoungpeoplecomingoutofFostercare.

Ifeltheyoungpersonsservicetoremainasitisdoingajob.

AsIfeelthatthecouncilshouldnottakethewholemonopoly.

Youngpeoplehavespecificneedsandcanoftenbevulnerabletoabuseorgettinglostinthecommunity. Specificprovisions shouldbeprovidedforyoungpeople.

hisvulnerablegroupneedspecialisthelp.

Thosethathavenothadasupportiveupbringingorrequireadditionalsupporttointegrateinthecommunitywouldsuffer significantlyifthissupportwasnotavailable.

YoungpeoplehaveverydifferentneedsandrequirespecialistskillsinsecuringsafeaccommodationYoungpeople's servicesareneededastherearemoreandmorefamilybreakdownswithyoungpeople andthechildren'sserviceswillnotcopealonetheyneedanotherstoservice to help.

Thechildren'sservicesstrugglewiththeservicesavailablenowhowwouldtheycopeifmoreservicesaretakenaway,we cannotgamblewithpeople'slives.

Weallshouldbeabletoaccessasmanypositiveservicespossibletobenefitfromabetterqualityoflife.

YoungpeopleneedallservicespossibleChildren'sservice willnotcopealone

Childrenwithinsuchenvironmentsaresupportedandtheirvulnerabilitiesareaddressed.Shouldsuchservicescease/ movedintomainstreamtherewouldbeconcernthisspecialisedsupport

Idonotfeelthecouncilshouldtakesolemonopoly.Ifeltheexistingyoungpeople'sprojectsareverygoodandshouldremain.

Ifelyoungpeoplerequiresupportespeciallywithcomplexneeds.

Beausetheywillnothavesufficientresource.

Youngpeopleatriskareasafeguardingissueandthecouncilhasastatutoryrequirementtohouse them.

Thisstrikesmeaspotentiallyveryunhelpful,andpotentiallydisastrousfortheYoungPeopleconcerned.

Children'sServicesarestretchedtothelimits,YoungPeople'sServicesrunbyDCCshouldremainuntilthereareguarantees thatChildren'sServiceshavetheresources to supportvulnerableyoungpeople.

Itthinkyouwouldbeputtingyoungpeopleatgreaterriskbydoingthis.

Whatwouldbetheuseofremovingthatservice,whatwouldhappenisthatwewouldhaveyetmoreyoungpeopleonthe streetsbecominghomeless,takingdrugsanddrinking.Reducethewagesoftheapproximate13,000council employee sandIhavecheckedthisfigureouton2014figuresandnotpluckeditoutoftheair.

Youngpeopleareveryvulnerableandneedthisservice.Notsuretheywouldaccesschildren'sservices

### If you disagree, please tell us why below.

What happenstoineligibleyoungpeople.Whowillhelptthem?Aretheydiscardedasyourproposalindicates?Surelywe need tobemakingsociety(andDerby)amoreinclusivesocietywiththosemostdisadvantagedhelped.Ibelievethatweo weittoallyoungpeopletomakesocietyfairerforthemandtogivethemopportunities,training,mentoringandcounsell ingtohelptthemallreachtheirpotential.This mustbetothebenefitofourcity.

Youaretryingtosavemoneyinthewrongplace.It'sappallingthatyoupleaseplacesolittlevalueonvulnerableyoungpe ople.Investinginthe matthisstagewillsaveyoumoneylateron.Youareproposingtodumpthemonanalreadystretche dservice.

Thisgroup hasspecificneeds.Theyarenotchildrenstillbutneitheraretheyadults

ThisisaspecificserviceforaspecificagegroupandshouldnotjustbedumpedontheChildrensserviceteamtherewillbe nooverallreductionincostwhiletherewillpotentialreductioninserviceandafailuretomeettheneedsoftheseyoungp eoplebeforetheygoontobeeitherproductivemembersofsocietyorafurtherburdenonsociety

Youngpeoplearenottthesameaschildrenandhavespecialisedneeds,soCouncilfundingshouldcontinue.

Thisprojectseemstooffersupportandachivepositiveoutcomes

Childrensservicesarealreadystrugglingandtheprovisionisstretchedtobreakingpoint.Youngchildrenwhohavecomp lexneedsrequireanintensiveservicethatisindividualtotheirneeds.ifthisisnotprovidedthiswillleadtogreaterpressure onadultservicesastheseyoungpeoplegrowbuttheirneedshavenotbeenaddressedcorrectly.

Children'sservicesarealreadystretchedtothelimitceasingthisprovisionismadness,potentiallyputtingthesevulnera bleyoungpeopleontothestreetsandintothe pathof otherlongtermissues.

WhathappenstotheyoungpeoplewhoarenotcoveredbytheChildren'sServices?

Itiswidelypublishedthatfundingforchildren'ssocialcarehasbeendrasticallyreduced.Workersarebeingaskedtoprovi demoreinventivewaysofworkingwithfamilies thatdonotcostmoney.Thebiggestspend(apartfromstaffing)isaccom modatingchildren.Isthisnotjustmovingtheproblemaround,robbingPetertopayPaul?

Thiswouldhaveasignificantimpactonyoungpeoplewhomaybeinthecaresystemorinvolvedwithotheragenciesduet ovulnerabilitiesandthiswouldhaveanimpactonpotentialincreaseddrugandalcoholuse/offendingandmentalhealt h.

Youngpeopleneedtheseservices!

YoungpeopleareeveryvulnerableandshouldbeprotectedbytheCouncil.

ChildrenandYoungPeoplecannotbetreatedthesame.Theirmental,emotionalandintellectualneedsaredifferent.This needstoberecognisedotherwisevulnerableyoungpeoplewillfallthroughthenet.

Theyaren'tequippedtodoit.

Childrenservicesisalreadyover- stretchedanddoesnotprovidethesamelevelofassistancetoyoungpeoplethatRiversidedoes

Youngpeopleareamongstthemostvulnerableofoursocietyandneedallthehelpttheycanget;reducedorrefusedfundi ngisnottheanswer

Degradationofservice.Increasedcrimeandassociatedcostsincludingpolicing.Impactonsomeofthemostvulnerable insocietywiththeirlivesaheadofthem.

Idon'tseehowthiswillhelpYoungPeople(adults)toaserviceprimarilysetupforchildren.Thisneedstocontinu easapriority

Youngpeople'shousingsupporthasbeendesimatedinDerbyalreadyandwehavelostseveralexcellentprovisions.Iam saddenedtothinkthatthiscutisevenbeingconsidered.Isupportmany youngpeoplewhoaresupportedbyRiversidean dwithouthisserviceDerby'svulnerableyoungpeoplewillbegreatlyeffected.This canresultinteenagersinB&Baccom modationorincarewhichcostsagreatdealmoreinthelongterm.

Targettedservicesforthemostvulnerableessentiallyreducecoststroughearlyinterventionphilosophiesthatarepro veninresearchandindependentreviewtobeeffective

This serviceisimportanttotheCityandmustn'tbelostinanotherbudget.

Needstobemoreprovisiontolookafterthesevulnerablepeople

### If you disagree, please tell us why below.

There is already a lack of care and support for these vulnerable young people. I believe we should be doing more not less to help.

Children's services are already overstretched and this group would not be regarded as a priority in terms of protection or need.

These young people are still very vulnerable, and still need support. Young people need those experienced with issues appropriate to their age group in the community. I don't believe Children's Services could cope with taking this on without it causing cutbacks in their existing budgets.

This will put further strain on already overstretched services and result in poorer support for vulnerable young people. There have already been significant cuts to services for homeless and at-risk people in our city over the last few years and the remaining support services, whether publicly funded or third sector, are hard pressed.

There needs to be as much provision for Young People as possible as these young problems are increasing in our society.

Young people have distinctly different needs to children and I would have concern about one service not meeting the needs of either group.

Young people often vulnerable need more support not less.

Young people are a separate group and need the extra resource to engage with them.

Unsure what you do currently, however the support in a mainstream accommodation, even with training and support workers, will not match what could be offered elsewhere and will be disruptive to the existing residents and may influence them too.

Young people need considerable help and support when leaving either home, care or young offenders institutes, if we are not to see more young people homeless and hopeless on our city's street.

Mainstream does not have the experience needed to handle the complex issues of young people.

It is a needed service and needs something easy to access in the city centre.

It's far too risky to do away with the Young Person's service. There has to be provision for emergency referrals. It's not something that should just be shunted aside.

What happens to those with special needs? Special, not mainstream care is needed.

This means that there will be a large number of young people missing out on support resulting in more homelessness and increased risks to their welfare.

Young people are extremely vulnerable and should remain in a different category to children and adults. Again, if it is centrally funded is it really sustainable? Is the commitment there that the current charities have?

Because young people need support, not to be left to fend for themselves when they are vulnerable.

I feel that Children's Services should be a completely separate service to the Young Person's services.

Why is person-centred care being slowly taken away?

I disagree as I feel this will alienate this group further and result in less young people accessing support.

Any extra support they can get will help them.

Young people need to be a separate service as their needs are more complex and require specialist workers. Lumping them with the rest will lose this experienced team.

Limit options

There is minimal space available for help, this may mean not all young people can access the services, the service may also not run as efficiently.

It is between 16-18. They're not under the care of any 'child' services as they're either 16, 17 or 18.

I feel that young people are amongst the most vulnerable, and therefore it would help for them to be attended with specialist care/attention.

Young people are particularly (spelling mistake) vulnerable and so by stopping schemes that offer them targeted help, they may not be getting the degree of help that is required to overcome their specific difficulties.



**If you disagree, please tell us why below.**

Different age groupshavedifferentneedsandwants,perhapsmakingitdifficultforchildrentobeaccomodatedwithyoung people.

BecauseIbelievethatchildrenshouldhaveprivatecareandshouldbelookedaftermoreastheyareyoungchildren.

Itisalreadyadifficultstepfortheyoungpeopletofacethereforeinordertohelppreventanyunknownissuesoccurringthe servicemustcontinue.

Thisisahometothesepeople,andthereforewouldfinditdifficult.

Theseyoungpeoplemayfinditdifficulttoadaptandcouncilcaremaybelessfocused(spellingmistake)onindividuals.

Becausechildrenneedsupportthrew\*thecouncilwere\*their\*areproceduresputinplacetoprotectthem.

\*-spellingmistake

Ifyoucandeliverandmaintainthisserviceyoucanpreventitfromhappeninglaterinlife.Youngpeopleneedmorehelpand guidance

Childrenandyoungpeopleareverydifferentwhenitcomestoneeds.Theyshouldn'tbemixedtogether,especiallyifit'sserious.

Ihateitwhenchildrenthrowawaytheirfuture

becausetheyaredesignedfortwoentirelydifferentagegroupswhichmeanstheyhavedifferentneedsandissuestobetaken careof.Thereforeitisbettertohave separateservicesforthem.

**If you have any alternative suggestions or proposals for the future of this service, please tell us below.**

YoungPeopleneedtohaveastableenvironmentfromleavingCare.Offeringaccommodationwithsupportallowsthat individualtoexploretheirstrengthsandweaknesseswithintheCommunity.Itisimportantthisserviceisstillfunded.

Re-commissionahousingservicesforyoungpeople

Themostappropriatefundingstreamandaccommodationtypeisneededtosecurestableaccommodationwhich supportsfutureoutcomes.Thereisapotentialforyoungpeopletogenerateescalatingcostsinadulthoodsuchashomelessness ,unemployment,substance misusewhichtheLAwillhavetomeet.

tokeeppresentarrangement

Ifeelitisbeneficialforthecounciltotakeonyoungpeopleprojectsentirely.

Aslongasthereisrobustsupport/housingstrategyforyoungpeople- whereyoungpeoplearevulnerable,perhapsascareleavers,mild/moderatelearningdisabilityand/ormentalhealth problemstheyneedadditionalsupporttoachievesuccessinmovingoninto adulthood/housingetc.Withoutthistheycanbe vulnerableandlosetheirwayindevelopingpositivesocialnetworksandwork/learningetc.This supportneedstobeflexible whichhousingrelatedsupporthasalwaysbeenverygoodfor- enablingengagementwithyoungvulnerablepeoplewhocanoftenleadchaoticlives

Nofurthercutswhatsoevertohomelessprovision

YoungPeople'sServicescoulddevelopbetterpartnershipworkingwithChildren'sServices toclose loopholes.Toomany youngpeopleslipthroughthenetandaresofasurfers(atbest)

AreChildren'sServicesgoingtogetanyextrafundingtodealwiththeextracase load?Iagreewithmaking suretherearen't twoservicesofferingsimilarsupport,butonlyiftheyaregoingtogetadequatefundingtoenable themtodothis

AgainIsuggestyoureadthroughtheaboveanswerandputsomegenuinethoughtintoityouwouldhavenoneedtocutthe costs ofthesuggested survey.

Contractmustbelongterm,otherwiseinayearortwo'stimefundingwillbecuttotally.Needasetinstonecontract

Aslongassuitablefundingandresourcesareprovidedwithit

I'mnotsurethatmovingyoungpeopleintochildren'sservicesisagoodastheyarenotchildren.Cantheservice really offer whattheyneed?

**If you have any alternative suggestions or proposals for the future of this service, please tell us below.**

There needstobemorecollaborationbetweenthesetwo butyoungpeopleneed tobetreatedassuchandseparately from thatofChildren'sservices

The longterm effectsof unsupported youngpeople maywell increase pressures on others services such as police and prob

ation. Surely it is better and more cost effective to support youngsters while help can be preventative rather than abandon them to get into trouble.

Increase council charges for those most able to pay.

I would like more information as to exactly what specific provisions will be made and how the service for young people will filter into Children's services. In addition where will this be funded from and what is its long term viability. How will the choice of support for young adults be actioned from a service provided for children

Continue to fund Riverside but maybe restrict timescales, encourage young people to 'payback' to society and the service, develop mini enterprises to make sustainable projects.

I believe this will increase the number of homeless young people in Derby who will get lost in the system.

Need to be more long-term commitment that's sustainable

Whereas it is difficult to agree to this statement, I do believe that this type of support can be offered in other child-related funding streams.

Ideally a service would be combined which would include not only perhaps accommodation, but assistance with life skills and seeking work. It may be that is what happens, but I don't know. I know it's always a matter of funding, but surely support for these youngsters should come before council house schemes.

Will there be a proper network of support available tailored to suit a young person's needs?

It is important that there is still funding for young people. Mostly, what they need is the support to help them to live independently. The most important aspect is the mentoring delivered by a key worker.

Use community organisation to deliver holistic interventions. N/A

Co-work together with children's services that way you don't have to fully stop the service. It also means that both organisations are working together on the project bringing forward a more innovative approach.

A course rather than full accommodation (spelling mistake) for them to take with councillors

none at this time.