

## **Executive Summary**

Adult Social Care was required to deliver in-year reductions of £500k in 2015/16 and a minimum of £750k savings in 2016/17 as part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

A consultation exercise was undertaken between September and December last year on proposed service efficiencies to the following areas:

1. Day Care for older people including the service at the Carers' Centre;
2. Charges for Adult Social Care services;
3. Equipment and adaptations costing less than £50; and
4. The provision of Extra Care Housing.

The proposals received over 500 responses and a full Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken in consultation with Thurrock Healthwatch and Thurrock Coalition. The following recommendations were supported at the Health and Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

### **1. Day Care:**

- 1a To change the day care offer from provision on six sites to three sites (Bell House, South Ockendon; the Carers' Centre Cromwell Road Grays; and Kynoch Court, Corringham) saving an estimated £200,000 in 2016/17.**

### **2. Charging for Day-Care and Transport:**

- 2a To increase the charges for day care (except Short Breaks) over a period of three years until the charge (£30 per session) is half the full cost of the service, raising an estimated £56,696 in 2016/17.**
- 2b to increase the charge for transport, to cover the full cost of that service, raising an estimated £2,649.**

### **3. Careline:**

- 3a To undertake a full review of the community alarm service to establish how effective it is, to explore new models of working including linkages to the out of hours service, and to rationalise the different costing and charging arrangements. For this reason a recommendation on the way forward is deferred until the review is complete in Summer 2016.**

### **4. Items of Equipment and Adaptations costing less than £50:**

- 4a No longer providing items costing less than £50 free of charge, saving an estimated £60,000 per year, but establish an exceptional circumstances system that is currently in development.**

**5. Extra Care Housing:**

- 5a** No longer providing extra care housing at Kynoch Court would produce savings in 2016/17 estimated at £81,000; and
- 5b** increasing the number of units at Piggs Corner to 55 flats and also charging concierge costs to rent and service charges would produce savings in 2016/17 estimated at £143,000.

**6. Elizabeth Gardens:**

- 6a** From 1 April 2016 charging only new leaseholders at Elizabeth Gardens for the care and support service they receive. Due to the low level of sales annually, no income is budgeted from this area for 2016/17.