

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL****PUBLIC REPORT**

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Interim Corporate Director Adult Social Care &amp; Health</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>25 July 2017</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>IMPROVED BETTER CARE FUND (IBCF) – PROVISIONAL SPENDING PLANS FOR 2017/18</b>
<b>Key Decision: Yes</b>	<b>Relevant Forward Plan Ref: 003917/2017</b>
<b>If not in the Forward Plan: (please "X" box)</b>	<b>Chief Executive approved</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>O&amp;S Chairman approved</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Cllr Paulette Hamilton - Health and Social Care</b>
<b>Relevant O&amp;S Chairman:</b>	<b>Cllr John Cotton - Health, Wellbeing and the Environment</b>
<b>Wards affected:</b>	<b>All</b>

<b>1. Purpose of report:</b>
<p>1.1 To inform Cabinet of the spending proposals for the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) for 2017/18 to meet national conditions associated with the Section 31 Grant. This additional funding is to be used by Adult Social Care for the purposes of meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS, including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready, and stabilising the social care provider market.</p>

<b>2. Decision(s) recommended:</b>
<p>That Cabinet:-</p>
<p>2.1 Authorise the Interim Corporate Director Adult Social Care &amp; Health to incur spend up to £27.06m of iBCF resources in line with approvals from the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board and as detailed in Appendix 1.</p>
<p>2.2 Notes that spend will be incurred through either existing approved contracts or under new contractual arrangements that will be procured in accordance with Procurement Governance Arrangements.</p>
<p>2.3 Authorises the City Solicitor to negotiate, execute and complete all necessary agreements and documentation to give effect to the above recommendations.</p>

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<b>3. Consultation</b>
<p>3.1 <u>Internal</u></p> <p>Legal &amp; Governance Department, City Finance and the Senior Management Team for the Adult Social Care &amp; Health Directorate have been involved in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>3.2 <u>External</u></p> <p>The spending plans have been discussed with Health partners including the BCF Commissioning Board, The Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) Board and the Urgent Care Board. The spending proposals have been agreed by the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.</p>
<b>4. Compliance Issues:</b>
<p>4.1 <u>Are the recommended decisions consistent with the Council's policies, plans and strategies?</u></p> <p>The proposed spend supports the Vision and Forward Plan priority of 'Health – A great place to grow old in' by helping people to become healthier and more independent with measurable improvement in physical activity and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Financial Implications</u></p> <p>The Council's Adult Social Care &amp; Health Directorate has been awarded additional Improved Better Care Fund Grant (iBCF2) of £27.06m for the financial year 2017/18. Proposals agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board for expending these resources are contained in Appendix 1 and will be monitored by the CQC. Future years spending proposals will be the subject of further reports.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Legal Implications</u></p> <p>The relevant legal powers are contained in the Care Act 2014 together with associated legislation and guidance relating to section 31 grants awarded to the Local Authority.</p> <p>4.4 <u>Public Sector Equality Duty</u></p> <p>An initial Equality Analysis has been undertaken to support this decision (Appendix 2), which does not identify any significant adverse impacts.</p>
<b>5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:</b>
<p>5.1 In the Spring budget of the financial year 2016/17 the Government announced additional funding for Adult Social Care of £2.0bn nationally. This tapering fund is payable over three years commencing in 2017/18. Birmingham City Council received funding of £27.064m in 2017/18, £16.059m in 2018/19, and £7.932m in 2019/20. The funding is payable to the authority as a Section 31 Grant under the Local Government Act of 2003. These resources are over and above those funds generated by the 3% Adult Social Care precept collected as part of Council Tax.</p>

5.2	Conditions were issued with the announcement of the Section 31 grant, which includes a requirement that it is paid into the BCF pooled fund which Birmingham City Council host on behalf of the Better Care Fund integrated partnership working between ourselves and our NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) partners. The additional funding is to be used by Adult Social Care for the purposes of meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS - including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready - and stabilising the social care provider market. The spending of this grant has to have the expected impact at the care front line, and this will be monitored by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
5.3	The Governance arrangements pertaining to the BCF require that each contribution into the pool is defined as being in sole control of either the NHS or the Local Authority or joint control. As this funding is received as a Section 31 Grant, control over spend resides with the City Council.
5.4	The spend plans for the iBCF have been discussed with NHS partners, the decisions on spend have been approved and ratified at the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2017.
5.5	A briefing paper on the proposed spend (please see attached Appendix 1) has also been discussed with the BCF Commissioning Executive Board, The STP Board and the Urgent Care Board.
5.6	The briefing paper includes proposals to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stabilise the current Adult Social Care position</li> <li>• Accelerate current proposals</li> <li>• Transform the ways partners undertake their roles in the Care &amp; Health system specifically around the reduction in Delayed transfers of Care</li> </ul>
5.7	These resources will be spent through either existing approved contracts or under new contractual arrangements that will be procured in accordance with Procurement Governance Arrangements.

<b>6.</b>	<b>Evaluation of alternative option(s):</b>
6.1	The guidance requires Birmingham City Council (Adult Social Care & Health) to use the funding for the purposes of meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS, including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready, and stabilising the social care provider market. The proposals put forward meet these spending requirements. It is a requirement that this funding is part of the Better Care Fund pooled arrangements.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Reasons for Decision(s):</b>
7.1	To inform Cabinet of the spending proposals for the iBCF funding for 2017/18 to meet national conditions associated with the Section 31 Grant.

<b>Signatures</b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Councillor Paulette Hamilton Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care .....	
Graeme Betts Interim Corporate Director Adult Social Care & Health .....	

<b>List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:</b>
Section 31 Grant notification from Government

<b>List of Appendices accompanying this Report (if any):</b>
1. Briefing Note re iBCF2 spending plans for 2017/18
2. Initial Equality Assessment

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