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| Title of paper: | Big Lottery for Nottingham , Fulfilling Lives: Small Steps Big Changes | |
| Report to: | Children's Partnership Board | |
| Date: | 25 September 2013 | |
| Relevant Director: | Lyn Bacon, Chief Executive Nottingham CityCare Partnership | Wards affected: All |
| Contact Officer(s) and contact details: | Phyllis Brackenbury, Nottingham CityCare Partnership | |
| Other officers who have provided input: | | |
| Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) objectives(s): | | |
| Stronger safeguarding – With a key focus on ensuring that there are high standards of safeguarding across all agencies and that the Partnership takes a pro-active approach to the elimination of domestic violence. | | √ |
| Healthy living – With a key focus on increasing the proportion of children and young people who have a healthy weight. | | √ |
| Reducing substance misuse – Partnership work to lessen the impact on children of parental drug and alcohol misuse and to reduce drug and alcohol misuse amongst children and young people. | | √ |
| Raising attainment – Raising the attainment levels and increasing engagement in employment, education and training. | | √ |
| Improving attendance – Improving rates of attendance at both Primary and Secondary as a key foundation of improving outcomes. | | √ |
| Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users): | | |
| <p>This is an update on the progress to secure Big Lottery funding of between £30m and £50m to support the use of preventative approaches to improve the life chances of children aged nought to three over a ten year period.</p> <p>Out of the original 152 Local Authorities invited to submit an Expression of Interest 44, including Nottingham, were successful and invited to submit a Stage One application.</p> <p>A partnership working group from local agencies including Nottingham City Council, Voluntary Organisations and health agencies selected Nottingham CityCare Partnership as the Lead Organisation (Voluntary Sector) to lead the development of further stages of the application.</p> <p>The partnership working group submitted a Stage One bid on 7th June 2013 and was notified on 4th Aug that Nottingham was amongst 15 successful areas to progress to the second stage of this highly competitive process.</p> <p>This is a fantastic opportunity for Nottingham as an Early Intervention City and builds on the strong foundations and excellent partnership arrangements already in place.</p> | | |

| Recommendations: | |
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| 1 | The Children's Partnership Board to note the progress, and support any emerging key issues |
| 2 | The Children's Partnership Board to support a move towards a system change which will embed the principles of first years prevention in the mind-set of all members of the partnership |
| 3. | As part of the Big Lottery governance arrangements The Children's Partnership Board is requested to act as sponsor in overseeing the Big Lottery development strategy and reporting arrangements. This will ensure links with the broader Early Intervention remit are maintained. |

1. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

A new £165m Fulfilling Lives: A Better Start initiative aims to deliver a step change in the use of preventative approaches to improve the life chances of children aged nought- three. Awards to three to five areas of between £30-£50m lasting for up to ten years will be available in 2014. This is a great opportunity for Nottingham as an Early Intervention Place to build on the strong foundations and partnership already in place

Progress so far.

Nottingham's early success in the Expression of Interest stage continued with The Big Lottery Committee positively considering our Stage One application. Nottingham has now been invited to take part in Stage Two of this competitive process as one of only 15 development areas.

The 15 areas have been awarded development grants to support the creation of a project team, to further engage members of the community and to finalise the delivery model.

During this development period a key piece of work will take place with voluntary organisations. This will identify the existing strengths and resources which are required to increase capacity for work to be evaluated and for successful models to be scaled up across the identified wards.

The grant will also invest in social media to support an evidence base and how this might be used as a service delivery tool.

As part of the Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) project governance arrangements a Programme Board and Operational Development Group have been established. These will steer and oversee a robust business plan, the development of priority outcomes with clear ambitious milestones and timelines for delivery.

To provide additional support in the preparation of the Stage Two bid the Big Lottery has appointed the Social Research Unit at Dartington.

The Social Research Unit at Dartington is an independent charity that seeks to increase the use of evidence of what works in designing and delivering services for children and their families. They are also a strong advocate of prevention and early intervention based approaches.

This support will include the use of science-based prevention strategies as part of an application for this investment using the *Better Evidence for a Better Start* methodology. This will provide :

- High quality data on the well-being of local children and the distribution of expenditure on children
- Information on the emerging science of early child development and a summary of effective prevention and early intervention
- Tools to help manage investments by the Big lottery Fund, local commissioners and social financiers, and
- Monitoring and evaluation that will promote high quality implementation plans, at scale

The application of these methods will be supported by individual site managers.

Better Evidence for A Better Start, is a refined version of a methodology called Evidence2Success, the product of a three-year collaboration between the Big Lottery, the Social Development Research Group (SDRG) at the University of Washington, and the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore. Evidence2Success brings together leaders of local public services (for example, from the local authority and health commissioning bodies) with leaders from the voluntary and community sector to develop and implement evidence-based strategies to improve children's outcomes.

What next?

Key dates in the process are:

January 2014 Deadline for submission of the Stage Two detailed Business Case

March 2014 The final selection of the three to five areas, will be awarded between £30-£50million each

More information is available at <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/betterstart>

2. RISKS

A strong, well-co-ordinated partnership approach will be required to successfully progress this opportunity. Any breakdown in partnership communications or a failure to produce a high quality Business Plan will adversely affect the success of the bid.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A successful outcome will secure funding of between £30-£50million for the City of Nottingham

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Non apparent at this stage

5. CLIENT GROUP

All groups of children, young people or carers who will be covered by the opportunity

6. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

The extensive partnership approach required in this opportunity will require and ensure engagement and consideration from a wide range of communities

7. OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

The main outcome of the CYPP objectives and priorities which are likely to be affected are:

Stronger safeguarding: with a key focus on ensuring high quality safeguarding across all agencies and that the partnership takes a pro-active approach to the elimination of domestic violence.

Health living: with a key focus on the proportion of children and young people who have a healthy weight.

8. CONTACT DETAILS

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