

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	IMPLEMENTING PROPOSALS TO SPEND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 'COMMON ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK' GRANT FUNDING		
DATE OF DECISION:	18 JANUARY 2010		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
None

SUMMARY

On 17th December 2009 the Department of Health, (DoH) announced that Southampton City Council's bid for grant funding for the development of a joint health and social care assessment system had been successful. The objective of this grant, which is provided to Southampton representing a consortium of agencies, is to support greater independence for people needing health or social care. The DoH also announced that the value of funding awarded to Southampton was £3.062m which will be subject to detailed and robust spending plans.

The Cabinet is asked to accept this grant award from the DoH and to give approval to add a sum of £3.062m to the existing Adult Social Care & Health Capital Programme. In addition, the Cabinet is asked to agree the delegation of the spending plan for this work.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To accept, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules, the capital grant of £3.062m awarded by the Department of Health (DoH) for development of a joint health and social care assessment system.
- (ii) To add, in accordance with financial procedure rules, £3.062 to the Adult Social Care and Health Capital Programme to fund a new scheme, Common Assessment Framework to be entirely funded from the DoH grant award.
- (iii) To approve, in accordance with financial procedure rules and subject to recommendation (iv) of this report, capital expenditure of £3.062 for the completion of a Common Assessment Framework to be funded entirely from the DoH grant award.
- (iv) To delegate to the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care, after consultation with Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health and the Head of Financial Services and IT, any consequent decision regarding the development and implementation of a specific spending plan for this project.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. On the 17th December, the Council was informed of a successful bid for funds to develop a 'Common Assessment Framework' approach to undertaking health and social care assessments.
2. This involves the award of capital funding to purchase and develop IT systems that will enable sharing information between social care, health and other organisations in a joint approach, which will include project management and training, in partnership with Hampshire County Council and Portsmouth City Council.

CONSULTATION

3. The project has been the subject of extensive consultation with systems managers, Heads of Social Care services, senior NHS managers, performance managers and voluntary sector organisations from Southampton, Portsmouth and Hampshire.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

4. The development of a common assessment framework is a requirement of the Department of Health for implementation within Social Care services whether or not this bid had been successful.
5. Rejecting the funding allocation is therefore not considered a viable option.

DETAIL

6. During 2008 the DoH began consultation on the development of a Common Assessment Framework (CAF). The DoH is now providing £11 million capital funding to support a demonstrator programme with four or five sites to undertake work to support CAF development, each of these must be made up of at least one local authority and NHS Trust with other partners.
The main purpose of the programme is to:
 - test and develop assessment and care planning arrangements,
 - purchase and develop IT systems that will enable sharing information between social care, health and other organisations
 - evidence the outcomes for users and carers
7. Southampton has formed a consortium with Hampshire, Portsmouth, the voluntary sector and health partners to bid for this funding with Southampton as the lead agency. The consortium bid is for a two year project focussing on improving the flow and availability of information between health and social care systems to put the individual in control of their support and ensure that they receive a consistent response which reflects their wishes and preferences, regardless of which practitioners are involved, where they live and the situation they find themselves in.
8. The expected benefits of the project are:
 - People who use services and their carers will have improved quality of service and greater choice and control;
 - Improved efficiency and the ability to support better outcomes for people; and

- Improved performance against national indicators across the three authorities
9. At DoH request the Project Initiation Document reflects three potential development options detailed below.
 10. Option A is the core part of the bid and involves the development of a regional solution linking the range of health, social care and third sector systems to the Hampshire Health Repository (HHR) and drawing down national information from the Personal Demographics Service (PDS).
 11. It is proposed to devolve delivery of the project elements across the three authorities and within this option Southampton would have the lead in the following areas:
 - Extend scope of shared health and social care information available on HHR from Hampshire Phase 1 CAF work to include anticipatory care plans and other information required to support Phase 2 pilots;
 - Integrating Telecare/Telemedicine with HHR;
 - Service providers and 3rd sector groups accessing health and social care information;
 - Providing health and social care information to ambulance crews, out-of-hours GPs, local NHS Direct resources and other out-of-hours teams;
 - Extending citizen access to their health and social care information by giving citizens access to more data about themselves and by piloting innovative ways to give access to citizens to that information, e.g. via digital TV; and
 - Enable health and social care staff, citizens and voluntary sector/commercial providers gain secure and appropriate access to health and social care information.
 11. Option B additionally includes the development of CAF messaging with the NHS spine (a national database holding client records). This would mean that Southampton would be able to exchange information about individuals from anywhere in the country with any other system that is connected to the spine. Visitors to the city needing social care or health support would receive more efficient and responsive services.
 12. Option C would provide further functionality through the purchase of '4care', a web-based version of PARIS which would enable individuals and professionals from a whole range of organisations to exchange real-time information about a persons care and support.
 13. Southampton has been awarded the financial allocation on the basis that it implements all three options.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

14. Due to timings of the DoH announcement and the requirement to accept the funding a full spending plan is not complete for this project at this time. On that basis this report proposes that approval to spend the £3.062M is subject to the completion of a spending plan after consultation with the Head of Finance. Approval is being sought to add a new scheme for the sum of £3.062M to the current Adult Social Care & Health Capital Programme approved by Council in September 2009. The sum of £3.062m has been awarded as a grant from the DoH to fund this scheme. It is anticipated that this will be sufficient to complete the entire project, as it is the maximum funding available from the DoH. When the project is further scoped should additional resources be required another report will be forthcoming identifying the resources.

Revenue

15. There are no additional revenue implications anticipated. However, should any additional revenue funding be required to support this project, then this will be met from existing Adult Health & Social Care budgets.

Property

16. There are no property implications in relation to this grant.

Other

17. The Council is the lead agency and will have responsibility for the management of the whole of the financial allocation although Hampshire County and Portsmouth City Councils will be beneficiaries of the outcomes achieved as a result of the grant and will contribute equitably to the implementation plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

18. The Council has the power to undertake these proposals under Section 2 Local Government Act 2000.

Other Legal Implications:

19. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

20. The proposal is in accordance with the Medium Term Plan
21. It meets the Council's committed aims of promoting independence and supporting older people by reducing hospital and institutional care admission.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	CAF Bid submission	
2.	Project Initiation Document	

Background documents available for inspection at: Contact Rosey Wood, Marlands House.

KEY DECISION? YES

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	ALL
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