

This appendix sets out details of the budgets which will be reduced to realign funding to council priorities and known pressures. Shows the proposals relating to the scrutiny committee, the full list of budget proposals are included within the 17th October Public Cabinet report.

Cabinet Portfolio	Current Budget £'000	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	Total £'000	Type of saving	Description	Director and Service Area	Consultation/EQIA required?	Reason and proposed approach
Adults Services									
Review of funding to promote care as a career	170	170		170	Efficiency	Since 2018/19 the County Council has funded a small team to promote care as a career and to support the recruitment and retention of staff within the sector. The need to retain that capacity no longer exists because this work has been covered by other posts in the restructure of the adults commissioning functions. These include the impact of the National Living Wage and the fee uplifts paid by the County Council in recent years as well as promotional campaigns organised by others and the new Great Care Employer Scheme.	Director of Adults and Health Service area: Adults	TBA	Not clear what impact the proposal is to have on individuals or groups currently benefitting. If this is expected then likely to require limited consultation and focused EQIA.
Review of carer information, advice, assessment and support contract	3,220	322		322	Efficiency	The County Council has a contract with Carers Support West Sussex for carer support. A wide range of services are provided, including carer assessments, welfare/benefit services, a response line, counselling, health and wellbeing payments and equipment for independence. Some of these fulfil statutory responsibilities, others are discretionary. The contract ends on 31st March 2024 and is in the process of being reproced. The specification for the new service has changed to being outcome focussed and as a result an expectation that efficiency savings equivalent to 10% of its current value will be achieved. Although there will be a reduction in the cost of the contract, the flexibility allowed in the new contract will mean that West Sussex carers will remain supported.	Director of Adults and Health Service area: Adults	TBA	Not clear what impact the proposal is to have on individuals or groups currently benefitting. If this is expected then likely to require limited consultation and focused EQIA. May also have supplier impact requiring focused engagement before implementation.
Review of the Quality, Practice and Development team	1,100	100		100	Efficiency	The Quality, Practice and Development Team functions are being reviewed. It is expected that this will identify some efficiency options that will enable a small reduction in posts to be made and allow the team to continue to deliver priority work areas.	Director of Adults and Health Service area: Adults	Staff consultation may be required.	Staff consultation may be needed, as identified.
Review of commissioning contracts	<i>subject to specific contracts</i>	3,288		3,288	Efficiency and Service reduction	Work has been undertaken over the past few months that has identified efficiency savings in a range of contracts that are managed by adults social care. This is expected to deliver just over £3.2m in efficiencies to the council.	Director of Adults and Health Service area: Adults	Consultation and EQIA required.	If proposal leads to reduction or loss of service currently received or that which definable groups could reasonably expect to continue to be available there should be focused customer group and stakeholder consultation supported by EQIA.
Commissioning	3,800		520	520	Efficiency	The new commissioning staffing structure that commenced earlier this year had an additional budget allocation to recognise the additional work that needs to be undertaken as part of the delivery of the adult social care improvement programme. As the programme delivers the agreed improvements and efficiencies the work of the team can be reduced and the additional budget allocation reduced. A re-alignment of the work and the functions of the team will be undertaken during the next year.	Director of Adults and Health Service area: Adults	Consultation and EQIA not required.	Internal arrangements only.
Total		3,880	520	4,400					