

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		
SUBJECT:	ADULT SOCIAL CARE GRANT		
DATE OF DECISION:	26 JULY 2017		
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR, ADULTS, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
NOT APPLICABLE	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
The Board is requested to ratify proposals for spending a one-off Government grant of £4.98M in 2017/18 for the purpose of meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS and stabilising the social care provider market.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
(i)	To ratify expenditure of £4,981,651 in 2017/18 on schemes (set out in Appendix 1) that will meet adult social care needs, reduce pressures on the NHS and stabilise the social care provider market, in accordance with the grant conditions, Financial Procedure Rules and the governance arrangements for Southampton's Better Care Fund.
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
1.	The Departments of Health and Department for Communities and Local Government have encouraged engagement with Health and Wellbeing Boards to agree spending plans.
2.	The grant will be pooled into the Better Care Fund, to support a continuing agreement with the local NHS.
3.	Subject to Cabinet approval, Full Council will consider a recommendation at its meeting on 19 July 2017 to accept a one-off Government grant of £9,710,902 over three years from 2017/18 to 2019/20 (including an allocation of £4,981,651 for 2017/18).
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
4.	No other options have been considered and rejected.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

5. Additional funding for adult social care was announced in the Spring Budget 2017 and the council's allocation is set out in figure 1 below.

Year	Amount £
2017/18	4,981,651
2018/19	3,161,704
2019/20	1,567,547
Total	9,710,902

Figure 1: Southampton City Council's grant allocation

6. Conditions are attached to the grant to ensure that the money is spent on adult social care services and supports improved performance at the health and social care interface.

7. Proposals for schemes to be funded from this grant during 2017/18 are set out in Appendix 1. These proposals have been agreed in principle at the Integration Board and the Commissioning Partnership Board. They are scheduled to be considered at a meeting of the council's Cabinet on 18 July 2017 and at Full Council on 19 July 2017.

8. These schemes will help the council to meet eligible adult social care needs; support the NHS and, in particular, the progress being made across the local health and social care system to reduce delayed transfers of care from acute and community hospitals; and to help maintain a diverse and sustainable social care provider market locally.

9. The Department of Health and Department for Communities and Local Government have announced the development of new performance measures to assess how effectively this grant is being used. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is scheduled to carry out 20 targeted inspections later this year with a focus on the interface between health and social care services.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**Capital/Revenue**

10. The new funding, totalling £9.71M, will be paid as a Department of Communities and Local Government grant.

11. Funding for the schemes proposed in Appendix 1 is additional to the budget for 2017/18 approved by Council on 15 February 2017.

12. Guidance has not been issued at this stage on whether any unspent funding can be carried forward to future years. Appendix 1 details how the first year's funding of £4.98M will be allocated, subject to ratification by the Health and Wellbeing Board, while the remaining grant will be incorporated into the General Fund budgets for 2018/19 (£3.16M) and 2019/20 (£1.57m) scheduled to come before the Health and Wellbeing Board in due course and to Full Council in February 2018 and 2019 respectively.

<u>Property/Other</u>	
13.	Any provision of nursing care at Holcroft House is likely to require building work, which will require scoping by the council's Capital Assets Team prior to approval by the Council Capital Board. The budget for this work may be transferred to the General Fund Capital Programme at this stage, funded by Direct Revenue Financing.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
14.	The Care Act 2014 amended the NHS Act 2006 to provide the legislative basis for the Better Care Fund.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
15.	There are no other legal implications arising from this report.
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
16.	Acceptance of the grant and implementing the proposals set out in Appendix 1 would reduce the risk of the council failing to ensure an effective and sustainable adult social care system, which is identified as a risk in the council's strategic risk register.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
17.	Accepting the grant would support delivery of the Southampton City Council Strategy 2016-2020 and, in particular, the key outcome of supporting people in Southampton to live safe, healthy and independent lives.
18.	Accepting the grant will also support delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2025 and the Southampton Better Care Plan.
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Proposals for spending the additional funding in 2017/18
Equality Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
Privacy Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	Yes/No
Other Background Documents	
Other Background documents available for inspection at: Civic Centre, Southampton, SO14 7LY	
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.	Letter from Department of Health and Department for Communities and Local Government to Chief Executive dated 22/3/17
	Not applicable

