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Q7: How much money will be saved?

A: The savings proposals subject to consultation are currently based on the deletion of existing staff vacancies in the Day Centres for the financial year 2024-2025. The savings proposals for 2025-2026 are partly based on the reduction of running costs for some of the Centres and not on their sale.

Q8: Transport will need to be provided as this can cause a lot of stress for the carers

A: All proposals are subject to the consultation and no decisions have been made. If the proposals were to be agreed the planning for any agreed changes would begin and the service would work with citizens in relation to transport which will be arranged based on the circumstances of each citizen.

Q9: Will they reinvest any of the money?

A: The proposed savings have not been agreed. If the savings and the proposals are agreed, the money will not be used to reinvest in the service. However, the proposals if agreed will, by rationalising the current service, enable the future services to be more efficient.

Q10: Will citizens have to travel further if they are at the day centres that may close?

A: No decision has been made in relation to the closure of any Day Centres. The responses received from the consultation will inform a report to the Councils Cabinet in Autumn 2024 for decision. If the final proposals are agreed citizens will be supported in relation to any change that may result in them travelling a greater or shorter distance.

Q11: How much money needs to be saved?

A: The amount of savings needed to be saved was £1.95 million in 2024-2025 and £3.35 million in 2025-2026.

Q12: Why are we in this situation?

A: The Council is facing significant financial challenge which must be addressed, whilst at the same time providing assurance that services provided by the Council offer value for money to the citizens of Birmingham.

Q13: Saving money but closing buildings but then have to spend money on drivers and transport. What are the true savings?





Q22: Would this mean more staff at Ebrook? We need more staff especially drivers to enable us to get out in the community more.

A: There has been no decision made in relation to the proposals, so it is not possible at this stage to confirm the staffing levels at any of the nine Day Centres.

Q23: When can we buy more equipment? Would we have access to the other centres equipment.? Would this mean we have less resources as we would have to share with more people?

A: There is currently the ability to purchase essential equipment. We conducted an inventory in November 2023 to review equipment across all centres and centres have been sharing where necessary to deplete stocks. We have now developed a bulk ordering process whereby centres can submit requests which enable us to buy at scale which is more efficient. There will not be less resources.

Q24: Why does Birmingham City Council not create more funding rather than close a service that does good things?

A: The Council is facing significant financial challenges and very difficult decisions. However, the Council remains committed to supporting its citizens within the resources it has available.

Q25: Is the local communities set up and ready to support those service users who , ^Á , [ }qcÁà^Á@^|]â } \*Áæ } ^Á| [ ] \*^!ÑÁ . community venues are inaccessible.

A: The proposals are currently subject to consultation, and subsequently no decision has been made. The proposals do not make recommendations to end the services for service users.

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A: The Council has invested in Day Centres although due to financial challenges, the investment has been prioritised.

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years which will be taken into consideration. We cannot take a generic approach; it

Q42: Has outsourcing of the Day Centres been considered?

A: The aim of the consultation is to gather views and to ask for other proposals that people may have which will deliver on the same outcomes for citizens and the proposed savings. If outsourcing is submitted as a proposal or if we are approached by someone wanting to run a day centre, we will consider it as a potential option.

Q43: Are Red Quadrant leading this consultation?

A: Red Quadrant are an independent organisation and have not been brought into lead this consultation. Their qualitative analysis of feedback from the co-production work they did alongside the Empowering People Team informed the Improvement Plan for the Day Centres.

Q44: How much were Red Quadrant paid by the Council?

A: This is commercially sensitive information.

Q45: When are you looking to relocate Harborne?

A: All proposals are currently subject to the consultation and no decisions have been made. The feedback received from the consultation will inform a report to the Council.

Q46: Key messages from Qualitative Data

a) Diversity of our offer; this means taking a more blended approach which includes activities within the Day Centre coupled with community activities where possible: together with progressing the request from citizens for employment opportunities and the provision of social enterprises. The timescale is dependent upon the Cabinet decision.

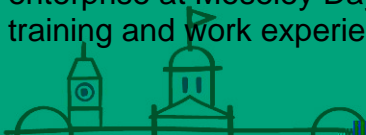
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b) Does this mean?

A: This means encouraging greater engagement and dialogue with communities that surround the Day Centres by inviting them into the Centres and providing support that makes the Centres more accessible to the wider community.

c) Are there agreements in place? What will the citizens engage in?

Yes, we have a social enterprise at Moseley Day Centre in the form of Relaxaway. Citizens would gain training and work experience from these initiatives.



d) Individual programmes tailored for each citizen will include objectives and weekly activities which will enable us to measure outcomes. Is this for a few, the majority or all the Citizens?

A: We would offer this to all Citizens.







e) Preferred Option 3 . closure of four day centres. How will the quality of facilities and services be improved? Where is the cost provided for?

A: Evidence of Improvement work: Information gathered from visits undertaken through the staff engagement sessions and the 100 Day Working Group Sprint have informed both the short term and long-term vision for the Day Centre Service. Immediate changes made as a result include securing external funding for IT equipment for all Day Centres, the reopening of the enabu.3n (kitchderat Ebrook)-2(or )JTJETQq









supported to relocate to the centre of their choice wherever possible. Carers would work closely with Citizens to support any transition.

