

## **Proposed Reduction in Funding for Voluntary Sector Services**

### **Your chance to have your say**

#### **Questionnaire**

We would like your views on our proposals to reduce funding for voluntary organisations commissioned by the council's Adult Social Services. There are two proposals:

- 1 To make a saving of £350,000 in 2011/2 by reducing the annual budget from £2.7M to 2.35M
- 2 To make this saving by reducing funding for 2011/2 for each organisation by 13%

You can help us by completing the following questionnaire and returning it in the pre-paid envelope provided. Before you complete this questionnaire, please ensure you have read the accompanying consultation document which explains the proposed changes.

Your views and opinions are important to us and will help us to make the right decisions.

If you would like to request this questionnaire in a different format or language, or would like someone to help you to complete the questionnaire, please contact Caroline Powls on 0208 359 4366.

The questionnaire should be returned to the council not later than **4pm on 27 January 2011.**

## About you

To help us understand the feedback you give us, please tick the most appropriate box below  
(Please tick one box only)

- a I represent a voluntary organisation affected by the proposed budget reduction
- b I am a Barnet resident who receives a service from a voluntary organisation affected by the proposed budget reduction
- c I am a relative, carer or friend of someone who receives a service from a voluntary organisation affected by the proposed budget reduction
- d My job involves work for a voluntary organisation affected by the proposed budget reduction
- e Any other interested party (please state below)

If you have ticked any of boxes a to d above, please would you name the voluntary organisation concerned

**Proposal 1 – To make a saving of £350,000 by reducing the budget for 2011/12 from £2.7M to 2.35M**

**1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?**

*Please tick (  ) one box only*

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Tend to agree</b>	<b>Neither agree or disagree</b>	<b>Tend to disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

**Proposal 2 – Achieve the saving of £350,000 by reducing funding for each voluntary organisation by 13% in 2011/12**

**2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this proposal?**

*Please tick (  ) one box only*

<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Tend to agree</b>	<b>Neither agree or disagree</b>	<b>Tend to disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please give reasons for your answer in the box below.

**3 If you disagree with the proposals, please indicate what you think would be the adverse effects of implementing the reduction. Please summarise your views in the box below**

- 4 If you wish to suggest or recommend a different way for the council to implement the reduction of £350,000, or you wish to make any other suggestions, please summarise them in the box below**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to write their suggestions or recommendations.

## Equalities Monitoring

Finally, Barnet Council aims to consult with its diverse communities to ensure all residents are represented. We monitor the delivery of our services to ensure that it is representative and that all our service users are treated fairly. The information you give on this questionnaire will remain strictly confidential, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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(Tick one box only)

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- 2 I am a Barnet resident who receives a service from a voluntary organisation affected by the proposed budget reduction
- 3 I am a relative, carer or friend of someone who receives a service from a voluntary organisation affected by the proposed budget reduction
- 4 My job involves work for a voluntary organisation affected by the proposed budget reduction
- 5 Any other interested party (please state below)

If you have ticked any of boxes 1-4 above, please would you name the voluntary organisation concerned

**In which age group do you fall? (Tick one box only)**

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|----------|--------------------------|---|-------|--------------------------|---|---------|--------------------------|---|
| Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 | 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 | 25-34   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 |
| 35-4     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 | 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 | 55-64   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 |
| 65-74    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 | 75-84 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 | Over 85 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 |

**Gender: (Tick one box only)**

Female

Male

**Ethnicity: (Tick one box only)**

<b>White</b>	<b>Mixed</b>	<b>Black or Black British</b>	<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	<b>Other</b>
British <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>	White & Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>6</sub>	Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>10</sub>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>13</sub>	Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>17</sub>
Irish <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	White & Black African <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>7</sub>	African <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>11</sub>	Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>14</sub>	
Turkish/ Turkish Cypriot <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>3</sub>	White & Asian <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>8</sub>		Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>15</sub>	
Greek/ Greek Cypriot <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>4</sub>				
Other <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>5</sub>	Other <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>9</sub>	Other <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>12</sub>	Other <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>16</sub>	Any other ethnic group <input type="checkbox"/> <sub>18</sub>

If you selected any of the 'other' categories, please tell us how you would further describe yourself

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**Disability**

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disability as, 'A physical or mental impairment [that] has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on [his or her] ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'. In this definition, long-term is taken to mean more than 12 months and would also cover long term illness such as cancer and HIV or mental health problems.

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?    yes \_1    no \_2

If you have answered 'yes', please select the definition/s from the list below that best describes your disability/disabilities

<input type="checkbox"/> _3 Hearing (such as: deaf, partially deaf or hard of hearing)	<input type="checkbox"/> _5 Reduced physical capacity (such as inability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, debilitating pain and lack of strength, breath, energy or stamina, asthma, angina or diabetes)
<input type="checkbox"/> _4 Vision (such as blind or fractional/partial sight. Does not include people whose visual problems can be corrected by glasses/contact lenses)	
<input type="checkbox"/> _6 Speech (such as impairments that can cause communication problems)	<input type="checkbox"/> _7 Severe Disfigurement
<input type="checkbox"/> _8 Mobility (such as wheelchair user, artificial lower limb(s), walking aids, rheumatism or arthritis)	<input type="checkbox"/> _9 Learning difficulties (such as dyslexia)
<input type="checkbox"/> _10 Physical co-ordination (such as manual dexterity, muscular control, cerebral palsy)	<input type="checkbox"/> _11 Mental illness (substantial and lasting more than a year, such as severe depression or psychoses)
<input type="checkbox"/> _12 Other disability (please specify)	

As part of the council's commitment to ensure that we are not inadvertently preventing people from accessing goods and services on the basis of their disability, faith/belief or sexual orientation, we would like you to share some personal information about yourself. The information will be confidential and cannot be traced back to you. The council believes it is important to understand the different types of communities who use our services and it is only by asking you these questions that we can be confident we are meeting your needs. Thank you for helping us to deliver better quality services to you.

**Faith / belief : (Optional)(Tick one box only)**

- Agnostic \_1    Atheist \_2    Baha'i \_3    Buddhist \_4  
 Christian \_5    Hindu \_6    Humanist \_7    Jain \_8  
 Jewish \_9    Muslim \_10    Sikh \_11    No Religion \_12  
 Other Faith (Please Specify) \_13.....

**Sexuality: (Optional) (Tick one box only)**

Bisexual <sub>1</sub>    Gay <sub>2</sub>    Heterosexual <sub>3</sub>    Lesbian <sub>4</sub>

In addition, if you prefer to define your sexuality in terms other than those used above, please let us know

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**Consultation Timescales**

Thank you for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire.

The questionnaire should be returned to the council not later than **4pm on 27 January 2011.**

Voluntary Organisations receiving funding from the Council's Adult Social Services should return their completed Questionnaires by e-mail to **amisha.sheth@barnet.gov.uk**

All other respondents should e-mail their completed Questionnaires to [\*\*Adults.ServicesConsultation@Barnet.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:Adults.ServicesConsultation@Barnet.gov.uk)

Respondents without access to e-mail should post completed Questionnaires to:

Amisha Sheth  
Strategic Commissioning Team  
Adult Social Services  
North London Business Park  
Oakleigh Road South  
London  
N11 1NP

Respondents who are unable to complete a Questionnaire may respond by sending their views and comments in an e-mail message to [\*\*Adults.ServicesConsultation@Barnet.gov.uk\*\*](mailto:Adults.ServicesConsultation@Barnet.gov.uk) or by writing to the council at the above address