Agenda Item:12
Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
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BETTER CARE FUND END OF YEAR PLAN FOR 2021/22
Birmingham City Council
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- Report Type: Approval
- 1. Purpose:
- 1.1 To approve the Birmingham Better Care Fund End of Year Plan for 2021/22

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				

3. Recommendation

3.1 To approve the Birmingham Better Care Fund End of Year Plan for 2021/22

4. Report Body

Background

4.1 Each year the health and social care system is required to submit a Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan to outline the areas of income and expenditure, highlight areas of priority and set performance measures against the BCF metrics.

- 4.2 During Covid there was no requirement for a BCF Plan, so this financial year (2020/21) was the first time for a number of years that there was a requirement to develop and more comprehensive narrative plan. The Health and Wellbeing Board signed off the final submission of the Better Care Fund Plan
- 4.3 The focus for the BCF Plan for 2020/21 was about aligning and bringing together funding for the delivery of the Early Intervention Programme, and also starting to think about the other areas that are to be aligned under the Birmingham Integrated Care Programme.
- 4.4 The End of Year report highlights that there was a significant impact of Covid-19 and also the additional winter pressures seen by the health and social care system, which meant that:
 - Length of stay metric this was not achieved but the system was able to bring in local monitoring and the length of stay was on a downward trajectory
 - Residential admissions previously this metric was under reported which was affecting our performance but is now a better reflection of the work being completed including self-funders which was previously not reported
 - Avoidable admissions impact of covid had driven down admissions at this point, local monitoring in place to continue to work on this metric
- 4.5 The combined financial value of the BCF Plan is £199,403,618 this includes the required minimum Clinical Commissioning Group contribution of £92,657,315. The Plan also confirms that the minimum contribution of £36,750,065 towards Adult Social Care provision has also been achieved.
- 4.6 In 2020/21 through the approval of the Plan, it was agreed that a Transformation Fund would be created through the Better Care Fund in order to focus on clear priorities over the next 3 financial years, this meant that the BCF reported a underspend of £10,566,559. The areas the Transformation Fund will be utilised are:
 - Further development of the Early Intervention
 - Further development of the Neighbourhood Integration model
 - Further development of the Care Homes model
 - Technology enabled care
 - Falls prevention
- 4.7 Overall, 2020/21 has seen great strides being made in the continual development of the Birmingham Better Care Fund and has laid the foundations for future delivery and development of a better improved health and social care system.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

5.1.1 The Better Care Fund Plan has been monitored through the Better Care Fund Commissioning Executive. A key focus of the Commissioning Executive is to take a whole system approach to maximise investment of any schemes funded under the BCF.

5.2 Management Responsibility

5.2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are ultimately responsible for the Better Care Fund providing strategic direction and decision making as required utilising the Better Care Fund Commissioning Executive.

6. Risk Analysis					
Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk		

Appendices

1. Birmingham Better Care Fund End of Year Report 2021/22

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

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