

	<u>Agenda Item: 14</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	30th November 2021
TITLE:	BETTER CARE FUND
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Michael Walsh and Helen Kelly

Report Type:	Information / Approval
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1. Purpose:
1.1 To approve the Birmingham Better Care Fund Plan for 2021/22

2. Implications:		
BHWP 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 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 will be the first full complete BCF Plan with narrative, financials and metrics since 2019. The guidance on what was required for the BCF Plan was published on the 1st October 2021.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The Plan for this year sets out our progress as a health and social care system recognising the significant impact Covid-19 had on services but also the fantastic work of teams on the frontline as the mobilised to deliver during the pandemic.
- 4.5 There has been a focus in the development of this plan to better align the BCF programme with the Birmingham Integrated Care Partnership Programme. As we move towards ICS arrangements it is increasingly important that our integrated commissioning arrangements are fit for purpose. Clearly aligning expenditure through the BCF plan on shared priorities is an essential step.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

- 5.1.1 The Better Care Fund Plan will be 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 Better Care Fund Commissioning Executive will provide updates on the progress against the Plan to the Health and Wellbeing Board on regular intervals.
- 5.2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board are ultimately responsible for the Better Care Fund providing strategic direction and decision making as required (Further detail on the governance for the BCF can be found on page 4 of the Narrative Plan)

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
Reablement metric – ability to track	Medium	Medium	Working with the providers as part of the EI Programme to

citizens who have received enablement 91 days after discharge			embed this metric for reporting as part of the wider performance measures.
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Appendices

Exempt Appendix 1 - Birmingham Better Care Fund Narrative Plan 2021/22
Exempt Appendix 2 - Birmingham Better Care Fund Planning Document 2021/22

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

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