

Annex 6j: Groundwork Response

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Subject: Re: Proposed cuts to third sector - Groundwork

Dear Colleagues

I am writing with the attached papers to alert you to the impact that the proposed 40% cut to our funding would make on our ability to serve our communities and deliver outcomes and outputs for some of the most vulnerable people of all ages within Caerphilly County Borough.

As a voluntary sector charity, we and our clients rely on this funding - supporting people to improve their mental health, well-being, preventing social isolation, working in partnership with a number of other support organisations so that clients do not reach crisis point. We make a real and lasting impact on people's life chances.

I urge you to oppose these cuts on our behalf which would place us in a very difficult position, **forcing us to close projects which support mental health, well-being and skills development** for people who would otherwise not engage with mainstream services.

Caerphilly Council has supported us as a charity for many years, and we have delivered high quality services on the ground in partnership, supporting the Public Service Board, the Local Authority and range of other partners, and providing work to support the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

We leverage in a minimum of a further £8 to work in the County Borough for every £1 invested by Caerphilly Council. I'm sure you will agree that this is excellent value for money. With the proposed cuts, we will be unable to bring this further investment in.

A number of short films are available to view via this link, and these demonstrate the impact of the work we do (use ctrl and right click on the link to access):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQuzW8d5r77TY5dfJCuM2Bg>

I also attach some case studies which demonstrate the impact we make.

If you need any further information I am in the office this week and next week and available to speak by phone or in person.

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