



# ADULT SOCIAL CARE

## **THE ISSUES:**

- The Adult Social Services budget at Wokingham is under severe financial pressure with an overspend predicted.
- With an ageing community pressure in this area will steadily increase.
- Too many temporary and agency staff are employed working with older people which has led to a lack of leadership and direction in this area.

## **LIBERAL DEMOCRAT PROPOSALS:**

- Encourage and initiate better preventative community services
- Through Public Health education endeavour to remove the stigmatisation of disability and other personal conditions
- Develop Public Health initiatives, so improving people's mental resilience and well-being.
- Ensure that mental health services are readily available without prejudice.
- Increase rapid access to talking therapies.
- Provide a range of end-of-life choices, considering issues such as loneliness and the need for hospice care.
- Provide all frontline public professionals, especially those working in schools and social services, with good, appropriate, targeted training in mental health and disability issues

## **BENEFITS:**

- Better, targeted preventative services benefit individuals and can ease budget pressures
- Stigmatisation and prejudice are removed
- Encourage choice with end-of-life services
- Frontline professionals, with the right skills and training, are equipped to tackle the issues