

Report to:	Health, Wellbeing and the Environment
Date:	18th July 2017
TITLE:	PROPOSALS FOR THE USE OF THE IMPROVED BETTER CARE FUND (iBCF)
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
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1. Purpose:

- 1.1. To outline and seek approval for the proposed use of the iBCF allocation 2017/18 (Appendix 1).

2. Implications:

BHWB Strategy Priorities	Child Health	
	Vulnerable People	Y
	Systems Resilience	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. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board:

- 3.1 Supports and approves the proposals (outlined in Appendix 1, section 4.5)
 3.2 Receives the implementation plan at a future meeting

4. Background

- 4.1 Through the 2017 Spring budget a significant amount of additional non-recurrent funding was made available to Councils in order to support adult social care over three years. For Birmingham, this represents a £27m in 2017/18, £16m in 2018/19 and £8m in 2019/20.
- 4.2 This additional funding is the start of the national response to a widely acknowledged crisis in social care and is recognised as being only a partial and short term 'fix' for sustained funding cuts. The funds are to be combined with the existing BCF commitment which, taken together, now represents the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF).
- 4.3 Whilst the planning guidance is yet to be confirmed, the published policy framework outlines that the intended use of the iBCF across three priority areas;
- to meet adult social care need,
 - to provide support to the NHS (especially through application of the 8 High Impact Changes),
 - and to sustain the social care provider market.
- 4.4 Working with partners (through the BCF Executive) the attached report (Appendix 1) has been developed and provides outline proposals against the three priority areas outlined above. Following approval, a detailed project plan will be completed.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1 Strategy Implications

Health and Wellbeing Board priorities

Vulnerable people:

- Improve the wellbeing of vulnerable people
- Older people to remain independent, reducing hospital admissions

System resilience

- Common NHS and Local Authority approaches: The iBCF still remains as one of the mandatory national policies for the integration of health and social care
- Greater focus on prevention and early intervention
- Greater focus on asset based approach
- Greater focus on the contribution of communities and the third sector

5.2 Governance & Delivery

- Delivery plan will be shared with the H&WBB and regularly reported on
- BCF Commissioning Executive Board will oversee delivery with links to
- A&E delivery group and BSol STP Board

5.3 *Management Responsibility*

- Feedback to the H&WB Board through Greame Betts
- Delivery programme oversight through Louise Collett, Service Director, Commissioning through to the BCF Commissioning Executive

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
The wellbeing of vulnerable people decreasing	3	3	
Less older people remain independent, hospital admissions increase	3	4	
Decreased system Resilience and stability	3	4	

Appendices

Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF): Birmingham Proposals, May 2017

Signatures

**Chair of Health & Wellbeing Board
(Councillor Hamilton)**

Date:

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