

**CABINET - 10 FEBRUARY 2023****AGENDA ITEM 7 - OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR CARE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES****COMMENTS FROM MR. M. H. CHARLESWORTH CC**

I have been contacted by several residents regarding the proposed changes to the Care Technology Services. They are concerned that the preferred option regarding eligibility will affect their ability to lead safe and independent lives. Some have used this service for many years and feel that if they are not eligible they will feel isolated. The report says that if someone is not eligible they will be signposted to other services, but there is no guarantee they will receive or be able to afford the technology they need. Paragraph 73 of the report states that smoke alarms are £55 and other devices are £40, this fails to take into account many of these users (most are elderly) are on fixed incomes and that budgets are already stretched to breaking point. Whilst the report states that the proposal is to ensure fairness across the service, is the real reason about saving money?

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