

Commissioning and Procurement Executive Committee – 14 December 2021

Subject:	Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2022-23		
Corporate Directors/ Director:	Catherine Underwood, Corporate Director for People Lucy Hubber, Director of Public Health		
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Adele Williams, Portfolio Holder for Adults and Health		
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Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Subject to call-in
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Reasons:	<input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £750,000 or more
taking account of the overall impact of the decision			<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Type of expenditure:	<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital		
Total value of the decision: NIL – the approved Framework will guide the investment of public health grant (£34.5m) in 2022/23 but decisions on the specific use of the grant will be approved separately in line with the Council’s constitution, as set out in the Governance section of the Commissioning Strategy and Framework.			
Wards affected: ALL			
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder: 25 October 2021			
Relevant Council Plan Key Outcome:			
Clean and Connected Communities		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Keeping Nottingham Working		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Carbon Neutral by 2028		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Safer Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Child-Friendly Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Healthy and Inclusive		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Keeping Nottingham Moving		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Improve the City Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Better Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial Stability		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Serving People Well		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Summary of issues:			
Nottingham City Council has a statutory duty to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population. To support these duties a ring-fenced public health grant is provided (£34.5m in 2021/22).			
The Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2022/23 sets out the approach and key priorities (intentions) for the expenditure of the public health grant in 2022/23. The Framework outlines how the Council will assure that public health grant is spent in support of strategic priority areas, maximising the positive impact on health and wellbeing outcomes for the Nottingham population and reducing inequalities.			
Exempt information: None			
Recommendation:			
1 To approve the adoption of the Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2022/23, which sets out the approach and key priorities (intentions) for the expenditure of the public health grant in 2022/23.			

1. Reasons for recommendations

The Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework (Appendix A) sets out the approach and key priorities (intentions) for the expenditure of the public health grant in 2022/23. Approval and application of the principles and processes set out within the Framework will ensure that the public health grant is spent in support of strategic priority areas, in such a way that maximises the positive impact on health and wellbeing outcomes for Nottingham residents. It will also provide a process for demonstrating that expenditure is subject to proper governance in line with the Councils constitution and public health grant determination requirements.

2. Background

- 2.1 Nottingham City Council has a statutory duty to 'take such steps as it considers appropriate' to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population.¹ To support this duty a Director of Public Health (DPH) is appointed jointly by the Council and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. The DPH is accountable for the delivery of their authority's public health duties and is an independent advocate for the health of the population.
- 2.2 To support these responsibilities, the DPH is responsible for a public health grant, which is ring-fenced for specific uses. In 2021/22 Nottingham City Council has been allocated £34,489,899. The allocation for 2022/23 is not expected to be confirmed until March 2022 but the indication is that the level of funding will be 'maintained'. The Council must be able to demonstrate that the public health grant has been used to improve the health and wellbeing of the population, in line with evidence of need and in accordance with requirements set out in the grant determination letter.²
- 2.3 The Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework sets out the approach and key priorities (intentions) for the expenditure of the public health grant in 2022/23. It outlines how the Council will assure that;
 - The public health grant is spent in support of strategic priority areas
 - Expenditure is demonstrably in line with the grant determination requirements
 - Governance processes are robust and adequate
 - Public health outcomes are reviewed and monitored

3. Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 Do nothing – this option has been rejected as a result of the risks associated with investing public health grant without an overarching strategy and framework, and the governance processes set out within it. The Commissioning Strategy and Framework sets out the principles, strategic and legislative drivers and governance and monitoring arrangements for public health commissioning. This provides a demonstrable way of assuring that legislative and grant determination requirements are being met, whilst also support Nottingham residents to live longer and healthier lives.

¹ Section 2B of the National Health Service Act 2006

² [Public health ring-fenced grant 2021 to 2022: local authority circular - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/circulars/2021/12/2021-2022-public-health-ring-fenced-grant)

4. Consideration of Risk

- 4.1 There are no identified risks associated with adopting the proposed Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2022-23.

5. Finance colleague comments

- 5.1 As outlined above, the statutory requirement to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population of Nottingham City, is funded via a ring fenced grant. In 2021/22 this grant was £34.5m, and while yet to be finalised for 2022/23, a similar figure would be anticipated.
- 5.2 As outlined, the Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2022/23 sets out the approach and key priorities (intentions) for the expenditure of the public health grant in 2022/23. The Framework outlines how the Council will assure that public health grant is spent in support of strategic priority areas, maximising the positive impact on health and wellbeing outcomes for the Nottingham population and reducing inequalities, and in accordance with ring-fenced grant conditions.
- 5.3 As the total expenditure plan within the Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2022/23 will be fully funded via the grant, it will be important to ensure that the grant is used according to grant conditions, and to ensure good value for money is achieved in the Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework 2022/23.

Graeme Black, Commercial Business Partner - 16 November 2021

6. Legal colleague comments

- 6.1 Not provided.

7. Other relevant comments

- 7.1 We provide and commission advice, support and services, which improve health and wellbeing, and prevents ill-health and loss of independence.
- 7.2 This Council must act as a single organisation with all departments working corporately together to maximise opportunities and expertise to ensure that the Council continues to meet its budget challenges and supports our most vulnerable citizens, by commissioning the right services which will improve health and wellbeing and independence.
- 7.3 Therefore, from a commissioning perspective this Public Health Framework is welcomed and provides an opportunity to bring together the public health priorities, adults and children's commissioning priorities and the current Commissioning framework in to one commissioning framework/strategy.
- 7.4 In terms of governance, there needs to be some consideration to the current Strategic Commissioning Board, which should have oversight of all commissioning activity, and how this interacts with the Public Health Board

Karla Banfield, Commissioning and Market Services Manager - 11 November 2021

8. Social value considerations

- 8.1 The Public Health Commissioning Strategy and Framework adopts and complements the commitments within Nottingham City Council's Procurement Strategy (2018-2023) to ensure the Council's purchasing power is used to secure the best possible value and outcomes for Nottingham and its citizens. This includes consideration of the economic, social and environmental factors (all of which are wider determinants of health and wellbeing) throughout the commissioning and procurement cycle.

9. Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 9.1 An EIA is not required. The Commissioning Strategy and Framework sets out the overarching approach. This includes a commitment to reducing the health inequalities gap in Nottingham as a key strategic objective of public health commissioning activity. The equality impact of proposals relating to the commissioning of specific services will be assessed as necessary.

10. Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

- 10.1 A DPIA is not required because the proposal does not involve the collection or processing of any personal data or present a risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals. DPIA's will be completed as required for any services which are commissioned under this Strategy and Framework.

11. Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)

- 11.1 A CIA is not required at this stage, although the carbon impacts of any activity resulting from this Framework will be assessed as required.

12. List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)

- 12.1 None

13. Published documents referred to in this report

- 13.1 None