



Budget Amendment Form

Amendment Name:	Adult Social Care base budget	Amendment Number:	7
Directorate:	Adult Social Care & Health		
Proposer:	Mr Mike Sole	Seconded:	Mr Antony Hook
Proposed Purpose:			
<p>This budget acknowledges a significant imbalance between spending and funding in adult social service. Directorate spending in 2025-26 is planned to increase by £80.3m (13.7%). This spending increase includes an average 4% provision for care provider annual fee uplift, full year effect of current year overspend, increases in demand and additional costs for new client placements. As a result, the fiscal settlement for adult social care budget remains incredibly challenging for both care providers and the Council.</p> <p>Despite this challenge, this authority continues to issue the Turner Contemporary gallery with a £505k grant annually. Whilst the Turner Contemporary is a great asset for Kent, this authority cannot afford to continue to provide this grant, when significant challenges are faced within our adult social care service. This cannot be justified to Kent council taxpayers.</p> <p>This amendment seeks to halve the grant to the Turner Contemporary for 2025-26, to give time for the gallery to adjust and find alternative sources of funding, with the view to reduce the grant further in subsequent years</p>			
Proposed Amount		Proposed Funding Source:	
£250k to be added to the Adult Social Care & Health base budget		£250k reduction in grant issued to Turner Contemporary gallery.	