

## **Annex 5e: Response from Cllr K Etheridge**

**From:** Cllr. Etheridge, Kevin

**Sent:** 09 January 2019 15:03

**To:** Hartshorn, Robert

**Cc:** Cllr. Farina-Childs, Andrew; Cllr. Simmonds, Graham; Cllr. Owen, Bob

**Subject:** Rationalisation

Robert

We spoke briefly this morning and I appreciate your support by considering no reduction in the meal on wheels service when it comes to Full Council in February.

1 I believe the average cost of a stay in hospital is £400 non operational, and any reduction in regard the meal on wheels service may lead to delays and bed blocking with impact on social providers.

2 There would be problems with Social Services and assessments which could be delayed if the person was discharged and unable to access the meals on wheels services.

3 I have concerns about stress, anxiety of our residents with any cuts to the meals on wheel services which is a vital service

I assume we have lobbied the assembly on specific social services funding please.

Cllr Farina Childs and I have already made our concerns known on the Community Safety Wardens situation also

I am sure you will agree and recommend to CMT and Cabinet that these two services not be cut.

Thank You Robert

**Cllr Kevin Etheridge**

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