



Budget Amendment Form

Amendment Name:	In House Social Care Pilot	Amendment Number:	6
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Directorate:	Adult Social Care and Health		
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Proposer:	Cllr Bill Barrett	Seconder:	Cllr Robert Ford
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Proposed Purpose:

We propose establishing a small, in-house homecare pilot as an alternative strategy for managing the rising costs of Adult Social Care, particularly in areas such as Sevenoaks where the external contracted provision is difficult to secure. The pilot requires a one-off £500k investment in year one, funded from earmarked reserves. These reserves will be fully repaid through savings achieved by helping more people remain safely at home, particularly in areas where homecare has been hard or expensive to secure, thereby avoiding higher-cost residential placements.

Once set up, the ongoing service will operate within existing adult social care budgets on a cost neutral or surplus basis, because the hours delivered directly by the in-house team would be offset by reduced provision in other care settings including commissioned homecare and residential care. The creation of an in-house homecare team would not in itself create any additional demand for adult social care.

Proposed Amount	Proposed Funding Source:
£500k for start-up costs, cost neutral by end of year two, with reserve draw down fully re-paid via savings in reduced placements to residential care.	Ear marked reserves.