

DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adults, Public Health, Looked After Children, Safeguarding, Early Years, Schools and Skills:-

WEDNESDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 2014

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

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| Councillor Mrs Thomas | - | Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader |
| Councillor Morgan | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Hayes | - | Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Looked After Children, Safeguarding and Early Years

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| Councillor Murray | - | Cabinet Member |
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Adults

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| Councillor Peacock | - | Cabinet Member |
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Officers

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| Mr A. Crook | - | Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr D. Smith | - | Head of Finance |
| Mrs S. Bailey | - | Principal Democratic Services Officer |

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

74. BETTER CARE FUND SUBMISSION STAGE 1

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which put forward the Stage 1 Submission bid to the Better Care Fund for the consideration and approval of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The report advised that the Bid had been prepared for submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government, Department of Health and NHS England by the Local Authority, Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group and Bolton NHS Foundation Trust in order to access monies from the Better Care Fund.

By way of background information, the report advised that the Better Care Fund would provide £3.8billion worth of funding nationally in 2015/16 to be spent on health and care to drive closer integration and improve outcomes for patients and service users and carers. In 2014/15, in addition to the £900m transfer already planned from the NHS to Adult Social Care, a further 200m would transfer to enable localities to prepare for the Better Care Fund in 2015/16.

In order to secure Better Care Funding, there was a requirement to submit a jointly agreed plan to the Health and Wellbeing Board which outlined joint plans to deliver integrated services and targets for achieving Government aims. The Government had stated that 25% of funds would be based upon achievements against agreed targets.

Further details on how the Fund would operate were provided in the report.

In this regard, the report put forward the Better Care Fund Submission Stage 1 for consideration. Detailed plans had been prepared setting out how Bolton partners proposed to work together to integrate health and adult social care services. Once submitted, the Government would consider all the Better Care Fund submissions and assess their robustness in terms of financial planning, performance management plans and

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deliverability. Feedback would be provided on plans after submission and revised plans were due to be submitted to Health England by 4th April, 2014.

It was noted that the Bid was still in development and it was therefore requested that the Chief Executive be given delegated authority to make amendments to the plan ahead of the submission deadline of 14th February, 2014.

The Bid had been considered and approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 12th February, 2014.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The initial Better Care Fund Bid document for submission to the Government, as detailed in the report now submitted and that the Deputy Chief Executive be given delegated authority to make amendments to the Bid ahead of the submission deadline.