

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD COMMISSIONING SUB-COMMITTEE – 14TH JULY 2015

Title of paper:	Social Care Capital Grant	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	17 th June 2015	
Total value of the decision	£863,000	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Relevant Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority:		
Healthy Nottingham: Preventing alcohol misuse		<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated care: Supporting older people		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Early Intervention: Improving Mental Health		<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing culture and systems: Priority Families		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users and contribution to improving health & wellbeing and reducing inequalities): This paper requests approval of proposals for utilisation of Social Care Capital Grant for 2015/16 in accordance with BCF planning requirements. They will contribute to improving health and well-being outcomes for citizens through assisting with a reduction in non-elective acute and residential care admissions and through contributing to the implementation of Care Act requirements.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Committee approve the allocation and spend of 2015/16 Social Care Capital grant as detailed in 1.2 below.	
	How will these recommendations champion mental health and wellbeing in line with the Health and Wellbeing Board aspiration to give equal value to mental health and physical health ('parity of esteem'):	

At present Nottingham's BCF plan (to which this report pertains) is focused on improving outcomes for older people and those with long-term conditions. This may change in future iterations of the plan
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1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 From 2015/16 Social Care Capital grant is contained within the Better Care Fund to ensure that utilisation of this funding stream forms part of strategic planning for integrated provision.

1.2 It is proposed to utilise the 2015/16 Social Care Capital Grant for the following purposes:

Capital Costs of Integrated Community Equipment Loan Service (ICELS) Including Funding for ICELS overspend:

Contribution to NCC capital costs associated with delivery of ICELS. Will result in a budget pressure if not allocated in 15/16 as spend on ICELS has exceeded original estimates on which current budget based and budget profiled on capital contribution.

An allocation of £400,000 will be required in 2015/16

Project Evolution Funding:

Part of the 2015/16 grant allocation (£322,000) is ring-fenced funding for the introduction of a capped cost system. In addition a further allocation is required in order for Project Evolution to incorporate additional finance modules that will support the adult social care department's ability to cope with the additional demand on the service, these include:

- Online financial assessment module which financial assessors can complete alongside citizens and carers in their homes or that citizens and carers can complete themselves;
- Financial protection module which will enable NCC to consolidate its deputyship processes and systems so that all client financial information is in one system.

The funding requirement is £322,000 ring-fenced for the capped cost system and an additional £141,000 for additional financial modules

1.3 Utilisation of Social Care Capital Grant for the purposes identified above has good fit with BCF objectives and metrics as they will: assist with a reduction of non elective and residential admissions through provision of aids to independent living; assist with delivery of Care Act requirements and use of NHS number as the primary client identification. The proposals also provide good fit with the requirement to utilise the grant to support developments relating to personalisation, reform and efficiency.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 The Department of Health (DoH) allocates the Social Care Capital Grant to local authorities, providing capital funding to support development in three key areas: personalisation, reform and efficiency.

2.2 Guidance on utilisation of the Grant is based on feedback from the local government sector indicating that priorities for investment are:

- Innovative alternatives to residential care - supported housing and living (for Learning Disability clients) and Extra Care Housing (for elderly clients) which can

help people live in the most appropriate accommodation via a range of housing options for differing levels of need and lifestyle;

- Alternatives to residential care via community based services investment – specifically capital investment in telecare, simple aids to daily living & reablement infrastructure;
- Service redesign to the care infrastructure - capturing front of house first point of contact services (e.g. Putting People First considerations sign posting, information & advice and social capital), Assessment and Care management is 'lean' so that contact with users is maximised and the process is proportionate to risk and needs.

2.3 Formal notification of Social Care Capital Grant allocation was received from the DoH on 19th December. This stipulated that within the Grant is a ring-fenced allocation of £322k for capital costs associated with the transition to a capped cost system (including IT).

2.4 Allocation of Social Care Capital Grant in 2013/14 and 2014/15 was for the following purposes:

- Funding for development of extra care provision in the North of the City (Hazel Hill)
- Capital funding for Assistive Technology equipment
- Capital funding for equipment to facilitate mobile working within Adult Assessment

2.5 The purpose of Project Evolution is to consolidate systems, processes and ways of working in order to achieve compliance and generate efficiencies to cope with the rising demands on social care services and meet the requirements of Ofsted and changes in adults social care legislation in 2015 and 2016 including a capped cost system.

In order to achieve this objective, the project completed a tendering exercise to procure an integrated case management and finance solution that would meet the needs of the current business operating requirements and the future requirements of the Care Act legislation. Following an evaluation process, the tender for the consolidated social care and finance system was awarded to Liquidlogic in May 2015.

A range of products have been included as part of the new solution that will enable the Council to meet the legislative requirements of the Care Act including:

- Ability to track care costs and progress towards the CAP and support the recording and tracking of care costs;
- Ability to manage and track services provided to self-funders;
- Ability to manage carers and citizens and joint assessments;
- Production of care account statements;
- Carer assessments and personal budgets;
- Connectivity to the NHS PDS in order to pass data to and from the social care system.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Other options for disbursement of grant in 2015/16 include:

Assistive Technology: would enable early intervention and prevention services to be developed across the City. Funding would enable the purchase of equipment that can be used within homes to ensure citizen safety and potential monitoring to ensure individual remembers to take medication, food and drinks throughout the day. Would pump prime refreshed AT programme in the City. Capital funding allocation for 14/15 still not utilised.

Community Innovation Fund: this would be a 'market development' fund for independent providers to bid into for a variety of purposes including: updating of existing provision; capital cost of providing alternatives to existing intensive or ineffective provision. The fund would enhance the support available for the independent sector and facilitate an expansion of market choice which would fulfil Council and wider national social care objectives.

Nottingham City Council Provision Capital Upgrades: set aside for capital costs of upgrading existing NCC residential and day care provision where funding has not already been set aside for this purpose.

Pop Up Shop: capital costs for temporary town centre store showcasing assistive technology solutions and aids and adaptations to promote independent living. The provision would be targeted at those who do not receive equipment through the funded ICELS route.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 As detailed in Department of Health (LASSL (DH)(2014)2) and NHS England Better Care Fund guidance the Social Care Capital grant from 2015/16 will be allocated directly to councils from the DoH. Conditions of the grant specify that the funding is included within pooled budgets for the purposes of integrated provision.

4.2 Of the national allocations, £50m of the total £134m capital funding has been earmarked for costs associated with transition to the capped cost system which will be implemented in April 2016. For Nottingham City, this equates to £0.322m as detailed in 2.3 of this report.

4.3 A summary of the recommendations in this report are detailed in Table 1 below:

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS	
Purpose	2015/16 Cost £000
Integrated Community Equipment Loan Service	400
Integrated Case Management and Finance System	463
Total	863

4.4 Both of the above funding allocations are contributions to larger services / projects and support the BCF objectives and metrics as detailed in section 1.3. The ICELS service is a pooled fund in itself currently hosted by Nottinghamshire County Council on behalf of city and county partners. The Integrated Social Care System project and total funding allocation will be managed by the Project Evolution Steering Group.

5. LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

This report does not raise any significant legal issues

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Proposals do not relate to new provision or service delivery

7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

Local Authority Social Services letter LASSL (DH)(2014)2

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None