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Our ref: Mmc/DG  
Your ref:  
Date: 2014

Dear Client,

**Re: Proposed changes to the Derbyshire Older People's  
Housing Options Service**

You may already be aware that Derbyshire County Council is facing huge budget cuts and must find ways of saving £157 million by 2018.

We are looking at a number of ways of making these cuts across all our council services, including making changes to some of the housing-related support services we currently fund.

While some of our proposals would not affect the support people receive, other services would see funding reduced or stopped altogether.

We are writing to you because one of the changes we are proposing is to a service you receive or have received. We propose to:

**Stop funding for iDecide which provides information, advice, support and practical help for older people who are living in poor or unsuitable housing and / or are considering options for moving on or changing their home to a different type of accommodation. This change would come into effect from Spring 2015. This service can support up to 300 people each year.**

We are now running a 14-week consultation and would like to hear your views on this proposed change and how it may affect you.

No decisions will be made about this service until we have gathered in all the views and considered them.

The closing date of this consultation is 18 November 2014 and it is important that we receive your views by then.

During this time there will be no changes to the service you receive.

Please take the time to fill out the attached questionnaire and return it to us in the envelope provided.

We have also attached a factsheet which tells you more about the cuts facing the county council. You can also find out more by going to [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge)

If you need help in reading, understanding or responding to this questionnaire, call our helpline on 01629 533365

Yours sincerely,



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**Enclosures:**

**Questionnaire, fact sheet, and pre-paid envelope**

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