

**Appendix 4 Summary of the 12 open responses and emails received**

<b>Responses about overall savings package</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>
ASC savings are risky and will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable people in Merton and should be reconsidered.				1		1				1	1	1	5
There is not enough detail about the impact of savings proposals on all disabled people and the evaluation of the impact is flawed.			1	1							1	1	4
The savings risk making Merton an unattractive area for talented people to move into.		1											1
First seek to raise new income before making further savings		1											1
The basis for the ASC targets as a proportion to spending levels is inappropriate and unfair.												1	1
Plans to reduce capacity to monitor services likely to be counter-productive.												1	1
<b>Total responses commenting</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>Responses about option 1 MAAT</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>
Closing MAAT is risky as voluntary provider organisations may lack the range of skills needed to advise all client groups.										1		1	2
It is unclear how safeguarding concerns will be appropriately raised/tracked..												1	1

The Voluntary Sector can only offer a fragmented alternative to MAAT.													1	1
Waiting lists for assessments and reviews, may increase adding to anxiety for people.													1	1
<b>Total responses commenting</b>										<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

<b>Responses about Option 2 Day Services</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>
As day services are already efficient and effective why take more savings from them?	1				1			1					3
It is not practical is it too expect volunteers to do what paid care workers currently do	1								1				2
There should be a recognition that life-long carers have different support needs to people who have caring responsibilities for shorter periods	1												1
The reduction in staff at day centres and their proposed replacement with volunteers will reduce the independence of disabled people												1	1
<b>Total responses commenting</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

<b>Responses about Option 3 Reviews</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>
Needs often increase. If reviews presume care/support will reduce risks the Council failing to meet its duty to meet eligible needs.					1		1					1	3

There should be a recognition that life-long carers have different support needs to people who have caring responsibilities for shorter periods	1												1
There is a risk that too much onus is put on carers whose own wellbeing may suffer.					1								1
Creating more independence may cost more in the short term i.e. it may not always save money in the short term.					1								1
It is unacceptable to target care packages for cuts, as these packages reflect people's assessed needs. Needs often increase.												1	1
<b>Total responses commenting</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>					<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

<b>Responses about the consultation</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>
The consultation could have been much more effective if had been made more accessible and had allowed more time so more people affected by the changes could give their views.									1	1	1	1	4
The consultation is of limited use as alternative proposals to make savings on things other than ASC were not presented.					1						1		2
<b>Total responses commenting</b>					<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>

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