

| Summary of Consultation Responses - APPENDIX 4 | | | | | | | |
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| Organisation | Criteria applied fairly | If no, why? | Identify other opportunities | Additional Comments | Impact on Service Users | Effect on organisations, partners or service providers | Impact |
| | | | | 4.6% | | | |
| SQUIGGLES | | | Better value for money if contract was extended rather than reduced because LA purchases a service over & above the amount of hours commissioned through the SLA every year because of the high level of need. Likelihood is a reduction to this service will increase costs else where. Previously some of the service had been funded via Cymorth & you may want to revisit possibility of this as part of prevention strat. Continues to be an ongoing waiting list for service & for some LAC by the time they are seen they have already experienced placement disruption which would generally be associated with poor outcomes & increased | | Already a waiting list for service & to cut service would increase the risk of placement breakdown, therapy being provided in response to crises rather than on a planned basis consequently less effective & ends up addressing issues associated with the trauma of crisis rather than underlying needs of young people. | Social Services would still need to source the service but would be procured on an ad hoc basis which makes for more difficult care planning for social workers & service as a whole. Also provide free consultation to social workers & to AFC staff who work in same building. | Share building with AFC & provide free consultation to staff who work there thus this would also be impacted on should the service be reduced. |
| Tros Gynnal | No | No clear criteria identified within the report against which to answer this question. However, we do not consider that the decision to impose a 4.6% cut on the contract to deliver Council's STATUTORY advocacy service has been well thought out or informed. The contract services the LA statutory duty to commission & make available independent professional advocacy service for eligible groups of children & young people. NPTCBC discharges it's duties in this regard to Tros Gynnal Plant via a joint contract with Swansea. (which Swansea is lead commissioner). We question how many 3rd Sector organisations, upon whom NPTCBC are imposing this 4.6% cut are actually charged with discharging NPTCBC statutory duties. | There is no feasible way in which NPTCBC can reduce funding for their statutory independent advocacy service & still meet statutory duties. The current contract value is negligible & does not currently meet demand. The service is operating a waiting list & NPT commissioning officers have been advised that the service is at absolute capacity & this situation is entirely unsustainable. Any further reduction can only leave NPTCBC in dereliction of duty. Currently offer considerable value for money. | This announcement also comes at a time when NPTCBC has been in ongoing discussions with Tros Gynnal Plant to review the current evident (& evidenced) underfunding of NPTCBC statutory duties with regards to advocacy. The Regional Advocacy Commissioning Needs Assessment process to which NPTCBC was a signed & contributory member, highlighted that in the previous 3 years less than 3% of looked after children in NPT have received their statutory entitlement to advocacy. This was the lowest level of take up in the collaborative area. The needs assessment concluded that the service was seriously under funded & recommended a significant increase in the value of the contract. The current contract requests that only 19 hours per week of advocacy be delivered. Equates to a provision of just 0.01 hours per child. It is completely unreasonable for NPTCBC to consider making further savings by reducing the value of this contract. | NPT children & young people who are looked after, on the children protection register or in need will have even less opportunity to access their statutory entitlement to independent professional advocacy. Many will continue to be invisible, disempowered, at risk and unheard in decision making - leaving them socially excluded, vulnerable & marginalised. Hundreds of eligible children & young people will have to be refused access to their statutory entitlements which may give rise to complaints. | Critically NPTCBC would not be able to meet its statutory duties as corporate parent to these children. This decision would also have a significant impact upon Swansea Council. As this decision effectively reduces the value of Swansea Council's contract with Tros Gynnal Plant & we are not aware that those discussions have taken place. | Reducing the value of advocacy contract will have a significantly detrimental impact on NPTCBC ability to safeguard vulnerable children. It will also have significant adverse impact on the ability of vulnerable children to be heard when critical decisions are made in relation to their lives, thus increasing the risk of victimisation & discrimination. Put simply cutting advocacy services to vulnerable children & young people places them at risk - at best of being further marginalised & at worse serious abuse. Will have a significantly detrimental impact upon equality of opportunity. Outcomes for LAC & Children in Need are already poor. Further denying them their statutory right will marginalise them further. Reducing contract will lead to disempowerment & will perpetuate any disenchantment they already have with social services. |
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| Age Concern Neath Port Talbot | No | Age Concern NPT was subject to a 10% reduction in 2013, was not consulted on this review. Organisations already receiving cuts should have been exempt from further cuts. If cuts stand then Organisation will in fact be receiving a 30% cut and 14.6% cut in contracted services monies. Appears to be significant opportunities for more effective and efficient working arrangements. Discussions of merger with Age Cymru Afan Nedd. Committed to merger but has not come to fruition. Number of shortfalls including but not limited to Age Cymru Afan Nedd to provide us with full financial due diligence information & then ultimately them informing us that their preferred option would be a merger with Age Cymru Swansea. The organisation faced financial difficulty but is in a better financial situation now and have retained passion, commitment & professional skill necessary to take forward its work. However, remains vulnerable if cuts to core costs. As part of cost cutting have shared their premises with CAB & Shelter Cymru. Increases access to services to older people on a one stop shop basis. Drastic 30% reduction that has been proposed will result in a loss of post & severely impact on our ability to achieve outcomes. | Organisations that are providing in-kind support (such as office space) to other orgs that are being funded by the LA should be excluded from the proposed cuts or at least not be subject to such large reductions. We could offer back office support such as HR, payroll & finance for a small number of third sector orgs, helping reduce other organisations overhead costs. | | The proposed core funding cut will have a significant impact on the orgs ability to maintain & develop the vast array of services older people require. Will reduce capacity to continue to provide a voice for local older people and provide important services. efficiently & effectively. Number of older people living in NPT is on the increase, so it is imperative that Age Concern NPT is in a position to provide county wide services. | As the proposed cuts will mean a loss of a core post, this will have an immediate and negative impact on the organisations ability to develop new partnership working arrangements as a result the significant reduction in staff hours. In addition, we are currently providing office space free of charge to a number of third sector organisations & this would have to be reviewed. | The core funding enable us to help local older people, prevent problems, find and use services, take part in more social & leisure activities, be more independent & have a more active role in their community. Supports all of our corporate priorities, which are closely aligned with the above issues. The significant reduction in core funding will again reduce the organisations ability to address these issues as a direct result of the reduced core cost staff hours and loss of post. |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | No | Taken a number of steps to achieve efficiencies by combining 3 bureaux into 1. Concentrate funding on service rather than building maintenance. A systems thinking review has led to delivery of advice without triage proces freeing up resources. Work with other partners & being based in other people's buildings. Since submitting questionnaire have secured additional accommodation with age concern offices. Strategic level involved in facilitating task group of benefit advice. Our role has therefore been to continue to empower people to be able to claim benefits, maximise income & challenge decisions without the need for a representative. Not asked for information regarding other areas. Fundamentally important that service is free to clients, entirely dependent on Welsh Government & LAs, with limited fund raising. Suggest that the Council could work towards a position where it is able to house a number of similar orgs with a view to inkind provision. % not evidence based as 20% was what remained to be saved & no rationale. Accommodation costs were taken out of grant previously. CAB other areas assist clients out of area. | Number of bodies have a commercial arm to business. Funding has to be prioritised at those agencies delivering front line services on a charitable basis. Agree that a more co-ordinated approach to the delivery of benefit advice is required. Council looking at 3 prototypes to share expertise & resources, if successful these arrangements should provide some orgs with opportunity of co-locating with partners & sharing overheads. Other organisations could produce more savings by using systems thinking. | Following criteria taken into account when looking at what decisions should be made about specific orgs: (a) loss of funding already suffered in last 2 years. (b) decisions already made by organisations to reduce overhead costs. (c) What funding can be levered into the Borough from outside sources, because the Council provides funds to organisations. (d) The Equality Impact of cuts on more than one organisation assisting clients from particular groups. Strongly suggest that the Council collates the information provided by orgs into an analysis of the equality impact of third sector cuts specifically rather than absorbed into an overall EIA. (e) duplication of advice services. Generalist service can properly diagnose someone's issues from a holistic point of view. Only advice agency that caters across a range of legal areas that is available for all the population to access. Welcome greater clarity as to the expectations of the Council in respect to future funding commitments. | Due to capacity of service to meet demands more people are attending Swansea office to seek advice. Further cuts will mean those who are in desperate need of service making their way to Swansea. Already apparent that people reliant on benefits & facing debt problems are vulnerable to persuasive adverts of payday loans etc. With a reduction in advice availability & support we suspect there will be more people using these sorts of finance. | Currently hosted by 3 organisations who would no longer be able to provide us with free accommodation on a weekly basis. Other venues explore have entailed costs which we can currently ill afford. | A considerable gap exists locally in the form of free face to face advice in respect to people with employment problems. CAB had access to a wealth of legal information & expert assistance. Reduction in funding of service will impact on capacity to develop our expertise & services locally to meet the needs of people who need our assistance to challenge discrimination & take action in respect to harrassment & victimisation. Committed to challenge comments regarding protected characteristics and seek to influence good relations. Around 80% of workload is assisting people with welfare benefits & debt problems. |
| Glyncorrwg Ponds | No | Placed in wrong category i.e. "core funding" category & subjected to a 20% cut rather than a "contracts for services" category that has a 4.6% or 0% cut. Contract agreed between NPTCBC and Glyncorrwg Ponds for the year to 5th April 2014. Outputs to be monitored were agreed by both parties. | | The contract provides that monitoring forms & up to date management accounts are completed on a 6 monthly basis to monitor delivery of the service. In the event of Glyncorrwg Ponds failing to deliver the minimum level of target outputs specified without good reason, NPTCBC at their sole discretion may withhold further payments. We have submitted monitoring forms up to 30th Sept 2013 & second tranche of our grant has been released. | We will maintain the quality of our service delivery but it is likely tha the facilities available for service users will deteriorate. | Glyncorrwg Ponds will have difficulty meeting the quantity of the following outputs: 25 activities delivered, 5 additional services delivered which would not otherwise be available in the community, 10 projects delivered to aid local regeneration, 120 young people involved in the Youth Project, 15 jobs safeguarded indirectly. This will adversely effect our various partners | We will maintain the quality of our service so that there is little or no impact |

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| Ystalyfera Development Trust | No | Organisations delivering similar services as the Trust have only had a 4.6% proposed reduction in their funding compared to the proposed 20% reduction to the Trust. | The Trust negotiated with Family Housing to transfer 2 flats above our offices that we had a percentage of the rental for. From July 2013 we now receive the full rental income that generated £550 per month. | Q 12 of the Core Funding Questionnaire was misleading. We did not state the income generated by the Trust during the last 12 months. The following income was generated from rental & facilities hire in a 12 month period (Sept 12 - Aug 13). However, these figures are not guaranteed income for a year & varies year on year, e.g. Communities First will shortly be moving out of our offices and therefore not paying facilities hire. Rental £17,969, facilities hire £5,612 | They would not be able to access the services as often such as education, IT skills & preparation for returning to work. Essential services as delivered at present are desperately needed in deprived Communities First Areas. A decrease in services would lead to further social exclusion | If funding isn't sufficient other organisations, partners & service providers wouldn't be able to deliver their services on a regular basis as they can presently from the Trust. | Reduction in opening hours at the Trust for service users to access job search, funding & courses & also service users would not be able to gain advice on work schemes, placements & setting up own businesses. Clubs which meet here are important for social interaction & this would no longer exist. With closure of library the Trust is the only place in the locality for people to use pc's with internet access. At a time when when access to IT is even more important than ever & the introduction of the Universal Credit Scheme & access is online only. |
| 100% | | | | | | | |
| Interplay | No | Understand & accept that NPT has to make savings in this period of economic difficulty, however, the recommended cut of 100% makes no sense at all. It would lead to the loss of funding already secured that is dependent on us being a securely core funded project. Cost to the County would increase due to the need of alternative respite for families who would never cope during the long summer holidays. If cut by 100% this would remove a basic right from a group of vulnerable children already disadvantaged by disability. | | Core funding to secure additional funding to run activities, done successfully. Never failed to exceed SLA targets. Included in Wales Play Policy as the example of exemplar practice in inclusive play. | The children & young people we provide services for are prioritised by local disability teams. Without Interplay's services some of the most vulnerable families will require heavier & more costly interventions. Further major benefit is the respite it offers to carers. | Interplay works in partnership with over 10 partner services/organisations, who rely on Interplay's involvement in NPT. Interplay provides training to Play Workers, Youth Workers and Early Years Workers and to other organisations on Disability Awareness & Inclusion. Allows NPT to fulfil their responsibilities under legislation. | Will effect the next 3 years of funding they have secured from other sources. Funders will rarely provide core funding. |
| St Johns Ambulance | No | Expressed the view that St John was put in the wrong category by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and respectfully suggest that this decision be reviewed. Whilst I would like the full annual grant to be reinstated I do believe that the organisation should at least be included in the same category as the SBREC & CAB & believe that it could merit the same treatment as the majority of the contracted services. | | Annual grant has been used by Council to support training of cadets & to attend at National & Regional competitions. Training is provided by unpaid volunteers & includes some residential courses. | | | |
| South Wales Miners Museum | | 4.6% reduction would be manageable due to the current economic climate. | | Returned original funding questionnaire | | | |
| Tan Dance Community Arts | No | In the completed survey clearly linked our programmes with the priorities identified in your CIP and SIP. We told you of our work with children and young people, of the support we give to education in the county and to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable sectors of the community. At first glance TAN Dance would sound like a conventional dance school but our mission is to use dance as a tool for education, integration and social change bringing about personal, group & community development. This is surely delivering NPT CBC's priorities. We have worked hard to raise funds to provide meaningful and life changing programmes for the people of NPT. Despite 90% of our applications failing we managed to bring in during the last financial year 5 times the amount that we receive from the Council, however, we feel this has been misunderstood as a means of core support. All the money we have raised has been for projects with people from protected groups. Although much harder to get, there is still money out there to work with people experiencing disadvantage. Raising money for core funding is all but impossible. We believe you are keen to increase participation, particularly by young people and would remind you that we achieved 7,098 participations by children and young people in the past year. | We understand your position but would repeat our request that you consider an across the board percentage cut to all your third sector clients & also that you recognise that the reasons you gave us for cutting our support are not a fair appraisal of a quarter of a century of hard and valuable work that we have given in this county. We have always kept abreast of your priorities and tailored our programmes to be a delivering arm for the council. If our appeal fails we feel we, at least, deserve recognition and thanks. | Funding has allowed us to work extensively throughout the county making a significant difference to the quality of people's lives and health and wellbeing. In the past year we worked in 32 NPT wards with a very broad demographic of groups including wheelchair users, young carers, autistic teenagers, elderly people and young men and boys. | | | The day after we received the notice that you proposed to cut our support 100% we received notice that our office rent at Baglan Community Centre is increasing significantly over the next 3 years. This has led us to search for other premises. This would mean a loss to NPT of the rent that we pay. If you continued to support us, and with the rent increase, you would actually be making money from us and getting the benefit of our work and the funding we bring into the county into the bargain. |
| Theatre Na'n Nog - Community Arts | No | Evidence to support activity attached. Have reserves after prudent management of our public funding. Reserves enables to sustain year on year access for all children. Have not had an increase in grant since 1996. | Important to state that they draw down more money from the Arts Council for Wales, so feel in same position as WRU & FAW for match funding. | Several support letters | | | |
| New Sandfields Aberafan | No | The Steering Group has used rather a blunt instrument in reducing our funding by 100%. The 2 grants awarded for core costs in delivering Community Regeneration services in Sandfields, Aberavon & Upper Afan Valley. Other core costs to other organisations have only been reduced by 4.6% & 20%. It would have been fairer to have made an across the board reduction in funding to all in the region of 20% & that all would have been expected to seek "alternative sources of funding that should be explored". | The Council could have proactive scheme whereby officers could assist Community Orgs & 3rd sector to become sustainable over a 5 year period thereby reducing dependency, Umbrella orgs have much greater capacity to see funds than stand alone Development Trusts & other 3rd sector orgs. | We understand the difficult position that local authorities are currently facing and that economies have to be made. We would have preferred an across the board percentage cut to the third sector organisations that receive your support. Despite reduced resources, such a fair and equitable strategy would have enabled services to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable in the county to survive and also retained provision for young people to explore and develop their creativity. This development of creativity is not a luxury and a "pastime" but a way of unlocking potential and ways of thinking that cascade into all areas of life and employment. | Over 90% of NSA Afan's income is restricted. Most of it's income is directly linked with either programmes such as Communities First or with the WEFO Convergence P2T1 helping economically inactive people in the area. Our ability to manage the services we are committed to will be severely affected. | It would affect our ability to act strategically & in forming collaborations & alliances with other organisations. | Same |

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| West Glamorgan Youth Theatre | No | Few concerns about how the criteria has been applied to the company. Not aware we are a voluntary organisation receiving third sector funding. We believed & still do that should be classes as an arm of your educational activities. Many questions were irrelevant as not a business model, do not have employees, never had targets or a remit to fulfil strategic objectives. To be pitted against groups that volunteer with elderly & disabled has been difficult to see how same criteria can be applied. Led to conclusion that WGYT has not been looked after by the right people in the Council. Somehow drifted & advised to stay under radar. Council should be celebrating the successes of their young people. Should be a flagship of priorities, testament to ambition & rigid belief that all young people should aspire to excellence. With consultation & proper recognition could help achieve aims of Council through specially designed projects & high profile events. 40 years to build & may not withstand a 100% cut. Do think they meet Council's priorities - raising educational attainment etc. | Biggest cultural events in South Wales in last five years have only happened because the key personnel involved found WGYT as teenagers. Provide excellent value for money & have never asked for a funding increase. | Testments from WGYT members and ex members. | With no contribution from NPT to core funding of the Company, it would be unlikely that we would be able to carry out any activities in NPT areas. Void will not be filled by local stage schools & amateur companies because they do not follow an educational system of training. | Local theatres would lose revenue. Due to nature of work we produce performance during quiet times for theatres, leading to a fuller programme & building being used for non-traditional youth performances. To stop this would be detrimental to venue production planning & income. Margam Discovery Centre has been our home for the last 2 years, bringing in residential fees. 100% cut cuts a minimum of the same amount from their annual turnover. Schools used for rehearsal shall lose revenue. Deline in arts agenda & accolades for young people in being involved. | The arts & their impact cannot always be explained in figures or tangible time measured outcomes. However, do know the human story behind every statistic. The nature of courses from every walk of life. Fostering good relations are inherent in the activity. The equality and opportunity for every individual is equal and transcends social class, economics, race religion. Makes them more employable, versatile and transferrable skills of communication & discipline. The nature of our work often attracts young people who simply don't fit in, it is in this supportive environment that they discover who they are & the possibilities of what they can become. |
| Neath Antiquarian Society 1 | No | There has been insufficient consultation time. This organisation has served the town of Neath & surrounding districts for 125 years & is a great source of information. Apart from archiving so much of the areas past life, members are a constant help to many International & National visitors. There is no other facility, outside of Swansea, that is a focal point for the population. | | Several support letters | The door to research & further education for those in the community with limited finances would be gratefully reduced. The impact could be devastating. | | |
| Neath Antiquarian Society 2 | No | Organisation has been incorrectly included in this review. Society does not receive any core funding, but benefit in kind support by way of maintaining Mechanics Institute & insurance. Under a legally binding agreement until 2046 & which cannot be unilaterally altered. Receive no actual funds & entirely self supporting from subscriptions of membership. | Mechanics Institute incorrectly identified as being a museum, has not been since 1980s. Do not agree with figures quoted as being the true cost of maintaining the Institute. Few big ticket items recently but due to insufficient maintenance expenditure in previous years. Averaged out extremely economic. Being a Grade 2 listed building in a conservation area it will always need a certain level of on going maintenance regardless who owns or occupies it. Additionally members work alongside the staff of West Glam Archive Service assisting the public. | Mechanics Institute is visited daily by members of the public for family history research & occasionally as an educational resource. Assist in staging exhibitions of a local historical nature. With no museum in Neath, we are the custodians of the town's only historical archive. Mechanics Institute is synonymous with the great naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace. NPT have developed the Wallace Trail which feature the very building & will have a 'sound post' erected & a QR point installed. | Totally negative effect on all our service users. During the lunch hour when facility is closed service users visit other areas of town, this obvious income to traders would naturally cease. Nearest facility for family history research would then be Swansea. | The West Glamorgan Archive Service would no longer have such a comprehensive research facility. This is because our maps, documents & photographs would not be readily available. | Not applicable |
| Neath Antiquarian Society 3 | | | | How many Council members have set foot inside the Mechanics Institute; how many know the extent of archive material kept there; how many know that members have collected & donated this material over 90 years so it can be retained in Neath for Neath. No longer have a museum so the withdrawal of funding to maintain the archive in Neath would mean there is no historical centre in the town. | The dispersal/disposal of the archive would mean that it is no longer available for Neath people. The nearest archive is in Swansea which is not easy to reach for people who may be elderly or disabled. | The Society has been in existence for 90 years. It would inevitably continue but without the archive it would be no better than any other historical society & membership would be much reduced by dispersal amongst the various societies in the Neath area. | With an archive in Neath town everyone - elderly, young, disabled etc... has access. That would be lost if funding is withdrawn. The Society has a good relationship with many local organisations & that would inevitably be affected. |
| FFP | | | | | | | |
| GroundWork | | | | For the Trust to completely lose such a major source of income only four months from the beginning of the financial year, will have a huge adverse impact on its potential ability to continue. Hoped the reduction would be gradual over 2 or 3 years as has been done by Welsh Government & Bridgend Council & request Council reviews its decision along these lines. Believe Groundwork has been able to make a significant contribution to community cohesion & environment in many parts of NPT over last 10 years. If wish org to change the focus of its programme to say health & well-being this would be perfectly possible. Additional letter also received from Glynneath Tourism Group | | | |
| NPT Shop Mobility | | | | Amounts to a cut of 25% of core funding, which will put the Charity in a position of being unable to continue to operate & will eventually have to close down. Leave NPT without a valuable service to disabled people. Already absorbed a 0.8% cut for each of past 2 years, already great impact on finances, especially as have lost key donor Coastal Housing. Services always run on a shoestring. All surpluses have been ploughed back into services. Decided that group "community transport" should bear a FFP cut of £36k & proportioned equally across the 3 schemes receiving grants. Consider this to be an unequal way of splitting the cuts, as the impact for the 2 other schemes is much less as the organisations are a lot bigger & should be able to absorb their cuts a lot easier. Fairer way to apportion cuts would be to allocate an equal percentage of the turnover of each scheme. Costs of operation are about to increase. Charity currently operating on the minimum income/expenditure ratio & cash reserves almost at critical point. Under Equality Act 2010 LA has a legal duty to promote equality of opportunity & produce an EIA. Sure that an assessment would have an adverse impact on disabled users of our service. | | | |

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| National Trust - Tourist Information Centre | No | To consult on closures of Tourist Information Services through a survey does not give us the opportunity to talk through the impacts & work with NPTC to investigate ways of mitigating those impacts. Furthermore, the impacts of closure of the TIC work hand in hand with proposals to close the Tourism Department. Like to meet face to face to discuss. | Recognise pressure on Councils but does not allow any opportunity to mitigate impacts. Other potential solutions which we would like to consider with the Council which would mitigate the impacts to local businesses and Tourism Industry. | Being involved with members of the local tourism trade through our Tourist Information Centre operation, we are deeply concerned about the impacts of the proposed closures. To make cuts so deeply and so suddenly, we believe will have far reaching impacts on the Tourism Community & sector which is fastest growing industry in NPT. | The likely impact is that these groups (age & disability) in particular will be less likely to stay in NPT & when they arrive there will be limited places to stay & gain information. Detrimental to local trade. Could result of the Centre. | Most of our service users are of an older profile 58% of our users being over the age of 55 years old (source - Visit Wales). The closure of the Tourist Information Centre would be of particular detriment to this age group, who still tend to rely on the word of mouth of TICs in deciding on where to stay or visit, rather than social media or web based research. | |
| NPT Community Transport | | | | <p>From reading the initial report we were pleased to note a 0% proposed cut to our budget. However, your email brought to our attention the the £12,000 under FFP might be deducted if further savings need to be made. This has caused us great concern as to our knowledge we have already made all possible efficiencies to services and processes as a result of the loss of £72,500 of CTCFI funding in March 2013, & only saw a reduction of 14 hours per week in service delivery. Although SWWITCH were able to provide us with £20,000 for the current financial year to assist with the transfer of CTCFI services will not be available in next financial year. Recently been informed that there has been a proposal to reduce the concessionary fare rebate percentage, which will further impact. Also been reductions in commercial services after NPTCBC had to make savings from their transport budget. Did not directly effect us financially we have noted an increased demand for our services. Our group hire services rely on third sector organisations booking transport, a reduction in other third sector organisations budgets may mean that they are unable to hold as many meeting / social events will have an impact how many bookings we receive and therefore amount of income we are able to generate. Based on forecasts for 2014-15 it is clear that any reduction in funding will have an impact on service sustainability. As previously stated we have already made numerous efficiencies to processes and delivery of services to ensure that we are able to continue delivering our services to groups and individuals of NPT. Although we would not want to withdraw any services provided we will be unable to run a service at a loss and therefore, may have little choice. Should this be the case we may have to withdraw the community car scheme or possibly the dial a ride service, which in total carry out an average of 1250 passenger journeys each month</p> | | | |