

# A core offer for East Sussex

## As one council:

### We will:

- be driven by the needs of our residents, businesses and communities and focus on our four priority outcomes;
- be democratic, open and honest about our decision making;
- work with all our partners to make sure there is a shared view of priorities and that we make the most of opportunities and resources available in East Sussex;
- work effectively with the community and voluntary sector;
- work well as a single organisation;
- provide the best quality service we can within the resources we have available;
- compare our cost and performance against others to make sure we provide value for money;
- learn from others to improve outcomes for residents;
- ensure that as much money as possible is directed towards front line services;
- lobby hard to protect and promote the interests of East Sussex.



# Protecting and supporting vulnerable people

## How services would change

### Services in the core offer

**Statutory social care for at-risk children**  
including protection, fostering and adoption and support for young people leaving care.

**Early help for young people where it reduces future demand for high-cost services.**  
Includes integrated health visiting for 0-5 year olds.

**Partnership work to prevent and address youth offending**

**Statutory assessment of children with special educational need**  
and work to arrange the right provision for those at greatest need.

**Meet our legal duties to protect and promote the welfare of disabled children**

**Support vulnerable pupils to attend pre-school and mainstream schools where possible**

**Provide information and advice for all adults seeking care and support**

**Assess need and arrange help for individuals and their carers who are eligible for support from Adult Social Care**

**Provide support that reduces the need for social care in the longer term and / or prevents the need for a more expensive service**

**Safeguard vulnerable adults**  
who are at risk of harm or abuse

**Reduce preventative activity with schools supporting children with additional needs to succeed in mainstream education.**

**Remove subsidy for meals in the community**

**Reduce some non-statutory social work services for children and families**

**Reduce support for families at risk of social care intervention**

**Review levels and types of support for working age adults**

**Reduce early help for families**

**Slower assessment of special educational need**

**Fewer annual reviews of Education, Health and Care Plans**

# Schools

## How services would change

### Services in the core offer

**Light-touch performance monitoring**  
of maintained schools, intervening when a school is at high-risk of failing

**Encourage regional schools commissioner to intervene when academies are under-performing**

**Work to improve the results of pupils who risk under-achieving**

**Planning to ensure enough early years and school places where they are needed**

**Run the admissions process**

**Provide home to school transport where we have a legal duty**

**Promote post-16 education and training,**  
including supporting young people with disabilities or learning difficulties

**Current programme of support to improve schools will reduce**

**No school clerking service**

**Reduced support for schools developing partnerships, federations or moving to academy status**

# Services for everyone: Highways and transport

## How services would change

### Services in the core offer

**Maintain roads, footpaths and verges.**  
Carry out emergency repairs to existing standards

**Investigate road accident sites**  
and act to prevent repeats where possible

**Carry out safety audits of proposed road  
improvement schemes**

**Manage the national concessionary fares scheme**  
and provide limited subsidy for bus routes which connect  
vital services, education and employment to communities  
otherwise cut off

**Enforce civil parking restrictions**  
where they are in place

**Strategic planning of the  
highways network**

**Clear footpaths**  
on priority and popular rights of way

**Reduced  
road safety  
education**

**Reduced maintenance  
of rights of way  
with landowners expected to  
maintain footpaths on their land**

# Services for everyone: Communities, environment and economy

## How services would change

### Services in the core offer

**Intervene in the economy**  
where it will make a strategic difference

**Sample and inspect food**  
where there is a high risk

**Reactive animal disease control and enforcement action**

**Dispose of waste collected by district and borough councils**  
and provide sufficient waste sites to meet national guidance

**Legal duties on planning and environmental management**

**Emergency planning service**

**A library service**  
which meets our assessment of evolving need

**Legal duties for management and deposit of records.**  
Basic level of public access to records

**Manage our current sites for gypsies and travellers**

**Fulfil our duties to register births, deaths and marriages**

**Possible reduction in the number of waste sites**

**Possibility of a reduced library service**

**Reduced prevention and support in trading standards, including anti-scams work**

**Reduced level of support for public to access archives.  
No educational outreach by The Keep record centre.**

# Services for everyone: Public health and community safety

## How services would change

### Services in the core offer

Support service to local health  
commissioning groups (CCGs)

Sexual health services, drug and alcohol  
treatment, NHS health checks and national  
child weight programme

Health protection

Work to improve health and well-being

Deliver local community safety priorities

Work to prevent anti-terrorism, modern slavery,  
crime and disorder, domestic abuse  
and substance misuse

# Services for everyone: Customer and support service

## How services would change

### Services in the core offer

Respond to statutory information  
requests and formal complaints

Seek to provide information and services  
online wherever possible

Work in partnership to provide best value  
for money support services and to focus  
maximum resources on front-line services

Manage all assets and  
finances prudently

We would expect people to use online resources  
wherever possible and accept automated  
rather than personalised responses  
to general enquiries