

**Item 5 – Provision of In-House Community Life Choices Services (Day Services)**  
**Comments from Mr Barry Champion CC**

In response to item 5, I would like the following comments passed on to cabinet.

In response to the public consultation on this matter, I visited the Roman Way centre back in October with Staff and LCC officer present to get an understanding of the centres facilities, care provided and level of demand.

It is obvious from the responses in the public consultation and a tour of the facilities that over the years these facilities have catered well for the needs of the centre's users, that the staff are very experienced and devoted to the care of the centre's users and are an exemplary flag bearer for LCC's care provision.

I have asked that my contact details be made available to anyone from my division using the centre, in case they need any representation from their County Councillor. I have not received any requests.

I appreciate that in these difficult times and with extreme pressures on budgets, that Cabinet have to look at the how we go forward with our care provision in an affordable manner and with the low levels of use at these facilities, it is inevitable that alternatives will be sought.

The public consultation makes it quite clear that the overall response is to maintain the current facility, as does the petition, with I believe over 800 signatures. I was not able from the information provided to be able to break this down into users and non-users, for all we know, the positive responses could be from users, perhaps this is something to get clarification on as it is the users views that are most important to me.

I ask the cabinet to consider that if closure of this and other facilities were to go ahead, that they take into account the following:

- That you are completely satisfied that the alternatives will provide an equal or better service.
- That any transition of users from one facility to another will be carried out carefully, sensitively and with the users circumstances fully considered.
- Ensure that any travel issues are accommodated for if services are relocated.
- That we look to retain as many of the highly trained and devoted staff as we can in different roles if available.
- That the inevitable reallocation of the sites by Strategic Property Services, looks to options that put something back into the community, through affordable housing, community centres etc.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the above

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