

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Social Care, Safeguarding for Adults and Bolton Cares.

MONDAY, 15th JUNE, 2020

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Galloway	- As deputy for the Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor Sherrington	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Pattison	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hornby	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Wright	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Ms. R. Tanner	- Managing Director DASS
Ms. L. Butcher	- Head of Finance
Mrs. V. Ridge	- Democratic Services Manager

1. PEOPLE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL MONITORING 2019/2020

The Directors of People and Corporate Resources submitted a joint report which provided information relating to the final outturn position for the People portfolio for the 2019/2020 financial year.

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The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the revenue outturn position for the Local Authority block was expected to be in line with budget following use of reserves of £9.36 million. With regard to revenue expenditure for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) this was to be £5.007 million greater than the grant available.

In terms of capital expenditure, the original capital programme approved at Council in February, 2019 totalled £23.198 million and expenditure at the 31st March, 2020 was £18.365 million against a revised programme of £20.151 million. It was explained that the change was primarily due to slippage of schemes into 2020/2021.

The report also advised that reserves were £29.033 million at the 31st March, 2020 and of this £21.515 million related to capital monies held for future work on schools and £2.363 million related to schools balances and other DSG reserves.

The Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care NOTED -

- (i) The financial final outturn position of the portfolio as at 31st March, 2020;**
- (ii) The changes within the Capital Programme as detailed in the report; and AGREED –**
- (iii) That the Director of People be given delegated authority to call off on the framework(s) for the Capital Programme as detailed in Section 3 of the report now submitted.**

2. CARE HOMES INFECTION CONTROL FUND GRANT ALLOCATION

The Managing Director Integrated Care Partnership submitted a report which set out the national support to care homes expectations of local areas and proposed usage of the 'Infection prevention control fund' for care homes.

By way of background, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the Minister for Care wrote to Chief Executives of

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Local Authorities and Directors of Adult Services on 14th May, 2020 to set out the support offer to care homes and the additional £600 million national allocation. The support offer was specific to reduce the transmission rate in and between homes and wider workforce resilience in response to Covid-19.

The report advised that the national requirements for Local Authorities, as set out in the guidance, related to the following areas of work that should be put in place through a local care homes support plan which covered, viz:-

- Training in infection prevention control;
- Personal protective equipment (PPE);
- Reducing the movement of staff in and between care homes and minimising risk for care workers;
- Quarantining and testing residents on discharge from hospital;
- Clinical support through primary care and community health services; and
- Comprehensive testing.

In addition to the above the following was also required, viz:-

- Resilience of social care workforce and consideration should be given to mutual aid and business continuity across the care market in local areas, and
- Local Authorities in partnership with Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), NHS provider, care market providers and representative groups should consider the support plans collectively to ensure there was a whole system response to this crisis.

In terms of the local response to the national requirements comprehensive details of this were provided in the report which included the area which the local support offer covered and the additional steps which had been taken from a commissioning perspective to ensure there was sufficient capacity and resilience in the market and discharge pathways in place. A copy of Bolton's Care Home support plan and covering letter to the minister was also available on the Council's website.

With regard to finance, the Executive Cabinet Member was informed that Bolton's allocation of the infection control fund was £2,303,590 which would be received as a grant in two instalments. It was explained that local authorities must ensure that 75% of the grant was passported to care homes directly and this equated to £975 per bed. The remaining 25% £575,897 would be discretionary and used to support the wider social care workforce and for those providers with additional extraordinary expenditure. However, it was stated that the grant was not intended to support provider financial resilience.

The report also provided details of how the fund would be allocated to the home to support measures where appropriate and it also outlined the conditions of the grant.

In terms of the next steps, it was stated that the providers would be asked to evidence the usage of the first payment of the grant to release the second payment. There would be continue support and monitoring of the care sector and wellbeing of residents through the health and care partnership offer.

**The Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
APPROVED –**

- (i) The local care home support plan as detailed in the report;**
- (ii) The Publication of the Councils fee uplifts, Covid19 support plan for the care sector and associated financial resources distributed on the Council website, in accordance with the government guidance; and AGREED –**
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Statutory Director for Adult Services the distribution of the support grant as detailed in the report.**