

DRAFT - Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Service / Policy:	Social Fund
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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>This proposal is to reduce the 'Social Fund' budget provision to Nil. There is currently £600k in a reserve, if agreed this reserve could be used to fund this service meaning it could continue for a further 2+ years to allow alternative solutions to be considered.</p> <p>The Social Fund (Crisis Support Scheme) is a non-statutory scheme.</p> <p>The Social Fund currently consists of Crisis Loans and Community Care Grants. The Social Fund Scheme provides assistance to local people who need urgent assistance in a crisis type situation. The range of assistance covered includes daily living expenses, food and electricity, clothing, removal costs, storage and setting up home costs such as furniture, rent in advance and deposits.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>As outlined above the Crisis Support Scheme provides assistance to local people who need urgent assistance in a crisis type situation. The range of assistance covered includes daily living expenses, food and electricity, clothing, removal costs, storage and setting up home costs such as furniture, rent in advance and deposits.</p> <p>The Crisis Support Scheme is a non-statutory provision. In view of current financial pressures and with further spending cuts to come in future years the Crisis Support Scheme has been identified as an area to investigate alternative methods of provision.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>This proposal is to reduce the 'Social Fund' budget provision to Nil. There is currently £600k in a reserve, if agreed this reserve could</p>

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4.	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions and principles of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>To be updated once alternative options have been developed.</p>
5.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>External:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torbay Landlords • Residents of Torbay • Voluntary Sector as representatives of more vulnerable residents more likely to access the Crisis Support Scheme • Anode, Refurnish charitable organisations who provide services under the Crisis Support Scheme <p>Internal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenues and Benefits, Housing Options, Housing Standards, Children's Services
6.	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>Consultation on the proposal to reduce the 'Social Fund' budget provision to Nil and fund the service for 16/17 and 17/18 using the £600k, allowing alternative options to be considered will be undertaken as part of the general budget consultation.</p> <p>Consultation will be then be undertaken again once detailed proposals have been formed.</p>