

to the client via service provider/organisation

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Dear Consultee

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO STOP GRANT FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) PROVIDERS

In recent years Derbyshire County Council has provided financial support to a number of organisations that provide services in the community. Unfortunately, due to Government cuts to our funding, difficult decisions need to be made and Derbyshire County Council propose to cut funding currently provided to Voluntary and Community Sector providers.

On Wednesday 4 May 2016 Derbyshire County Council will begin the twelve weeks consultation on proposals to stop funding to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) providers and we would like your views on this. We acknowledge this is unwelcome news. We have tried to give providers as much notice as possible of our proposals to give them time to look at alternative sources of funding.

During these twelve weeks you will be able to give us your views in writing, and online. In addition organisations have each been offered the opportunity of two focus group meetings with the Council's Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation Team which they will arrange with the organisation/services that have taken up the offer. Because Derbyshire County Council may not be the only source of funding received by your service we are unable to tell you what the impact of the proposed funding cut will be in respect of the service you receive.

We have worked with your provider who will be able to explain to you how these proposals may affect you personally. Please contact the organisation that you receive your services from directly for information regarding dates, times and venues for the focus groups and how to book a place. They will also have a copy of the Cabinet paper which provides a full explanation of the rational for the proposals, should you wish to see this. The Cabinet paper can also be found on the Council's website www.derbyshire.gov.uk/vcs.

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Please find enclosed a questionnaire to assist you with providing us with feedback on the proposal to cut funding to your service. You can then use the enclosed pre-paid envelope to return the completed form to us.

No decisions will be made by the Council until all the responses have been received and considered. Reports, using the information we gather during the consultation, will be prepared to enable Derbyshire County Council Cabinet to make a decision on 20 September 2016.

Please make sure that you give us your views by the deadline of 24 July 2016.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosure :

- **Front sheet**
- **Questionnaire**
- **Pre-paid return envelope**
- **list of organisations/providers with contact details**