# CARERS ISSUES

# Continuing existence of the Carers Sub-group

We have planned the dates of our sub-group meetings for the whole of 2020 and the beginning of 2021….. but have no budget to pay for the venue. We come cheap, and are staggeringly good value for money. Can we have a budget, please ?

Draft new Person-led Assessment form and process

* Ensuring that the process is carer-blind
* Real issues about the language used (‘Outcomes’ ‘Aspirations’ ‘Next of kin’)
* Major need for accompanying guidance
* Need for prompts (eg thought shower in Carers Assessment form)

# Draft new Person-led Assessment form and process (continued)

* Clear guidance about levels of support required etc
* Space to record the evidence on which assessment is based
* Link to personal budget calculation

# Financial Assessments

* Annual (?)update of people’s finances which determines what contribution they make to their support package What events trigger an update?
* What can count as disability-related expenditure ?
* The Personal Living Allowance that you are guaranteed to keep – who determines this ? (not updated for several years, we think )

# Direct payments issues

* How can you get an enhanced DBS check on somebody you want to employ when the Council won’t act as the sponsor for the check ?
* We still haven’t had a satisfactory answer as to why annual increases agreed by Council are not communicated to people using Direct Payments
* Yet another reminder of how useful it would be to have a Direct Payments team