DECISION-MAKER:		CABINET COUNCIL			
SUBJECT:		ACCEPTANCE OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE GRANT			
DATE OF DECISION:		18 JULY 2017 19 JULY 2017			
REPORT OF:		CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND ADULT CARE			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

NOT APPLICABLE

BRIEF SUMMARY

Approval is sought to accept a one-off Government grant of £9.71M for the purpose of meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressures on the NHS and stabilising the social care provider market over three years from 2017/18 to 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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	FOR CABINET:
(i)	To consider the report and agree that the recommendations set out below be made to Council on 19 July 2017.
	FOR COUNCIL:
(i)	To approve the acceptance of the one-off Government grant of £9,710,902 for adult social care over three years from 2017/18 to 2019/20;
(ii)	To approve the addition of £4.98M to the Housing & Adult Social Care Portfolio's revenue budget for 2017/18 and to note that the remaining £4.73M of the Government grant award will need to be added to the revenue budgets for 2018/19 and 2019/20; and
(iii)	To approve revenue expenditure of £4.98M 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.
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REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Under the Financial Procedure Rules, Council is required to approve the acceptance of external funding exceeding £2M.
- 2. The Department of Health and Department for Communities and Local Government have stated that the grant will be pooled into the Better Care Fund, to support a continuing agreement with the local NHS.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

No other options have been considered and rejected.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

4. 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

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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 and are scheduled to be ratified by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 26 July 2017.
- 7. 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.
- 8. 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

- 9. The new funding, totalling £9.71M, will be paid as a Department of Communities and Local Government grant.
- 10. Funding for the schemes proposed in Appendix 1 is additional to the budget for 2017/18 approved by Council on 15 February 2017.
- 11. 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, 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 Full Council in February 2018 and 2019 respectively.

Property/Other

12. Any provision of nursing care at Holcroft House is likely to require building work, which will require scoping by the 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

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

13. The Care Act 2014 amended the NHS Act 2006 to provide the legislative basis for the Better Care Fund.

Other Legal Implications:

14. There are no other legal implications arising from this report.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

15. Accepting the grant 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

- 16. 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.
- 17. Accepting the grant will also support delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2025 and the Southampton Better Care Plan.

KEY DE	CISION?	Yes/ No		
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:		FECTED:	ALL	
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION				
Appendices				
1.	Proposals for spending the additional funding in 2017/18			

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None			
Equality Impact Assessment				
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Yes/No				
Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.				
Privacy Impact Assessment				
Do the	implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact	Yes /No		

Asses	Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.				
Other	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		