

	<u>Agenda Item: 8</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	19 February 2019
TITLE:	BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) GOVERNANCE AND APPROVAL FOR SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS
Organisation	Better Care Fund Commissioning Executive
Presenting Officer	Graeme Betts

Report Type:	Decision
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1. Purpose:
To seek Board approval for Better Care Fund governance arrangements and approval of the scheme of delegations

2. Implications:		
BHWP Strategy Priorities	Detect and Prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences	
	All children in permanent housing	
	Increase the control of individuals over their care through Integrated Personal Commissioning (Personal Health Budgets and Direct Payments)	Y
	Increasing employment/ meaningful activity and stable accommodation for those with mental health problems	
	Improving stable and independent accommodation for those learning disability	Y
	Improve the wellbeing of those	Y

	with multiple complex needs	
	Improve air quality	
	Increased mental wellbeing in the workplace	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Y
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		Y
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		
Financial		Y
Patient and Public Involvement		Y
Early Intervention		Y
Prevention		Y

3. Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to :

- Note the governance arrangements for the BCF programme
- Approve the HWB – Better Care Fund terms of reference
- Approve the scheme of delegations for the Birmingham Better Care Fund

4. Background

- 4.1 Integrated working promotes a system-wide approach to improving health and wellbeing which contributes to the Council's outcome framework and also contributes to the creation of a sustainable health and care service in Birmingham
- 4.2 The BCF provides a mechanism for joint health and social care planning and commissioning, bringing together ring-fenced budgets from Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) allocations, the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and funding paid directly to local government for adult social care services – the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)
- 4.3 The governance document attached deals exclusively with the governance arrangements for the Better Care Fund.

- 4.4 The governance framework demonstrates at which board level decisions and delegated decisions are made and describes the key responsibilities of all BCF partners.
- 4.5 A streamlined and coherent governance framework will speed up decision making and create a positive environment within which BCC and CCG commissioners collaborate.
- 4.6 The governance controls will provide assurance that:-
- Funding decisions / allocations made are aligned to the 2017-19 BCF plan and have been appropriately authorised;
 - Adequate financial monitoring processes are in place for the BCF programme;
 - Effective performance monitoring arrangements are in place to ensure the key objectives and outcomes detailed within the 2017-19 Birmingham BCF plan are achieved;
 - The requirements of any section 75 agreements entered into by the Council as part of the BCF programme are being fully complied with; and
 - Appropriate mechanisms are in place for reporting the ongoing delivery and performance of the overall BCF programme within the Council and to CCG's governing bodies.

5. Future development

The terms of reference and governance arrangements will be reviewed annually or as required.

6. Compliance Issues

6.1 Strategy Implications

Health and Wellbeing Boards have overall responsibility to ensuring the integration of health and care functions within their localities. It is a requirement of the BCF that local plans are agreed by HWB as the body who has overall accountability for the delivery of the BCF plan, and for the operation of the associated Section 75 agreement.

6.2 Governance & Delivery

Governance arrangements include the Better Care Fund Programme Board, the Commissioning Executive Board, and link firmly with the STP plans for

Birmingham – BSoL and the Black Country STP areas, Adult Social Care, and NHS Commissioning Reform. The recommended arrangements in this report were signed off by the Better Care Fund Commissioning Executive Board on 1st February 2019.

6.3 Management Responsibility

Louise Collett, Service Director – Commissioning, Adult Social Care & Health

6. Risk Analysis

The recommended governance arrangements are intended to mitigate the risks as detailed in the table below :

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
Failure to achieve the key objectives contained within the 2017-19 BCF plan	Medium	High	Ensure accountability as part of the revised Terms of Reference
Failure to effectively administer and monitor BCF related expenditure	Medium	High	Clear financial monitoring in place supported by a defined decision making process with appropriate schemes of delegation.
Failure to comply with BCF local and NHSE national conditions	Medium	High	Accountability as part of the revised Terms of Reference
Failure to provide the required monitoring information to all key stakeholders within required timescales	Medium	Medium	Accountability as part of the revised Terms of Reference

Appendices
1. Better Care Fund governance arrangements document

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