

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Prevention and Promotion Fund for Better Mental Health 2021-22

Total Value:

£393,583 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1) To accept a £393,583.00 grant from Public Health England (PHE), for the funding of eight specific projects as per an approved Expression of Interest (EOI); To approve the following (as detailed further in the attached project plan): 2) Internal transfer of £20,000 to Workforce Development Targeted Services; 3) Internal transfer of £60,000 to CAMHS Sharp Team; 4) Internal transfer of £50,000 to CAMHS Sharp Team; 5) The award of a grant of up to £80,000 to Double Impact; 6) To issue a Section 75 for £90,595 to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, transferring the obligation to deliver Project 5 & 6; 7) To issue a Section 75 for £20,000 to Nottinghamshire

Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to deliver Project 8; 8) To delegate authority to award and sign contracts and grant agreements to the Director for Public Health; 9) To delegate responsibility to the Director for Public Health (DPH) to redirect unspent funding to other projects within scope should there be funding remaining in Q4, subject to the requirement to comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules with respect to any spend with external third parties. It is noted that depending on value additional approvals may be required prior to any associated spend. 10) Approval for the DPH to authorise the appointment of an evaluator by following a compliant procurement process at a contract value of between £35,000 and £57,988 to commence in December 2021 for a 3 to 5 month period

Reasons for the Decision(s)

These projects were specified in the EOI submitted to PHE; and the grant awarded for the projects as identified on the attached Appendix BMH Projects Overview. Grant funded activities must be started and the grant spent during the current financial year (or by end May 2022 by permission from PHE), with any unspent monies being returned to central government. The money is to be spent by the various recipients as per the projects outlined in the EOI (Appendix summarising the projects and spend attached). Double Impact undertake important work to support those who suffer from gambling addiction. Due to funding restrictions, this piece of work would not be being undertaken by NCC or Double Impact had the PHE grant not been issued. As their project will include recruitment, it is vital we enable them to begin ASAP. Double Impact were named in the EOI for the delivery of Project 4. The grant will be monitored quarterly and flexibility is sought to reposition funding in the event of underperformance or underspend in one allocation area. This will be within the total value of the grant and the grant timescales. This standalone one-off PHE grant is an opportunity to undertake a series of projects to support mental health across our population by building a foundation for better service provision. This collection of one-year projects, that have not been undertaken before because there hasn't been such funding, will inform and support ongoing mental health interventions in Nottingham City for the next several years. More about the impact of Covid on mental health can be read at COVID-19 mental health and wellbeing surveillance report, Chapter 2, PHE. The recipients of this grant money and the projects on which the money can be spent was identified as part of the expression of interest process, where mental health support/treatment providers came to NCC with proposed projects that were submitted to PHE. The total spend also includes an additional £20,700 funding granted to all Local Authorities. This money will be allocated appropriately to projects that require extra funding and/or to the evaluation of the projects. An evaluator will be sought through going to market, and this process will need to be undertaken at pace due to the short timed period in which to spend the granted money.

Briefing notes documents:

BMH Projects Overview.docx

Other Options Considered:

The option to not spend the money and return to central government was discounted as this would disadvantage citizens of Nottingham city, by missing an excellent opportunity to better tailor and improve mental health provision in the city.

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:	N/A
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: EIA not needed for funding from PHE. The fund is for a series of projects designed to reach all groups in the city with equity of access where there is mental health need.
Social Value Considerations:	N/A
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:	05/11/2021
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.

The money is due to be received from PHE for the delivery of projects to support better mental health in the city. The Council must ensure that it complies with any terms of conditions of any grant funding and that it passes down any obligations with respect to the use of money upon allocation to separate organisations.

The money will be spent under a number of projects varying from internal spend, engaging with the health partners, procuring an evaluator and with an identified external provider by way of a grant who has important knowledge and experience in offering the identified services.

As grants are not services under the Public Contract Regulations 2015, there are no procurement concerns with the award and the spend will be monitored in line with the EOI presented to the PHE for this project.

It is noted that should there be any surplus monies, revised spend will need to comply with the Council's Constitutional requirements.

Legal services colleagues will support as necessary. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 23/09/2021.

Finance Advice:

As outlined in the brief the purpose of this proposal is to accept grant funding of £393,583 from Public Health England to support delivery of pre-identified projects aiding with prevention and promotion of Better Mental Health in 2021/22.

This grant will be spent as outlined in the brief in 2021/22, and to meet with conditions of the grant this expenditure funded through this grant will be directly used in the various projects initially identified to Public Health England to secure this funding.

Therefore, the projects identified will be fully funded via this grant, without any additional funding needs, and equally, the funding provided should be used on these projects as identified. It should be noted that a further condition of the grant would be the return of un-used funds, which must be considered and monitored to ensure efficient and effective use of funding provided.

Consequently, accepting the grant for use with the projects identified is supported.
Advice provided by Graeme Black (Commercial Business Partner) on 27/09/2021.

Procurement Advice:

This money is due to be received from Public Health England (PHE) for the delivery of a number of projects to support better mental health in the City. The procurement for the Evaluator will be supported by the Procurement Team to ensure compliance with Nottingham City Council's Financial Regulations. Expenditure of any surplus money should also be compliant with Nottingham City Council's Financial Regulations and the Procurement Team will advise as appropriate. There are no further procurement concerns with the remaining decisions, however the Council must ensure that it complies with the conditions of the grant funding. Advice provided by Nicola Harrison (Procurement Lead Officer) on 23/09/2021.

Signatures

Adele Williams (Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/10/2021

Lucy Hubber (DPH)

SIGNED and Dated: 19/10/2021