



Cost of Care

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What is a cost of care exercise?

- Providers are asked to provide detailed actual costs of delivering their services e.g. staffing, building costs, utilities, office costs, food provision, staff travel (where relevant) etc.
- A template will be provided for this information.
- The information is triangulated against local and national information and analysed to identify financial pressures, risks and market fragility to support market sustainability and sufficiency planning.
- The Council have commissioned Grant Thornton to undertake the data collection and analysis.

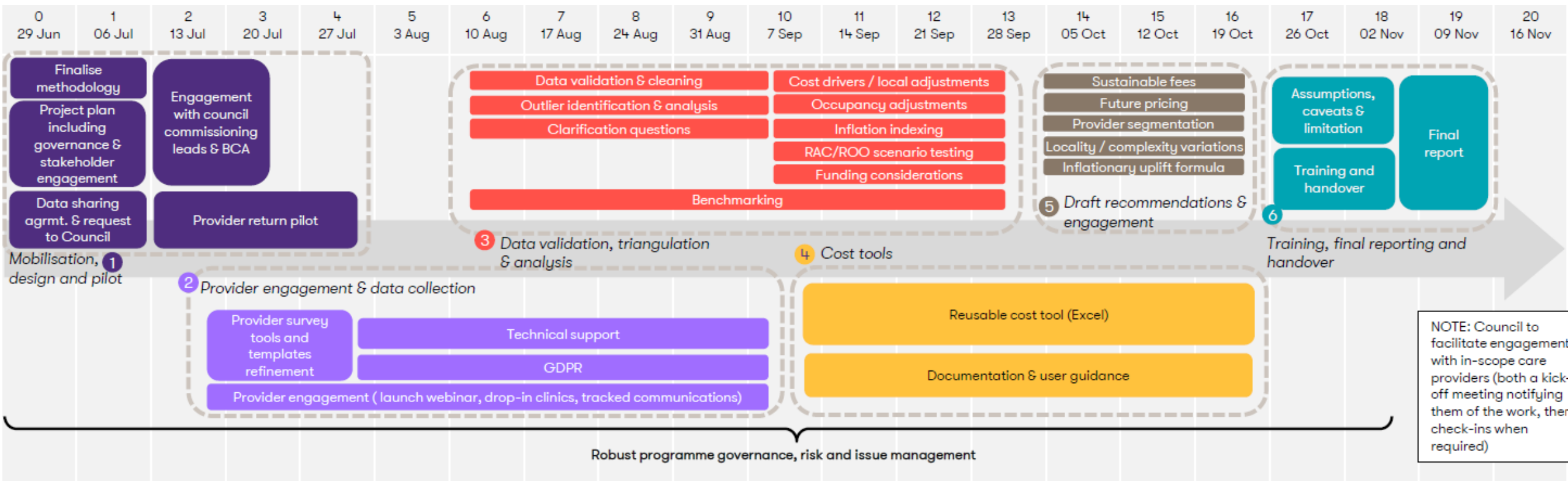
Why is Bradford doing a cost of care exercise now?

- Bradford is a low cost payer in most ASC markets. Only our homecare rates are above national averages. This reflects investment in that sector to stabilise provision post-covid.
- We have managed to maintain relatively stable and good quality provision – and we're grateful to our providers for this.
- However, we know there is fragility in our markets. Increasing costs are impacting providers, and changes in employment rules are likely to bring some financial pressures.
- We are carrying out a cost of care exercise now so we have a clear and detailed understanding of the baseline costs for our key adult social markets.
- This way we can target our resources effectively in 2027/28, adapt our cost models to respond to specific changes and start to put in place longer term plans.

Which services are included?

- The cost of care exercise will involve providers delivering:
 - Home Care
 - Residential Care Homes (over 65s only)
 - Nursing Care Homes (over 65s only)
 - Supported Living
 - Extra Care
 - Day services

What are the timescales?



NOTE: Council to facilitate engagement with in-scope care providers (both a kick-off meeting notifying them of the work, then check-ins when required)

What will be the outcome?

- We are expecting that the cost of care work will show that we need to pay more for at least some of our services.
- We also think we may not be able to fully meet the cost of care outcome within the budget available to us in 2027/28.
- However, understanding the market pressures will help us effectively target the funding that is available to us, with the express aim of closing any gap as much as possible over the next few years.
- The findings of the cost of care exercise will also feed into longer term planning and will be shared with senior decision-makers in the Council, including elected members.

What is required from you?



- If you haven't responded to the contract details form yet there is still the opportunity to fill this in – we will update our contact details.
- Please watch out for emails from the Council and Grant Thornton about the cost of care work.
- **Please complete the cost of care template by the deadline given.**
- Please join the workshops and 1:1 sessions where you have questions. You'll also be able to email Grant Thornton directly.

*** The more providers involved the more meaningful the outcome. This is your chance to influence decisions the Council takes about care fees***