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EXECUTIVE DECISION DAY NOTICE

Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health Decision Day

Date and Time Friday, 22nd July, 2022 at 2.00 pm

Place Remote Decision Day

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AGENDA

DEPUTATIONS

To receive any deputations notified under Standing Order 12.

KEY DECISIONS (NON-EXEMPT/NON-CONFIDENTIAL)

1. VARIATIONS TO STOP DOMESTIC ABUSE CONTRACT UTILISING NEW BURDENS FUNDING FROM DEPARTMENT FOR LEVELLING UP HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES (DLUHC) (Pages 3 - 10)

To consider a report requesting approval for additional spend on the Domestic Abuse contract in both 2022/23 and for future years, in anticipation of additional funding expected from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), to fulfil our obligations as detailed under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

2. GRANTS TO TIER 2 HOUSING AUTHORITIES UTILISING NEW BURDENS FUNDING FROM DEPARTMENT FOR LEVELLING UP HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES (DLUHC) (Pages 11 - 18)

To consider a report requesting approval for a proposed grant scheme to district, boroughs and cities (Tier 2 Authorities) in Hampshire to support Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation.

3. ADDITIONAL SPEND WITH THE COMMISSIONED SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT CONTRACT (Pages 19 - 26)

To consider a report seeking approval for the additional spend under the existing Substance Misuse Treatment contract as set out in the report.

4. INPATIENT DETOXIFICATION UNIT (Pages 27 - 34)

To consider a report seeking approval to spend for inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification services for an initial contract period of 2 years 3 months with the option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 further years up to 31 March 2027 with a total estimated value of £6million.

5. MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE (Pages 35 - 46)

To consider a report seeking approval from the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health to spend up to £30m over a maximum ten-year period on a contract for a Meals on Wheels service, commencing 1 October 2023.

NON KEY DECISIONS (NON-EXEMPT/NON-CONFIDENTIAL)

6. DEMAND MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION GRANTS (Pages 47 - 60)

To consider a report seeking approval for making a grant award to the voluntary and community organisations outlined in the report as part of the Demand Management and Prevention Programme.

KEY DECISIONS (EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL)

None.

NON KEY DECISIONS (EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL)

None.

ABOUT THIS AGENDA:

On request, this agenda can be provided in alternative versions (such as large print, Braille or audio) and in alternative languages.

ABOUT THIS MEETING:

The press and public are welcome to observe the public sessions of the decision day via the webcast.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	22 July 2022
Title:	Variations to Stop Domestic Abuse Contract utilising New Burdens Funding from Department for Levelling up Housing and Communities (DLUHC)
Report From:	Director of Public Health

Contact name: Julia Waters, Public Health Principal

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to request approval for additional spend on the Domestic Abuse contract in both 2022/23 and for future years, in anticipation of additional funding expected from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), to fulfil our obligations as detailed under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves the proposed additional spend to Stop Domestic Abuse for services provided on Domestic Abuse support, to a maximum of £1,500,000 additional spend for 2022/23.
3. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member, to approve the exact figure of additional spend on this contract for each future year (from 2023/24 onwards), dependent on the level of available government funding provided each year under the New Burdens Fund, up to a maximum of the total funding provided each year, over the remaining years of the contract.

Executive Summary

4. This report sets out the background to the proposal for additional spend on the Domestic Abuse contract with Stop Domestic Abuse, including new obligations on Hampshire County Council as under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
5. Part 4 of the new Domestic Abuse Act (2021) places a duty on the County Council to provide accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation and to improve the types of safe accommodation accessible to adults and children experiencing domestic abuse.
6. In April 2021, the DLUHC allocated £2,300,222 to Hampshire County Council and circa £30,000 to the Tier 2 Authorities in Hampshire to deliver the new local authority statutory duty. A further £2,306,590 has been allocated to Hampshire County Council for 2022/23.
7. Domestic Abuse services in Hampshire are currently commissioned through Stop Domestic Abuse. This contract was given Executive Member approval on 25 July 2018, with the original contract award specifying that although the total contract value was £13.4 million, “significant additional external grant funding for Domestic Abuse is anticipated over the life of the contract which the Council intends to channel via the contracted providers”. The contract started on 1st April 2019 and is in place for 5 years with the option to extend for 2 further years. Additional spend through this contract has taken place, totalling £1,239,170, up to and including the financial year 2021/22.
8. In anticipation of future funding from DLUHC with regards to Domestic Abuse, the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health is asked to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to approve future additional spend to the Domestic Abuse contract, in consultation with the Executive Member, up to the maximum funding provided by DLUHC (approximately £2.3 million was awarded to Hampshire County Council in 2022/23), over the remaining years of the contract.

Contextual information

9. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 seeks to raise awareness and understanding about the devastating impact of domestic abuse on victims and their families; further improve the effectiveness of the justice system in providing protection for victims of domestic abuse and bringing perpetrators to justice; along with strengthening the support for victims of abuse by statutory agencies.

10. The County Council has a duty under the Act to assess the need and demand for safe accommodation and accommodation-based support and to subsequently develop and publish strategies, giving effect to these strategies by making commissioning decisions.
11. The Hampshire Safe Accommodation Needs assessment was undertaken in 2021, identifying key areas that would have a positive impact on the provision of safe accommodation for victims.
12. In April 2021, the DLUHC allocated £2,300,222 to Hampshire County Council and circa £30,000 to Tier 2 Authorities in Hampshire to deliver the new local authority statutory duty. A further £2,306,590 has been allocated to Hampshire for 2022/23.
13. According to the DLUHC, in the spirit of the New Burdens Doctrine, the new duty will be funded in future years. The amount of funding from April 2023 will be a matter for the next Spending Review.
14. Domestic Abuse services in Hampshire are currently commissioned through Stop Domestic Abuse. This contract started on 1st April 2019 and is in place for 5 years with the option to extend for 2 further years. The original contract award specified that although the total contract value was £13.4 million, “significant additional external grant funding for Domestic Abuse is anticipated over the life of the contract which the County Council intends to channel via the contracted providers”.
15. Additional spend through this contract has taken place up to and including the financial year 2021/22 which totals £1,239,170. This has included spend on the following:
 - Increasing capacity in safe accommodation settings to provide advice, advocacy, and support
 - Increase capacity in addressing the increase in medium risk police referrals
 - Contractual transformation
 - Training in Trauma Informed Approaches.

16. The Executive Member is asked to approve the proposal for further additional spend through this contract, up to a maximum of £1,500,000 for 2022/23. This includes the following:

Spend area	Estimated Cost/£
Increasing capacity in safe accommodation settings to provide advice, advocacy, and support in relation to increasing safety, reducing risk, improving mental wellbeing, building healthy relationships, and preventing re-victimisation. Increased dispersed accommodation support	681,740
Specialists support posts for Children and Young People in Safe accommodation.	483,028
Domestic Abuse Advocates in clinical settings	66,282
Target Hardening posts	92,532
Contingency for error estimates	176,418
Total	1,500,000

17. In anticipation of future funding from DLUHC with regards to Domestic Abuse, the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health is also asked to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to approve future additional spend on the Domestic Abuse contract, in consultation with the Executive Member, up to the maximum amount of budget received by DLUHC each year over the remaining years of the contract.

Finance

18. The proposed additional spend will be solely funded through the DLUHC New Burdens Fund for Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation. Total allocation to Hampshire in 2022/23 of £2,306,590.
19. The DLUHC allocation for Domestic Abuse to Hampshire County Council, which is funding the proposal in this report has a total value of £2,306,590 in 2022/23. In addition to this report's proposals, there is a further report on this agenda which also utilises this grant. Together, these proposals support the improvement of Domestic Abuse services in Hampshire, in line with the intentions of the DHLUC grant. Please note there is further spend using this grant money, including the core Domestic Abuse contract, posts within the County Council to deliver on this work and the establishment of a Survivor Voice Forum for Hampshire.
20. The DLUHC New Burdens Funding is only allocated for one year at a time with the allocation for 2022/23 confirmed in March 2022. It is anticipated that

there will be future funding available, but this is expected to be confirmed at a similar point in 2023/24.

Performance

21. The DLUHC has mandatory annual reporting on domestic abuse safe accommodation measures.
22. In addition, measures are collected quarterly including demographics, access indicators, risk and safety measures, measures of improvement in mental wellbeing and resilience to re-victimisation. Narrative information is also collected, for example case studies.

Consultation and Equalities

23. This proposed additional spend through the Stop Domestic Abuse contract in 2022/23 will result in more support being accessible to victims including children, males (with/without children); LGBTQ+; those with a disability; multiple disadvantages, families with older adolescents; those from diverse ethnic backgrounds; older adults, and people who have limited access to support services due to rurality.
24. A consultation has not been undertaken as the service within these proposed variations are not significantly different to those in the core contract, instead providing an increase in capacity. Consultation has occurred with the provider for purposes of agreeing performance measures and risks management in respect of the proposed changes.

Conclusions

25. It is recommended that the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves the proposed additional spend to Stop Domestic Abuse on the Domestic Abuse Contract in 2022/23 (up to a maximum additional spend of £1,500,000).
26. In anticipation of future DLUHC funding being available for Domestic Abuse, the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health is also asked to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, to approve the exact figure of additional spend on this contract each year, in consultation with the Executive Member, over the remaining years of the contract and to a maximum of the total funding provided by the DLUHC each year.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> Approval to spend for Domestic Abuse Services	<u>Date</u> 25 July 2018
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u> Domestic Abuse act Part 4 (Safe Accommodation)	<u>Date</u> 2021

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

These proposed variations to the Stop Domestic Abuse contract in 2022/23 will result in support being more accessible to victims including children, males (with/without children); LGBTQ+; those with a disability; multiple disadvantages, families with older adolescents; those from diverse ethnic backgrounds; older adults, and people who have limited access to support services due to rurality.

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	22 July 2022
Title:	Grants to Tier 2 Authorities utilising New Burdens Funding from the Department for Levelling up Housing and Communities (DLUHC)
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to request approval for a proposed grant scheme to Tier 2 Authorities in Hampshire to support Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation. This grant scheme would start in 2022/23 and would aim for accreditation of all Tier 2 Authorities within 5 years. This would ensure the maintained competency of housing partners to fulfil our obligations as detailed under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, in line with additional funding anticipated from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves the grant scheme offer to Tier 2 Authorities to support them to become DAHA accredited with up to a total value of £226,470 for 2022/23.
3. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member, to approve the grant awards to individual Tier 2 authorities for 2022/23.
4. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member, to approve continuation of the scheme and funding of grant awards for years 2023/24 and 2024/25, or ceasing of the scheme, taking into account funding received from DLUHC as outlined in this report.

Executive Summary

5. This report sets out the background to DAHA accreditation, in line with new obligations on the County Council as under the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
6. Part 4 of the new Domestic Abuse Act 2021 places a duty on Hampshire County Council to provide accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation and to improve the types of safe accommodation accessible to adults and children experiencing domestic abuse.
7. In April 2021, the DLUHC allocated £2,300,222 to The County Council and circa £30,000 to Tier 2 Authorities in Hampshire, to deliver the new local authority statutory duty. A further £2,306,590 has been allocated to The County Council for 2022/23.
8. The Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance accreditation (DAHA) improves the housing sector's response to domestic abuse through the introduction and adoption of an established set of standards and an accreditation process.
9. DAHA Accreditation is an intrinsic element of the Whole Housing Approach (WHA) which is part of The County Council's Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy (2021-2023). So far, four Tier 2 Authorities have expressed an interest in becoming DAHA accredited but discussions are ongoing with all Tier 2 Authorities across Hampshire.

Contextual information

10. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 seeks to raise awareness and understanding about the devastating impact of domestic abuse on victims and their families; further improve the effectiveness of the justice system in providing protection for victims of domestic abuse and bringing perpetrators to justice; along with strengthening the support for victims of abuse by statutory agencies.
11. Part 4 of the new Domestic Abuse Act places a duty on Hampshire County Council to provide accommodation-based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation.
12. The County Council has a duty under the Act to assess the need and demand for safe accommodation and accommodation-based support and to subsequently develop and publish strategies, giving effect to these strategies by making commissioning decisions.
13. In April 2021, the DLUHC allocated £2,300,222 to The County Council and circa £30,000 to Tier 2 Authorities in Hampshire to deliver the new local authority

statutory duty. A further £2,306,590 has been allocated to The County Council for 2022/23.

14. According to the DLUHC, in the spirit of the New Burdens Doctrine, the new duty will be funded in future years. The amount of funding from April 2023 will be a matter for the next Spending Review.
15. The Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) improves the housing sector's response to domestic abuse through the introduction and adoption of an established set of standards and an accreditation process. Obtaining accreditation enhances how housing providers interact with victim/survivors and strengthens the local area's coordinated community response to domestic abuse.
16. DAHA Accreditation is an intrinsic element of the Whole Housing Approach (WHA) which is part of The County Council's Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy (2021-2023). Four Tier 2 Authorities so far have expressed an interest in becoming DAHA accredited.
17. The process of acquiring DAHA accreditation for the first time can take up to two years. The accreditation mark is valid for three years and the housing provider can then undergo reaccreditation (involving the same assessment process). A smooth re-accreditation process occurs when domestic abuse becomes part of housing provider's core business with continuous developments and improvements made throughout the years. The diagram in Appendix 1 shows the process of accreditation.
18. By providing this grant scheme, The County Council will be contributing to the funding available to the Tier 2 authorities within the Domestic Abuse fund. Thereby enabling them to achieve DAHA accreditation, when it might not otherwise be possible.

Finance

19. The proposed grant scheme is solely dependent on available funding from DLUHC. The intention is to support all Tier 2 authorities to become DAHA accredited, over a period of 3 years in accordance with the profile below:

Year	DAHA grant scheme total budget (£)	Maximum number of Tier 2 authorities
1: 2022/23	226,470	6
2: 2023/24*	103,965	3
3: 2024/2025*	103,965	3

Total	434,400	
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*Dependent on future funding confirmation from DLUHC.

20. Although the plan above is limiting expenditure to 3 years, there will be the requirement to facilitate slippage in this scheme where Tier 2 authorities may not be able to fit within our planned timeframe. Therefore, we intend for the funding outlined above to potentially be utilised over 5 years if required. However please note, all the above is subject to ongoing funding being confirmed from DLUHC in future years.
21. The grant scheme proposed is intended to cover annual DAHA Accreditation Membership fees, DAHA project support, and assessment fees.
22. The amount each Tier 2 Authority can apply for will be proportionate to the number of homes (stock) owned and/or managed (housing provider or local authority) as well as the geographical spread of properties. The total available grant for Hampshire County is proposed to be up to £226,470 for 2022/23.
23. The DLUHC allocation for Domestic Abuse to Hampshire County Council that is funding the proposal in this report has a total value of £2,306,590 in 2022/23. In addition to this report's proposals there is a further report on this agenda which also utilises this grant. Together these proposals support the improvement of Domestic Abuse services in line with the intentions of the DHLUC grant. Please note there is further spend, which uses this grant money, including the core Domestic Abuse contract, posts within The County Council to deliver on this work and the establishment of a Survivor Voice Forum for Hampshire.

Performance

24. The changes that housing providers can expect to see as they begin to implement the accreditation standards are:
 - Helping to identify victim/survivors earlier as indicated by an increase in cases supported every year.
 - Improving information sharing practices and joined up working with other local services involved in the coordinated community response to domestic abuse. This includes local specialist domestic abuse services as well as those signed up to the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC).
 - Improving customer satisfaction.
 - Increasing staff confidence to ask about and respond to domestic abuse, resulting in higher staff job satisfaction.
 - Staff experiencing domestic abuse reporting they feel better supported.
 - Money savings relating to a reduction in domestic abuse related repairs, arrears, and evictions.

Consultation and Equalities

25. The proposed increase in capacity and capability to the Tier 2 Authorities will result in support being more accessible to victims with diverse backgrounds and including those groups identified as currently underserved by services, for example, males (with/without children); LGBTQ+; those with a disability; multiple disadvantages, families with older adolescents; those from diverse ethnic backgrounds; older adults, and people who have limited access to support services due to rurality.
26. Consultation has involved working with the County's Tier 2 Authorities, with the Regional DAHA lead, and with other Local Authorities and Registered Housing Providers which have already started or embedded DAHA accreditation.

Conclusions

27. It is recommended that the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves the proposed grant scheme offer to Tier 2 Authorities to support them to become DAHA accredited, with the total offer of up to £226,470 for 2022/23. It is recommended that authority to approve the individual grant awards is delegated to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member.
28. It is recommended that the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member, to approve continuation of the scheme and funding of grant awards for 2023/24 and 2024/25, or ceasing of the scheme, taking into account anticipated funding received from DLUHC as outlined in this report.

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- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The proposed increase in capacity and capability of Tier 2 authorities through Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation improves housing providers' response to groups identified in the County's 2021 Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Needs Assessment as vulnerable and as where there are gaps in service: males (with/without children); LGBTQ+; those with a disability; multiple disadvantages, families with older adolescents; those from diverse ethnic backgrounds; older adults, and people who have limited access to support services due to rurality.

Appendix 1

1. Sign-up

- Contact Daha to register your commitment
- Identity a DAHA lead within your organisation to support the accreditation process
- DAHA sends you guidance on getting started



2. Getting started

- A senior member notifies staff that the organisation is acquiring DAHA accreditation
- Your DAHA lead begins setting up a steering group
- Your DAHA lead reviews how well you are already performing against DAHA standards



3. In progress

- Steering group is in action
- You are making use of free DAHA workshops and online toolkit
- At approximately the third steering group meeting, you set a date for assessment



4. Assessment

- DAHA assessment includes a desktop review of resources and a site visit to meet the steering group, interview staff and perform case audits
- DAHA assessor writes the report and informs of outcome within a month of the site visit. Extensions may be issues if further evidence is required



5. Renewal

- DAHA will contact you six months prior to your 3-year accreditation expiry and set a date for renewal assessment
- You may want to convene a steering group to review performance and update your assessment evidence to capture continuous improvement

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	22 July 2022
Title:	Additional spend within the commissioned Substance Misuse Treatment Contract
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the additional spend under the existing Substance Misuse Treatment contract as set out in this report.

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health notes the additional spend between July 2018 – June 2022 of £1.4m within the Substance Misuse treatment contract (original value of £58,001,688 over 7 years) and approves an additional £802,715 for 2022/23.
3. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves additional spend under the Substance Misuse treatment contract in line with Government funding for years 2023-2025 of up to £2.4 million.
4. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to approve additional spend to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member, approval for additional spend on an annual basis for 2023/24 and 2024/25, considering anticipated funding received from Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID) as outlined in this report.

Executive Summary

- National funding to support the delivery of the National Drugs Strategy From Harm to Hope¹ has been allocated to all local authorities in England to increase the capacity and quality of substance misuse services. It is anticipated that the Council will receive up to an additional £3.15m over the next 3 years from the Office of Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID). This report seeks approval for the additional spend under the existing Substance Misuse Treatment contract and for delegated authority to the Director of Public Health to approve additional spend on an annual basis.

Contextual information

- The current Substance Misuse contract commissioned by the Council commenced in July 2018 with a total contract value of £58,001,688 over 7 years until June 2025.
- The current contract includes a clause to allow for variation of additional spend to meet local and national priorities.
- To date £1.4m has already been added to the contract. This has included additional funding from Childrens Services to implement the Family Recovery Workers; funding transferred from the Adults' Health & Care directorate for substance misuse rehabilitation; additional one year funding to reduce drug related deaths and offending from the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID).
- In December 2021 the government launched its 10 year drugs strategy, From Harm to Hope² where a clear vision to deliver a world class substance misuse treatment and recovery system was presented. In February 2022 it was announced that all local authorities would receive additional 3-year funding to increase capacity and improve quality of local substance misuse services.
- It is expected that the Council will receive the following amounts (that will be confirmed on an annual basis) between April 2022 – March 2025 from the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID):

	Hampshire
2022/23 (confirmed)	£802,715
2023/24 (indicative)	£818,382
2024/25 (indicative)	£1,541,380

¹ [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/from-harm-to-hope)

² [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/from-harm-to-hope)

11. The additional funding from OHID will be added to the existing substance misuse treatment contract on an annual basis through contract variations that are compliant with procurement regulations.
12. OHID has outlined the expectation that this funding will be spent on increasing capacity and quality of existing drug / alcohol treatment services.
13. Funding for 2022/23 has been confirmed by OHID and proposals approved. The additional funding will:
 - a. Increase the treatment capacity and quality of our locally commissioned substance misuse services
 - b. Improve continuity of care from prison to community substance misuse treatment and those in the criminal justice system needing treatment for their drug / alcohol use.
 - c. Increase capacity of residential rehabilitation
 - d. Contribute towards a reduction in drug and alcohol related deaths

Finance

14. Additional funding will be made available through the Section 31 grant provisions of the Local Government Act 2003.
15. Additional funding will not affect the core delivery of services funded through the Public Health grant.
16. Eligibility for supplemental funding from OHID is dependent on maintaining existing (2020/21) investment in drug and alcohol treatment from the Public Health grant.
17. Anticipated additional funding will be confirmed by OHID on an annual basis and therefore it is recommended that delegated authority for this spend can be approved by the Director of Public Health to be able to increase and/or maintain capacity of providers to deliver services in relatively short timescales. Funding will be added to the contract on a yearly basis once confirmed by OHID and will be compliant with procurement regulations.

Legal & Procurement

18. The additional funding will be added to the current substance misuse treatment contract as a contract variation.

Performance

19. Additional spend within the Substance Misuse contract will allow for improvements in the following outcomes. These will be monitored in line with existing performance monitoring mechanisms in Public Health.

- a. An increase the treatment capacity and quality of our locally commissioned Substance Misuse services
- b. Improvement in continuity of care from prison to community substance misuse treatment and those in the criminal justice system needing treatment for their drug / alcohol use.
- c. Increase capacity of residential rehabilitation
- d. Contribute towards a reduction in drug and alcohol related deaths

Consultation and Equalities

20. It is proposed to use the additional funding to increase the quality and capacity of existing substance misuse services. This will allow for our most vulnerable populations to access substance misuse treatment and recovery.

Climate Change

21. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.

22. The decision is essentially strategic/administrative in nature and does not have any climate change considerations.

Conclusions

23. Approving additional spend within the Substance Misuse contract will allow for better outcomes for Hampshire residents, including increased capacity, quality, and improved outcomes for Hampshire residents with a substance misuse treatment need.

24. Anticipated additional funding will be confirmed by OHID and added to the substance misuse treatment contract on an annual basis through contract

variations that are compliant with procurement regulations. It is recommended that delegated authority for this spend be approved by the Director of Public Health to ensure the ability to increase and/or maintain capacity of providers to deliver services in relatively short timescales.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	22 July 2022
Title:	Funding for Drug / Alcohol Inpatient Detoxification Services
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to spend for inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification services for an initial contract period of 2 years 3 months with the option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 further years up to 31 March 2027 with a total estimated value of £6million (With funding from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) currently confirmed until March 2025).

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves spend of up to a maximum amount of £6m over 5 years until March 2027 for inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification services as detailed in this report.
3. Notes that the Director of Public Health has approved interim measures with the current provider to ensure service continuity until 31 December 2022.
4. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health delegates authority to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Executive Member to finalise the spend and arrangements for services considering national and regional funding.

Executive Summary

5. The government has allocated additional funding to local authorities over the next three years to implement the national drugs strategy. One funding stream available to all local authorities is to increase the capacity of inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification. This report seeks approval

to spend on inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification services in Hampshire by collaborating with 20 local authorities as part of the Central South Coast Consortium. Commissioning additional inpatient detoxification services will allow for better access locally to inpatient detoxification treatment and improved pathways of care for people with complex needs.

6. This programme is a continuation of funding received nationally last year to increase the capacity of inpatient medically managed detoxification services. OHID have approved spend and proposals for 2022/23. To maintain current service delivery interim measures have been agreed with the current provider up until December 2022, whilst an open procurement exercise is undertaken with a new contract to be in place from 1 January 2023 – March 2025. The contract will include the option to extend by a period or periods of up to 2 years (up until March 2027), dependant on national and local funding arrangements. The County Council will be the lead party that will procure the contract on behalf of the Central South Consortium and be the accountable body for this project to receive all the funding directly from OHID.

Contextual information

7. In December 2021 the government launched its 10 year drugs strategy, From Harm to Hope¹ where there was a clear vision to deliver a world class substance misuse treatment and recovery system. In February 2022 it was announced that all local authorities would receive additional 3-year funding to increase capacity and improve quality of local substance misuse services. The funding for this financial year was confirmed in April 2022, with indicative amounts indicated for following 2 financial years (2023-2025). This builds on the funding made available to all local authorities in 2021/22.
8. One element of this funding is to increase capacity of inpatient, medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification. This specialist provision has been depleted over the last few years due to the high costs of running specialist medical units and the relatively low number of people who require this type of specialist treatment. OHID have acknowledged that this treatment option for people with complex needs is currently not provided at a capacity which meets need across the country.
9. A medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification unit can deal with complex physical, mental health and behavioural issues and provide 24-hour nursing care. Medically managed detox provision for the most complex individuals is delivered by the NHS. While there are other, non-NHS medically managed inpatient detox units, it is only the NHS inpatient units that are Consultant Psychiatrist-led, enabling the NHS units to manage the most complex patients that other lower-level detoxification service providers feel unable to

¹ [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/from-harm-to-hope)

support. NHS inpatient units are fundamentally different to all other detox and rehabilitation services in England for the following reasons:

- a. The level and extent with which NHS IPUs can assess complexity/acuity
 - b. The ability to effectively manage cognitive impairment
 - c. The ability to manage complex mental and physical comorbidities
 - d. The presence of a range of professionals including social workers, psychologists, pharmacists to enhance packages of care
 - e. Linked to local NHS acute physical health hospitals
 - f. Lead by a Consultant Addictions Psychiatrist
 - g. Provision of NHS training and guidance for medical and social care students
10. In 2021/22 a consortium of 20 local authorities was established and funding was pooled to open a new detoxification in Hampshire (See Appendix A for full list of participating local authorities for 2022/23). This was the only unit in the country to be established with this funding, opened by Dame Carol Black who undertook an independent review of drug prevention, treatment, and recovery which contributed to the development of the government's drug strategy.

Legal & Procurement

11. An open procurement process will be undertaken in line with the "light touch" regime under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("PCR 2015").
12. A service will be procured for a contract start date of the 1 January 2023 until March 2025. However, the County Council would be seeking to include a contract extension mechanism of 2 years (April 2025-March 2027) if additional national or regional funding is forthcoming. In the meantime, the Director of Public Health to approve interim measures with the current provider to ensure service continuity until 31 December 2022.
13. The County Council will be leading the procurement process and procuring the service contract (in accordance with PCR 2015 and the County Council's Contract Standing Orders) on behalf of itself and the 19 other local authorities within the Central South Coast Consortium. It is proposed the procurement process will commence this summer with a contract award in early Autumn 2022 to allow for a potential mobilisation period.

Finance

14. OHID have approved grant funding of £1,077,829 for 2022/23 to the Central South Coast Consortium to commission inpatient detoxification services. (The County Council's portion of this funding is £121,000). Twenty local authorities have agreed that Hampshire County Council will be the accountable body for this project and accept funding on their behalf. Funding

will be received by the County Council directly from OHID for the consolidated amount. A Memorandum of Understanding will be in place with each local authority who is part to the consortium which outlines their agreement for the County Council to accept funds on their behalf. Each local authority in the consortium receives an allocation of bed days, which is determined by their share of the grant funding (as set out by OHID).

15. As the accountable body, the County Council are required to report spend of the grant on a quarterly basis to OHID. Any funding not spent by the end of each financial year will be transferred back to OHID.
16. Whilst only indicative at this stage we are expecting similar funding amounts for 2023/24 and 2024/ 25 and have been informed by OHID to forward plan for these timeframes. The total amount over 3 years is anticipated to be no more than £3.5m, however we are seeking to extend this timeframe to 2026/27 to allow for the consortium to develop a sustainable funding model.
17. Therefore, it is recommended that delegated authority for this spend for the possible extension can be approved by the Director of Public Health to be able to increase and/or maintain capacity of providers to deliver services in relatively short timescales. This will be on the basis that there will be no financial risk to the County Council. Prior to any contractual arrangement being signed by the County Council for the service, either formal confirmation of guaranteed grants funds will be in place or that all Local Authorities in the consortium are legally bound to honour their equivalent of the grant contribution.
18. There is no requirement for the County Council to match fund this service or any future commitment if funding from OHID is not forthcoming.

Performance

19. The impact of a locally commissioned service will allow for better access to inpatient detoxification and improved pathways of care for complex individuals. Unwell individuals will no longer need to travel independently for many hours to access this treatment option, and local substance misuse services will be able to ensure robust pathways into and out of detoxification to access additional support. A local service will also reduce the waiting lists that Hampshire residents currently experience when needing to access treatment at other units in England. Delaying detoxification can sometimes put individuals at risk of increased harm and increases the likelihood of emergency hospital admissions.
20. A Central South Coast Steering Group and Project Board was established in April 2021 with all 20 local authorities (led by Hampshire) to ensure increased capacity in the Southeast for medically managed inpatient detoxification services. Quarterly reporting on progress is required to OHID.

Consultation and Equalities

21. The impact of the service will allow for better access locally to inpatient detoxification and improved pathways of care for individuals with complex needs. This will have a positive impact for those with complex needs and a substance misuse addiction and those living in areas of deprivation where there are higher levels of alcohol / drug harm.

Climate Change

22. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
23. The decision is essentially strategic/administrative in nature and does not have any climate change considerations. However, having a local detox unit will prevent Hampshire residents from travelling out of county for treatment.

Conclusions

24. The funding from OHID has been confirmed for 2022/23, with indicative funding amounts for a further two years after that. This funding has already provided opportunities for local authorities to work collaboratively across the South East (and some local authorities in the South West) region to commission specialist treatment for drug / alcohol detoxification.
25. The commissioning of a service local to Hampshire will improve outcomes for Hampshire residents, allowing improved access to inpatient medically managed drug / alcohol detoxification.

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Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> PHE Grant Award for Inpatient Detox Unit https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s73215/Decision Report - PHE Grant Award for Inpatient Detox Unit.pdf	<u>Date</u> 8 th June 2021
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2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 2.1 The impact of the service would allow for better access locally to inpatient detoxification and improved pathways of care for individuals with complex needs. Unwell individuals will no longer need to travel extensively, and local substance misuse services will be able to ensure robust pathways into and out of detoxification to access additional support. This will have a positive impact for those with complex needs and a substance misuse addiction and those living in areas of deprivation where there are higher levels of alcohol / drug harm. A local service within Hampshire will improve access to treatment.

Appendix A – Local Authorities who are part of the Central South Coast Inpatient Detox Consortium

Local authority
Hampshire
Portsmouth
Southampton
Isle of Wight
Dorset
Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole
West Sussex
East Sussex
Reading
Wokingham
Bracknell Forest
Slough
Royal Borough Winsor & Maidenhead
Brighton & Hove
West Berkshire
Kent
Medway
Buckinghamshire
Oxfordshire
Wiltshire

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	22 July 2022
Title:	Meals on Wheels Service
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval from the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health to spend up to £30m over a maximum ten-year period on a contract for a Meals on Wheels service, commencing 1 October 2023.
2. The contract would run for an initial term of five years with an option to extend by up to a further five years, giving a maximum potential term of ten years. The estimated value of the contract, for which approval is being sought, is approximately £2.4m, (£2.88m incl VAT) in the first year. The total contract value for up to the ten years could be £25m, (£30m inclusive of VAT).

Recommendation

3. That the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health approves spend of up to £30m (Inclusive of VAT) over a maximum ten-year period (5 years + a period or periods of up to 5 years) on a service contract for a Meals on Wheels service commencing 1 October 2023 as outlined in this report

Executive Summary

4. This paper seeks to:
 - Set out the background to the existing Meals on Wheels service
 - Outline the previous options considered for Community Meal services
 - Consider the financial implications of the proposed contract

Contextual information

5. The current contract commenced in October 2018. Procured on an initial 3-year term with option to extend by up to a further 2-years, this option was

exercised in June 2021 to take the current contract expiry to 30 September 2023.

6. The service primarily delivers a hot, two-course lunchtime meal. The meals cater for special dietary requirements and if necessary, the meal can be plated and cut up. In addition, drivers are trained to carry out a wellbeing check whilst delivering the meal and will ensure clients have access to a drink to maintain hydration. Customers can request a third course for their lunchtime meal and a cold afternoon tea as part of the delivery (at an additional cost). Meals are available 7 days a week and as of April 2022 the service is self-financing with the provider collecting the cost of the meal (excluding VAT) directly from individuals receiving the service. Each customer currently pays £5.67 for a 2-course lunchtime meal and £3.25 for a tea-time pack.
7. The contracted service is provided to customers who need support in the form of nutritious meals. A referral may be made by frontline care practitioners, including teams seeking to discharge people from hospitals. Referrals can also be made by individuals self-referring into the service or by friends and relatives of individuals seeking support. Individuals are required to confirm they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in appendix 1 when completing their application. For some people, the service helps meet a need to manage and maintain nutrition, while for others it is a preventative service that helps maintain independence.
8. There are around 1,300 active customers receiving Meals on Wheels at any one time and just over 30,000 lunchtime meals are delivered each month. The Meals on Wheels service contributes to supporting people to live in their own homes, maintaining their independence and remaining a part of the community. The inclusion of the welfare check ensures that wellbeing and safety concerns can be identified, and action is taken in a timely fashion. Drivers regularly report concerns to the relevant Hampshire County Council team or call for emergency services where necessary.

Procurement of a service contract - Rationale

9. The current service was procured on the basis of a nil subsidy service contract, however negotiations with the provider post tender resulted in the Council subsidising the service on a sliding scale. As of April 2022, the service has reached a cost-neutral basis with no further subsidy payable, therefore it is considered that a continuation of current service contract arrangements best meets the key requirements to ensure a consistent and robust service across the whole of Hampshire, 365 days a year, in a way that can help contribute to the affordability of meals for service users in these challenging times.
10. A number of options considered during the previous tender process have been reviewed including the cessation of the service, procurement of a frozen meal delivery service and the possibility of bringing services in house. However, it was not felt the key requirements outlined above could be met utilising these alternative options.

11. Hampshire County Council is responsible for the full cost of the contract, however, the provider acts as an agent for Hampshire County Council and collects the cost of the meals from the customers on our behalf. The customers would pay the provider the full cost of the meal (net of VAT) enabling the cost of the meal to remain affordable. VAT charges would be claimed by the provider from the County Council, who in turn can recover the VAT from HMRC.

Financial Implications and risks

12. Individuals who meet the eligibility criteria as outlined in appendix A, and who wish to use the Meals on Wheels service, would continue to be required to pay the provider directly for their meal. This includes residents referred by the Adults' Health and Care Department as well as those who self-refer.
13. Under the terms of the new contract, in addition to the provider being responsible for the collection of the income, the provider would also be responsible for ensuring there is a robust debt recovery process in the event of non-payment of monies due. However, there may be some risk for the County Council in this arena as any debt due after this process had been followed would be the responsibility of the County Council. Under previous contracts, the County Council's liability in this area has been minimal.
14. The contract value included within this report is an estimate as the meal price will be set by the provider (in consultation with the County Council). Meal volumes will be subject to demand; however, it is anticipated that referrals into this service will remain steady over the next five years. It is likely that the cost of meals will also increase over the period of the contract, however, the contract will look to include a formula to ensure these increases are not excessive.
15. As the provider will be collecting payment directly from customers of the service, the estimated contract value is the value to the provider rather than the amount that the County Council will be required to pay. The contract has an estimated value of £25m (£30m including VAT) to the provider over the whole proposed contract term.

Consultation and Equalities

16. To try and establish market preferences for a new contract, a survey was published via the Hampshire Portal and In-Tend from 14th April 2022 to 6 May 2022. The questionnaire was also distributed to registered providers on the 'ESPO' framework. The response to this questionnaire highlighted the limited provider market for these services in Hampshire.
17. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken and is attached to this report. Consideration has been made for those protected characteristics which relate specifically to people using the Meals on Wheels service, particularly disability, age and religion. The proposed new contract would have a positive impact on these characteristics through ensuring continued provision of a valued service to those over 55 and younger adults who have a dementia, disability, mental health or substance misuse issue including

meeting the need for any special dietary requirements due to health concerns/ conditions. Any customer with specific religious requirements and beliefs will also be provided with an appropriate meal.

18. There will also be a positive impact on those living rurally as the Meals on Wheels service will operate across the full geographical jurisdiction of Hampshire County Council ensuring accessible provision of meals for this client group.

Climate Change Impact

19. Hampshire County Council uses two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience impacts of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
20. Having reviewed the proposals against the decision-making tools, it has been identified that the service is moderately vulnerable to the impact of climate change, especially with respect to extreme weather be this heat, cold or flooding.
21. There is also the possibility of increased carbon emissions due to the manufacturing of the meals dependent on where raw materials are sourced from and the delivery of the meals utilising diesel vehicles.
22. These risks are mitigated through contractual arrangements encouraging the use of electric vehicles wherever possible. However, this needs to be balanced against the cost of purchasing the vehicles. In addition, the provider is encouraged to source locally produced ingredients with which to manufacture meals in order to support minimal impact due to food miles. However, again this needs to be balanced against the cost of the meal to the consumer.
23. Lastly, the provider must establish local 'hubs' in the event of extreme weather to ensure those most vulnerable are still able to access a hot meal.

Legal implications

24. Under the Care Act 2014 the County Council has a duty to meet a person's eligible needs including managing and maintaining nutrition. In addition, the County Council has a general duty to promote an individual's well-being and must have a regard to the importance of preventing or delaying the development of needs for care and support.
25. The County Council will ensure these services are procured in line with any relevant requirements of the Light Touch Regime, regulations 74-77 PCR 2015 and the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016. This would mean that procurement process would be subject to the standstill period.

HR Implications

26. TUPE may apply should current providers of services change. This will be dealt with in accordance with normal procurement processes and the staffing situation at the relevant times.
27. Existing Hampshire County Council staff will not be affected by this proposal.

Conclusion

28. This report has summarised the background to the meals on wheels service and outlined the rationale for Hampshire County Council to continue with the service, including the preferred contractual arrangements.
29. The report has also provided details of the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) and Climate Change Impact Assessment (CCIA) that have been produced in respect of the proposal.

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2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Service Name: Hampshire Meals on Wheels Service

Service Description: The Hampshire meals on wheels service delivers a choice of suitable, nutritious hot 2-course lunchtime meals to adults who are at risk of malnutrition and live within Hampshire County Council's (HCC's) geographical jurisdiction. The service is available 365 days a year. Afternoon tea will also be delivered if requested. A health and well-being check will be carried out during every delivery.

New Project/ Change: It is proposed to enter into a new contract for the meals on wheels service to commence 01 October 2023

Engagement: In order to establish market preferences for a new contract, a questionnaire for potential providers was published via the Hampshire Portal and In-Tend from 14th April 2022 to 6th May 2022. Despite opportunities to do so, engagement with the questionnaire was not high, highlighting the limited market within Hampshire.

No further consultation or engagement has taken place. The current service is working well, delivering against its KPIs and providing the required service throughout Hampshire.

Impact Assessment:

Age:

Public Impact: Positive

Staff Impact: Neutral

Rationale: The Meals on wheels service will ensure that older adults over the age of 55 who are unable to shop or cook for themselves or are feeling unwell, are still able to access hot nutritious meals on a daily basis enabling them to maintain their independence.

Disability:

Public Impact: Positive

Staff Impact: Neutral

Rationale: The meals on wheels service is available to those adults aged 18 or over who have dementia, a physical or learning disability, mental health condition or have historically used substances.

The service means that if these individuals are unable to shop or cook for themselves, or are feeling unwell, they are still able to access a hot nutritious meal daily; enabling them to maintain their independence.

The service will also cater for any health-related requirements such as those with coeliac disease or those needing a pureed diet

Gender Reassignment:

Public Impact: Neutral

Staff Impact: Neutral

Rationale: In order to be eligible for the service, individuals must live in HCC's geographical jurisdiction. The individual must be over 55 or be 18 to 54 and have at least one of the following:

- Dementia
- A learning disability
- A physical disability
- A mental health issue
- A history of substance misuse

In addition, they must also need support to manage and maintain their nutrition. This is defined as meeting at least one of the following:

- struggling to cook for yourself, or
- have just come out of hospital, or
- have a carer or relative who needs a break from cooking, or
- feeling unwell, either physically or mentally, or
- have difficulty shopping for food

Access to the service will not be restricted on the grounds of gender reassignment.

Pregnancy and Maternity:**Public Impact:** Neutral**Staff Impact:** Neutral**Rationale:** In order to be eligible for the service, individuals must live in HCC's geographical jurisdiction. The individual must be over 55 or be 18 to 54 and have at least one of the following:

- Dementia
- A learning disability
- A physical disability
- A mental health issue
- A history of substance misuse

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- feeling unwell, either physically or mentally, or
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Access to the service will not be restricted on the grounds of pregnancy and maternity.

Race:**Public Impact:** Neutral**Staff Impact:** Neutral**Rationale:** In order to be eligible for the service, individuals must live in HCC's geographical jurisdiction. The individual must be over 55 or be 18 to 54 and have at least one of the following:

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- feeling unwell, either physically or mentally, or
- have difficulty shopping for food

Access to the service will not be restricted on the grounds of Race. There is a small overlap between religion and belief and race. Those whose race may mean there are dietary requirements linked to their religion or belief, their dietary requirements will be met as outlined in the religion/ belief assessment.

Religion or belief:**Public Impact:** Positive**Staff Impact:** Neutral**Rationale:** The contractual requirements of the meals on wheels service ensure that dietary requirements for individuals due to religion or belief are able to be catered for.**Sex:****Public Impact:** Neutral**Staff Impact:** Neutral**Rationale:** In order to be eligible for the service, individuals must live in HCC's geographical jurisdiction. The individual must be over 55 or be 18 to 54 and have at least one of the following:

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Access to the service will not be restricted on the grounds of Sex.

Sexual Orientation:**Public Impact:** Neutral**Staff Impact:** Neutral**Rationale:** In order to be eligible for the service, individuals must live in HCC's geographical jurisdiction. The individual must be over 55 or be 18 to 54 and have at least one of the following:

- Dementia
- A learning disability
- A physical disability
- A mental health issue
- A history of substance misuse

In addition, they must also need support to manage and maintain their nutrition. This is defined as meeting at least one of the following:

- struggling to cook for yourself, or
- have just come out of hospital, or
- have a carer or relative who needs a break from cooking, or
- feeling unwell, either physically or mentally, or
- have difficulty shopping for food

Access to the service will not be restricted on the grounds of Sexual orientation.

Marriage and Civil Partnership:**Public Impact:** Neutral**Staff Impact:** Neutral**Rationale:** In order to be eligible for the service, individuals must live in HCC's geographical jurisdiction. The individual must be over 55 or be 18 to 54 and have at least one of the following:

- Dementia
- A learning disability
- A physical disability
- A mental health issue
- A history of substance misuse

In addition, they must also need support to manage and maintain their nutrition. This is defined as meeting at least one of the following:

- struggling to cook for yourself, or
- have just come out of hospital, or
- have a carer or relative who needs a break from cooking, or
- feeling unwell, either physically or mentally, or
- have difficulty shopping for food

Access to the service will not be restricted on the grounds of Marriage or Civil Partnership.

Poverty:**Public Impact:** Negative - Low**Staff Impact:** Neutral**Rationale:** The cost of individual meals is to be paid by the individual service user. Those who are on a low income may be prohibited from access the service due to the cost**Mitigations:** Hampshire will be procuring the service through a method that enables Hampshire to claim back the cost of VAT on the meals from HMRC helping to ensure the cost of the meals remains low.

In addition a formula for calculating future inflationary cost increases will be built into the contract ensuring the cost of the meals do not increase excessively to the point of unaffordability

Rurality:**Public Impact:** Positive**Staff Impact:** Neutral**Rationale:** The meals on wheels service is available throughout Hampshire County Council. The service ensures that even those living rurally are able to access a hot nutritious two-course lunch when they meet the eligibility criteria.

Appendix 1: Eligibility Criteria

Current Eligibility Criteria for Meals on Wheels

HCC residents over 55 years

or

HCC residents over 18 years who have:

- Dementia
- A learning disability
- A mental health issue or a history of substance abuse, or
- A physical disability

and

- Are struggling to cook for themselves,
- Have just come out of hospital,
- Have a carer or relative who needs a break from cooking,
- Are feeling unwell, either physically or mentally, or
- Have difficulty shopping

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health
Date:	22 July 2022
Title:	Demand Management and Prevention Grant Award
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for making a grant award to the voluntary and community organisations outlined in this report as part of the Demand Management and Prevention Programme

Recommendation

2. That approval be given by the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health for the following actions:
 - i) To award 6 grants totalling £131,509 to cover a range of time periods between 1 August 2022 and 31 December 2023 as part of the Local Solutions Fund (as detailed in appendix A).

Executive Summary

3. This report seeks to
 - Set out the background to the grants
 - Set out the reason for the recommendations
 - Consider the finance for the project
 - Look at key issues

Contextual information

Background

4. The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) contributes to improving people's quality of life. The grants programme is one of the ways in which the County Council supports the sector to support people to live fuller more independent lives.
5. A voluntary organisation may be considered for grant aid from the County Council only if its services, projects or activities are in compliance with the aims and objectives, priorities and policies of the County Council.

6. Grants are awarded to support services that are better provided by the voluntary sector e.g. the mobilisation of community resources to help vulnerable people maintain their independence.
7. A grant is defined as a sum of money to support a particular activity. It does not usually cover the entire cost of the activity and it is legally considered to be a one-sided gift, rather than a payment in exchange for services.
8. Voluntary and community organisations provide valuable locally based services that are often rooted in the communities which they serve. Significant benefit is produced through this activity, often through voluntary action and focused towards activity that clearly assists in providing early intervention and prevention initiatives. Grant funding by the County Council contributes to, and helps sustain, this activity.
9. As grants are a contribution to service or activity costs the economic benefit to the department can be significant, levering in additional funding, the benefit of volunteer time and therefore providing good value for money to the authority.
10. Organisations will not normally be eligible for grants where they hold balances in excess of one year's running costs. Those organisations receiving recurring funding which hold in excess of three months' running costs, and where they cannot demonstrate through their reserves policy that these reserves are justified, may receive a reduced grant. To establish the level of reserves, organisations are required to provide a set of their latest accounts and annual report with their application and before grant payment is made – in the case of organisations with an income of £10,000 or above, these must be independently examined or audited. If organisations have reserves in excess of three months, we will apply the reserves policy which is in line with the Charity Commission's policy on these matters.

Demand and Prevention Programme

11. Prevention, incorporating Demand Management is one of the three key areas identified to achieve the Vision of Adults' Health and Care, as detailed in the Adult's Health and Care Strategy 2018.
12. The Demand Management and Prevention work will build on people's strengths, enabling them to improve their health and take more personal responsibility for looking after themselves with support from their family, friends and community network. The Council will encourage this by making the healthy choice the easy choice and developing accessible, inclusive and readily available information and advice services. The Council will also carry out targeted prevention work for certain groups of people who are most at risk of poor health to keep them well and to avoid or delay the need for social care services. The Council will work with partners, in particular the NHS, GPs and the Voluntary sector to achieve the above aims.

Local Solutions Grant

13. It is recognised that across Hampshire there are local initiatives, support networks and services achieving positive outcomes for adults every day. A strength-based approach values these local provisions and seeks to enable

them to further develop, be sustained and grow. This approach recognises that the County Council is often not the only, or the best, source of help for local people.

14. Local Solutions Grants seek to fund projects, which over time will reduce the demand seen on Hampshire County Council statutory services and support participants to live healthy and independent lives for as long as possible. Grants are awarded to projects operating in a specific location with one off funding given. All Local Solutions applicants are expected to demonstrate how the project will be sustained in the long term, beyond the life of the grant.
15. Services developed through the Local Solutions locality focused approach, are likely to enable early prevention support, as well as shaping options which may be attractive alternatives to some traditional services currently available for individuals, carers and families. The prioritisation of localities to focus upon within this approach has been informed by data on demographics, existing and projected social care demand, and feedback from stakeholders. This will help to ensure that local people have effective support available now and into the future.
16. The focus and criteria for each Local Solution Grant has been shaped by engagement with local stakeholders. This engagement has informed identification of the local priorities, the outcomes which are important to be achieved and the potential type of solution which could be developed. They are also aligned to the NHS programme to support self-management, which assists individuals to remain independent and minimising their need for social care. Some grants are more specific in what is being asked to be delivered and others outline more generally the focus of the change required. Across all, it will be looked for the successful bidder(s) to ensure local insight and expertise continue to shape the support and services as they further develop, in order to deliver positive outcomes. Local stakeholders and local Adult's Health and Care Community Teams were involved in the decision making to ensure that the grants recommended meet the community need.
17. In this paper Local Solutions grants are being proposed covering a range of demographics, seek to support users of services across numerous localities in Hampshire. This represents the diversity and range of support which continues to be offered through this bespoke fund and full details of the grants being proposed are contained in Appendix A of this paper

Finance

18. The grant proposal in this report will commit additional expenditure totalling £131,509 for two years up to the financial year (2023/24), from planned one off resources already available. Subject to approval of this report the total grants committed for payment will remain within the agreed annual budget envelopes for the Demand Management and Prevention Programme.
19. Payments will be made in 2 instalments for all grants approved in this report. All Grant Agreements have conditions that enable the County Council to require repayment of the award or any part of it if it remains unspent at the

end of the grant period, or if there is a material breach of the grant agreement.

Performance

20. The provision of grants to voluntary and community sector organisations by statutory bodies always presents a degree of risk. Specific risks that statutory bodies are required to manage include voluntary and community organisations accepting funding without providing any activity; organisations not delivering the service as expected; and there being an under spend on the expected activity. This applies to all grants however; larger grants represent a potentially higher risk to the County Council.
21. A number of mechanisms have been employed successfully over a number of years to mitigate and alleviate these risks. These include nominating a liaison officer from the County Council whose responsibility is to monitor how the grant is spent, specifying within the grant agreement that the grant is 'restricted' funding for the provision of the specified activity only and phasing the payment of grants over the course of the award duration.
22. A comprehensive evaluation assessment tool has been developed and is in use for the beneficiaries of previous grant rounds, ensuring consistency of data capture.
23. All organisations awarded a grant sign a declaration stating they accept that grant funding can only be awarded for the given period and no commitment exists from the County Council to continue funding after this time, or in subsequent years.

Consultation and Equalities

24. It is for the Executive Member as decision maker to have due regard to the need to: eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
25. All grants included for consideration in this report represent additional facilities and services for those they serve and a full Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed to capture the benefits for each group.

Climate Impact Assessment

26. Hampshire County Council utilises two decision-making tools to assess the carbon emissions and resilience of its projects and decisions. These tools provide a clear, robust, and transparent way of assessing how projects, policies and initiatives contribute towards the County Council's climate change targets of being carbon neutral and resilient to the impacts of a 2°C temperature rise by 2050. This process ensures that climate change considerations are built into everything the Authority does.
27. A full assessment of climate change vulnerability was not completed as the initial vulnerability assessment showed that the project is at minimal risk from

the climate vulnerabilities because the projects delivered will be operated from premises not owned by the County Council or the organisation in receipt of the grant.

Conclusions

28. The Local Solutions Grant continues to offer local organisations in the voluntary and community sector, the opportunity to fund their projects to the benefit of local residents in a local way to address the specific needs of communities in each district. The grants proposed in this paper have a range of benefits and outcomes but all seek, as a minimum to reduce social isolation and loneliness and connect participants to their local communities and support networks.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> Demand Management and Prevention Grant Award Demand Management and Prevention Grant Award Demand Management and Prevention Grant Award	<u>Date</u> January 2022
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents	
<p>The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)</p>	
<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The award of grants to the voluntary and community sector to support people to live long, healthy and happy lives with the maximum possible independence, as part of the demand management and prevention programme and in-line with Adult's Health and Care Strategy 2018.

Grants in this paper:

Local Solutions Grants, covering the districts of Rushmoor, Havant, East Hants, Basingstoke and Deane, Fareham and Eastleigh - period July 2022 – December 2023. Total Pot: £131,509

Geographical impact: Grants in this paper are recommended for award, which if approved will provide additional services, beyond what is already available in the districts of: Rushmoor, Havant, East Hants, Basingstoke and Deane, Fareham and Eastleigh

Proposed Change: The grants proposed in this paper all represent new services which were not previously funded and therefore are of additional benefit to those they seek to serve.

The Local Solutions fund continues to offer funding to projects which support a diverse range of Hampshire residents, and does so in collaboration with Social Care Teams, health partners and the community and voluntary sector.

As a result of the proposals contained within this Executive Member Decision Report we do not anticipate any changes to service provision, rather these are extensions to existing services or new services which were not previously available.

Will the proposed project/service change affect people in the protected characteristics groups or any of the other groups for consideration? Yes

Who does this impact assessment cover?: All

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?: Yes

Describe the consultation or engagement you have performed or are intending to perform:

The Local Solutions Grant application process is designed to enhance collaboration between HCC and the applicant every step of the way. Throughout the application process, the grants within this paper were shaped in order to ensure the outcomes proposed align with the Adults Health strategy and deliver the maximum benefit for participants.

A key focus for DM&P at the current time is building and strengthening relationships with the local districts across Hampshire. The individual districts have been consulted with on each project which impacts their locality for their thoughts and suggestions to ensure the maximum benefit across multiple levels of Local Government.

Finally various HCC teams have been involved with the shaping of the projects outlined in this report, from the LD Team input into the proposed SpeakEasy application to the Social Care Team input into the NeighbourCare application.

Collaboration will continue should these projects be approved with lessons learned captured and shared and outcomes evaluated to assess the value and outcomes being delivered.

Age Public Impact: Positive

Age Staff Impact: Neutral

Assessment Rationale: All projects included in this report serve, as one of their key demographics, older adults in the 70+ age range. The projects included will increase support beyond what is already available to support older adults with household tasks (Farham Citizens Advice and Neighbourcare applications), reduce social isolation and loneliness (Zion Projects and Like Minds Together

projects) and improve individual health and wellbeing outcomes (Rushmoor Healthy Living Project)

Disability social impact: Positive

Disability staff impact: Neutral

Assessment Rationale: The projects recommended for funding support Hampshire residents living with a range of disabilities and in a range of ways. The SpeakEasy application represents additional and targeted support for residents living with a learning disability and The East Hants Mind and Be Healthy Be You projects support people with mental health challenges. These projects are designed to provide targeted and tailored support to participants in order to help them live independent, healthy and fulfilling lives.

Sexual orientation public impact: Neutral

Sexual orientation staff impact: Neutral

Assessment rationale: All projects recommended for award in this paper are open to all residents irrespective of their sexual orientation though none in this round of funding are specifically targeted at people with this defined characteristic.

Race social impact: Positive

Race staff impact: Neutral

Assessment Rationale: The Be Healthy Be You project is targeted specifically at the Nepali community in Rushmoor district in order to support participants to increase their health across a range of measures. Specific focus will be given to the health metrics this community has traditionally seen lower outcomes in when compared to other communities in Hampshire, in order to enable participants to live healthy and active lives for longer.

Religion or belief social impact: Neutral

Religion or belief staff impact: Neutral

Assessment Rationale: All projects recommended for award in this paper are open to all residents irrespective of their religion or beliefs. though none in this round of funding are specifically targeted at people with this defined characteristic.

Gender reassignment public impact: Neutral

Gender reassignment staff impact: Neutral

Assessment Rationale: The projects recommended for funding in this paper are open to all and aim to support people in a range of ways irrespective of gender reassignment.

Sex public impact: Neutral

Sex staff impact: Neutral

Assessment rationale: The projects recommended for funding in this paper are open to all and aim to support people in a range of ways irrespective of Sex.

Marriage or civil partnership: Neutral

Marriage or civil partnership: Neutral

Assessment Rationale: The projects recommended for funding in this paper are open to all and aim to support people in a range of ways irrespective of marriage or civil partnership status.

Pregnancy and maternity public impact: Neutral

Pregnancy and maternity staff impact: Neutral

Assessment rationale: The projects recommended for funding in this paper are open to all and aim to support people in a range of ways irrespective of whether they are pregnant or not.

Poverty public impact: Positive

Poverty staff impact: Neutral

Assessment Rationale: A number of projects recommended for funding in this paper support residents in financial hardship. The Neighbourcare application offer reduced price services for people enabling them to live independently in their homes for longer. The Older Persons Support and Advice project is designed to support older adults in applying for benefits, managing their limited budgets and supporting with financial management.

Rurality public impact: Neutral

Rurality staff impact: Neutral

Assessment rationale: The projects recommended for funding in this paper are open to all and aim to support people in a range of ways irrespective of rurality.

APPENDIX A

LOCAL SOLUTIONS GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY AREA

Grant 1

Organisation: Rushmoor Healthy Living

Project Title: Be Healthy Be You Project

Area: Rushmoor

Amount: £15,840 (Duration 12 months)

Project Description: Protect which delivers on a face to face and group basis to improve health outcomes in the Nepali community in Rushmoor District. The Nepali community score lower on a number of health outcomes than the wider Hampshire population and these outcomes will be the focus of the project to improve health and wellbeing in participants. The primary participants will be older adults in the 70+ age group and this project will be used as a pilot for targeted intervention with specific health metrics with a view to potentially expanding it to the wider community if successful.

Grant 2

Organisation: East Hants Mind

Project Title: Like Minds Together

Area: Havant and East Hants

Amount: £17,131 (Duration 12 months)

Project Description: Community mental health support project which focuses on one to one intervention and support groups across Havant and East Hants districts. Supporting people to build their emotional resilience and improve their mental health in a setting which can also reduce social isolation and loneliness. Participants will be able to set their own goals and objectives as part of a strengths based approach and maximise beneficial outcomes.

Grant 3

Organisation: Neighbourcare

Project Title: Handy Support Service

Area: Basingstoke and Deane

Amount: £20,262 (Duration 12 months)

Project Description: Funding will support the recruitment of a development officer which will use the life of the grant to set up and run a local support service to provide handyman, gardening and day to day low level support to older adults in Basingstoke and Deane district. The first 6 months of the project will be setting up the project and the remaining 6 months implementation and development with a view to the project being fully sustained beyond the life of the grant. Focus of the project will be on supporting older adults to remain safe and independent in their own homes for as long as possible.

Grant 4

Organisation: SpeakEasy

Project Title: Support To Independence

Area: Basingstoke and Deane

Amount: £29,000 (Duration 14 months)

Project Description: Targeted one on one and group support for users of LD services in Basingstoke in order to increase life and independence skills. Workshops and support will be delivered in a post Covid-19 way to support participants to adapt to the new reality of life after Covid, boost confidence and become connected to their communities and the other support networks available.

Grant 5

Organisation: Citizens Advice Fareham

Project Title: Older Persons Advice And Support

Area: Fareham

Amount: £29,562 (Duration 15 months)

Project Description: Project which works in a targeted way with Hampshire County Council Social Care Teams at the point of client assessment. Holistic service which goes beyond just financial management and looks comprehensively at how to improve independence, wellbeing and health measures for each individual. Caseworker lead to deliver for each participant in a strengths based way for long term health and wellbeing outcomes.

Grant 6:

Organisation: Zion Projects

Project Title: Parish Care Connections

Area: Eastleigh

Amount: £19,750 (Duration 12 months)

Project Description: A range of community based projects, from a community café to in home help and support and digital upskilling which is designed to better connect older adults in the Fair Oak and Horton Heath areas of Eastleigh Borough to their local community and available resources. Main outcomes are to reduce social isolation and loneliness amongst the older adults in the target area and increase participants digital connectivity.

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