

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Adult Weight Management Services Grant (No.31/5440)

Total Value:

£280,832 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

- a) To accept grant funding of £280,832 from Public Health England (PHE) for Nottingham City Council to commission new, or expand existing behavioural weight management services.
- b) To accept the conditions of the grant funding for spend within the financial year 2021/22 which include providing information on current service provision at the start and end of the programme; regularly sharing service user data (including demographics and outcomes) using a standardised minimum dataset, and submitting appropriate documentation to PHE when requested.c) To note that any relevant approvals to spend the money will be sought at the appropriate stage.

Reasons for the Decision(s) Increasing obesity in adults is a national trend, yet Nottingham residents have one of the highest rates of hospital admissions with a primary or secondary diagnosis of obesity in England (NHS Digital, 2020). This is significantly higher than our East Midlands or statistical neighbours.

Living with excess weight increases the risk of severe complications with COVID-19, including hospital admission, ICU admission and death (PHE, 2020).

Nottingham City is the 11th most deprived local authority in England (IMD 2019). National data shows admissions directly attributable to obesity were 4 times more likely in the most deprived areas (33 per 100,000) compared to the least deprived areas (8 per 100,000). Nottingham follows this national pattern.

Data from the Sport England Active Lives Survey shows Nottingham has similar levels of physically active and inactive adults compared to England and the East Midlands. However, Nottingham city has a significantly smaller percentage of its population meeting the recommended 5 fruit or vegetables a day than the England and East Midlands averages.

This grant funding represents a significant increase in funding for adult weight management within the city and will enable a greater reach to overweight and obese citizens. Local authority allocation is weighted by population size, prevalence of obesity and levels of deprivation.

Other Options Considered: To not accept the grant was rejected because the funding gives the opportunity to benefit the health of Nottingham citizen and target inequalities.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: None

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: None

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: Not required at this stage. EIA to be completed as part of the decision to spend the money.

Social Value Considerations:

Those living in disadvantaged circumstances are more likely to become overweight or obese and this places a burden on individuals, families, social care and the NHS.

Regard for NHS Constitution:

Local authorities have a statutory duty to have regard to the NHS Constitution when exercising their public health functions under the NHS Act 2006. In making this decision relating to public health functions, we have properly considered the NHS Constitution where applicable and have taken into account how it can be applied in order to commission services to improve the health of the local community.

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

21/04/2021

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

There are no legal issues with the proposals in this report, which are supported.

It is understood that the Council needs to formally accept the grant funding within 30 days of receipt of the offer.

Whilst it is known that the monies will be important to ensure continued support for adult weight management services within the city, how the money will be used has not yet been determined.

Future use of the money in delivering these services will need to be in compliance with the grant funding conditions and the Council's constitutional requirements with respect to any procurement of associated services.

The requirement of additional approvals to reflect such will be required and prepared if appropriate, in due course.

Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 09/04/2021.

Finance Advice:

As outlined in the brief the purpose of this proposal is to accept grant funding of £280,832 to support and supplement planned expenditure in Adult Weight Management.

As outlined, this grant will be spent in 2021/22, and to meet with conditions of the grant this expenditure funded through this grant will be identified and submitted to Public Health England through appropriate documentation.

While the exact breakdown of expenditure us yet to be identified, the total grant funding has been factored into and planned for expenditure supporting adult weight management in 2021/22. Therefore accepting the grant for use in this way is supported.

Advice provided by Graeme Black (Commercial Business Partner) on 09/04/2021.

Procurement Advice:

The decision to accept grant funding of £280,832 from Public Health England for weight management services is supported by the Procurement Team. Any resulting external expenditure to be made from the grant funding should be allocated with consideration of NCC Financial Regulations and Procurement Regulations in consultation with the Procurement Team. Advice provided by Nicola Harrison (Procurement Lead Officer) on 06/04/2021.

Signatures

Eunice Campbell-Clark (Portfolio Holder Health, HR and Equalities)
SIGNED and Dated: 14/04/2021
Alison Challenger (Director of Public Health)
SIGNED and Dated: 09/04/2021