

	<b><u>Agenda Item: 10</u></b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Birmingham Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2020/21 ASSURANCE</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Birmingham City Council</b>
<b>Presenting Officer</b>	<b>Michael Walsh – Head of Service, Commissioning</b>

<b>Report Type:</b>	<b>Information/Approval</b>
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<b>1. Purpose:</b>
1.1 To approve the Better Care Fund Plan for 2020/21 and provide assurance that the national conditions for the 2020/21 Better Care Fund have been met.

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Childhood Obesity	
	Health Inequalities	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Creating a Healthy Food City		
Creating a Mentally Healthy City		
Creating an Active City		
Creating a City without Inequality		
Health Protection		

<b>3. Recommendation</b>
3.1 The Health and Well-being Board is recommended to: 3.1.1 Approve the Better Care Fund Plan for 2020/21 3.1.2 Provide assurance that the national conditions for the Better Care Fund 2020/21 have been met.

#### **4. Background**

- 4.1 The Better Care Fund represents a unique collaboration between NHS England, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Local Government Association (LGA). The four partners work closely together to help local areas plan and implement integrated health and social care services across England.
- 4.2 During 2020 we were advised that the annual BCF policy and planning requirements would not be published during the initial response to the COVID-19 pandemic and that we should continue to prioritise continuity of provision, social care capacity and system resilience pending further guidance.
- 4.3 Given the ongoing national pressures, Government departments and NHS England/Improvement have agreed that formal BCF plans will not have to be submitted for approval in 2020/21. However, Health and Well-being Boards are required to provide assurance that a set of national conditions have been met (see Section 5. Compliance).
- 4.4 In Birmingham, delivery through the Better Care Fund has continued. The BCF Commissioning Executive and Programme Board have continued to function throughout the pandemic; developing our annual plan and working collaboratively to ensure compliance until further guidance was released.
- 4.5 In line with guidance issued in August 2020 and updated in September 2020 the Better Care Fund Plan for 2020/21 includes a variation to take account of the Hospital Discharge Service (Operating Model). This made provision for short-term, emergency changes to the funding arrangements for post-discharge care that were introduced to facilitate faster discharge processes as a COVID response. The guidance included provisions for managing the financial implications of these changes through the Better Care Fund. Additional health funding has been provided non-recurrently in 20/21 to support costs within local authorities in excess of baseline resources and drawn down through the CCG on a monthly basis to support care packages arising from hospital discharge/prevention:
- For people discharged 19 March to 31 August with a care package – funding until reassessment of ongoing care needs or to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 at the latest if reassessment has not been completed,
  - For people discharged in the period 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2020 to 31 March 2021 – funding for a maximum of 6 weeks.

#### **5. Compliance Issues**

##### **5.1 National Conditions and Role of the Health and Well-Being Board**

- 5.1.1 On 3 December 2020 the Government set out a requirement for Health and Well-being Boards to provide assurance that the national conditions relating to the Better Care Fund are being met in local systems.

5.1.2 The national conditions for the BCF in 2020-21 are that:

- Plans cover all mandatory funding contributions have been agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Board and minimum contributions are pooled in through a Section 75 agreement;
- The contribution to social care from the CCG via the BCF is agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Board and meets or exceeds the minimum expectations.
- Spend on CCG commissioned out of hospital services meets or exceeds the minimum requirement
- CCGs and local authorities confirm compliance with the above conditions to their Health and Wellbeing Board

5.1.3 Plans cover all mandatory funding contributions have been agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Board and minimum contributions are pooled in through a Section 75 agreement -

The BCF plan attached for approval as **Appendix A** details the contributions from the Local Authority and the 2 CCGs. These are in excess of the minimum contribution required:

Organisation	Minimum Contribution	Contribution for 2020/21
Birmingham City Council	£78,864,401	£86,969,480
Birmingham and Solihull CCG	£74,912,094	£96,399,770
Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG	£12,908,448	£13,162,180

5.1.4 The contribution to adult social care from the CCG via the BCF is agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Board and meets or exceeds the minimum expectations -

The minimum requirement for the CCG contribution for spend on adult social care services for 2020/21 is £34,831,687. The planned spend is £34,831,687.

5.1.5 Spend on CCG commissioned out of hospital services meets or exceeds the minimum requirement. The minimum requirement for spend on CCG commissioned out of hospital services from the BCF for 2020/21 is £24,976,581. The planned spend is £50,865,841.

5.1.6 Following the publication of the Hospital Discharge Service (Operating Model), which set out how the health and social care system should support the safe and timely discharge of citizens, the Birmingham health and social care system had to act rapidly to implement the new policy. Significant work had already been undertaken through integrating services and bringing together operational teams under the Early Intervention Programme. Through the rapid mobilisation and enhancement of the Early Intervention Teams, Birmingham was able to quickly adapt and meet the guidelines delivering more rapid

hospital discharges meeting the timescales set out by the Government. This will continue to shape the Better Care Fund for the future with a greater focus on integration, prevention, preventing long term packages of care and reducing the number of citizens who go into hospital.

5.1.7 The additional cost of Early Intervention services as a result of the Covid pandemic has been met through the respective partners' base budgets with additional health funding claimed for external packages where required. In line with guidance the Council is required to pool its base budget alongside additional health funding claimed and this is now reflected in the contributions for 2020/21.

5.1.8 CCGs and local authorities confirm compliance with the above conditions to their Health and Wellbeing Board, this report is the mechanism for the local BCF delivery partners to demonstrate compliance with the national conditions to the Health and Well-being Board.

## **5.2 Management Responsibility**

5.2.1 The BCF Commissioning Executive will provide regular reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the progress of the BCF plan.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

There are no identified risks with the plan as the funding and expenditure information has been developed and agreed between the Council and the two CCGs.

<b>Identified Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Actions to Manage Risk</b>

## **Appendices**

A. Better Care Fund Plan 2020/21

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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 Louise Collett – Assistant Director Commissioning (BCC)  
 Mark Astbury – Finance Business Partner (BCC)  
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 Heather Moorhouse – Director of Commissioning Finance (BSol CCG)  
 Debra Howls – Senior Operations Manager (SWBCCG)

		APPENDIX A			
BIRMINGHAM BCF FINANCIAL PLAN		2020-21			
		BSOL	SWB	BCC	TOTAL £
	Health/Social Care				
<b>Enhanced Assessment Beds</b>					
Bromford (32 beds)	Social Care	1,270,687	127,173	0	1,397,859
Perrywell (3 beds)	Social Care	15,236	130,008	0	145,244
<b>Total EAB</b>		<b>1,285,923</b>	<b>257,181</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,543,104</b>
<b>Social Care</b>					
Social Worker Capacity (Hospitals)	Social Care	719,123	8,714	0	727,836
7 Day Working-Original	Social Care	327,949	202	0	328,151
7 Day Working-New, City	Social Care	8,814	75,211	0	84,025
Home Care Capacity-enablement	Social Care	420,665	124,361	0	545,026
UHB Social Workers (4)	Social Care	296,270	184	0	296,454
<b>Total Social Care</b>		<b>1,772,821</b>	<b>208,671</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,981,492</b>
<b>Reablement and Carers</b>					
Reablement - Kenrick Centre	Social Care	1,356,501	297,287	0	1,653,788
Care Act	Social Care	2,760,776	611,570	0	3,372,346
Carers Strategy - Social Care	Social Care	1,102,571	51,398	0	1,153,968
Carers Strategy - Social Prescribing Commitment	Social Care	251,016	2,280	0	253,296
Eligibility Criteria (Former NHSE Allocation)	Social Care	20,351,779	2,407,582	0	22,759,362
Management of Programme	Health	89,598	13,535	0	103,134
<b>Total Reablement and Carers</b>		<b>25,912,242</b>	<b>3,383,652</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29,295,894</b>
<b>Other Areas of Spend</b>					
Community Services	Health	42,951,473	6,503,887	0	49,455,360
Reablement - RAID	Health	1,483,356	287,451	0	1,770,808
Sandwell & West Birmingham Community Schemes	Health	0	375,096	0	375,096
SWB EAB & Social Worker Support (BCC) & GP Support	Health	0	327,080	0	327,080
HEFT OPAT (Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy)	Health	61,647	159	0	61,806
SWB CCG Community Wheelchair Services	Health	0	780,740	0	780,740
Dementia - NHS Funded	Health	2,477,246	283,093	99,527	2,859,865
<b>Total Other</b>		<b>46,973,722</b>	<b>8,557,507</b>	<b>99,527</b>	<b>55,630,755</b>
Birmingham Community Equipment Loans Service (BCELS)	Health	3,668,972	502,618	1,325,720	5,497,310
Disabled Facilities Capital Grant (DFG)	Social Care	0	0	12,943,092	12,943,092
Early Intervention Programme - Health	Health	1,125,626	8,405	0	1,134,031
Early Intervention Programme - Social Care	Social Care	585,566	124,547	0	710,113
2020-21 Additional Social Care Allocation	Social Care	616,402	0	0	616,402
Improved Capacity Team	Social Care	541,178	58,822	0	600,000
Additional Enhanced Assessment Beds	Social Care	0	0	1,031,242	1,031,242
Early Intervention Teams (Social Care)	Social Care	0	0	5,608,590	5,608,590
Out of Hospital Care Model (Homelessness/Rough Sleepers)	Social Care	0	0	40,000	40,000
Hospital Discharge Service (Operating Model)	Health	13,585,000	0	0	13,585,000
Contingency Reserve (Unallocated)	Health	332,318	60,778	0	393,096
<b>TOTAL BCF</b>		<b>96,399,770</b>	<b>13,162,180</b>	<b>21,048,171</b>	<b>130,610,120</b>
iBCF				60,321,014	60,321,014
Winter Pressures				5,600,295	5,600,295
<b>Sub Total</b>				<b>65,921,309</b>	<b>65,921,309</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>96,399,770</b>	<b>13,162,180</b>	<b>86,969,480</b>	<b>196,531,429</b>