

**PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT FUNDING FOR NHS COMMISSIONED SERVICES**

To: Health Committee

Meeting Date: October 15 2020

From: Director of Public Health

Electoral division(s): all

Forward Plan ref: 2020/056

Key decision: Yes

Outcome: The Committee is asked to consider the increase and proposed investment of the Public Health Grant for 2020/21.

Recommendation: The Health Committee is asked to

- a) note the increase in ring fenced Public Health Grant allocation and
- b) approve the allocation of funding to commissioned services to meet the cost pressures created by increases in 'Agenda for Change' salaries as set out in paragraph 2.2.

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 The Public Health grant to local authorities is ring fenced for use on public health functions exclusively for all ages. The Secretary of State has determined, in line with section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, to pay grants each year to relevant authorities. The core condition of this grant is that it should be used only for the purposes of the public health functions of local authorities.
- 1.2 There is an expectation that the grant will be spent in-year. If at the end of the financial year there is any underspend local authorities may carry these over, as part of a public health reserve, into the next financial year. However in using those funds the next year, local authorities still need to comply with the ring-fenced grant conditions.
- 1.3 The grant in 2020/21 includes an adjustment to cover the estimated additional Agenda for Change (NHS) pay costs of eligible staff working in organisations commissioned by local authorities, or by the local authority, to deliver public health services.
- 1.4 There are grant conditions indicating where the funding may be spent and this includes the specific requirement for local authorities to have regard to the need to reduce inequalities.
- 1.5 Please note that the Committee was provided with information about the additional Agenda 4 Change cost pressures in August 2020. However following clarification from Public Health England and provider revisions to the pressures, new costs are provided in this paper.

## 2. Main Issues

- 2.1 The Cambridgeshire County Council ring-fenced Public Health grant for 2020/21 is £27,248,493, an increase from £25,560,000 in 2019/20. This £1,688,493 or 6.6% increase as indicated above, is intended to include funding for meeting the Agenda for Change cost pressures. After the Agenda for Change costs have been met the increase in funding for investment in Public Health is 4.4% that is £1,120,144.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the following cost pressures for the Public Health commissioned services created by the 'Agenda for Change' salary increases are met through the increased Public Health grant allocation. These increases will be re-occurring.

Agenda for Change Salary Increase cost pressures for Public Health commissioned services 2020/21 – annual cost		
Cambridgeshire Community Services	Healthy Child Programme	£447,362
Cambridgeshire Community Services	Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Services (iCaSH)	£94,660
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Foundation Trust	Falls Prevention Programme	£6,661

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Community Foundation Trust	Children and Young People's Substance Misuse Service	£4,666
Change Grow Live	Adult Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services	£15,000
TOTAL		£568, 349

2.3 The Committee at its October 2020 approved the use of the Public Health grant funding increase, not required to meet the Agenda4Change pressures, to support interventions to address obesity. The COVID-19 pandemic has focused attention on obesity as it is strongly associated with poorer COVID-19 outcomes. At both local and national levels there is a focus upon addressing the issue.

### 3. Alignment with corporate priorities

3.1 A good quality of life for everyone

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- The Services funded by the Public Health Grant aim to improve the quality of life for everyone

3.2 Thriving places for people to live

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- The Services funded by the Public Health Grant aim to support people to be healthy and enable them to contribute to supporting their local communities.

3.3 The best start for Cambridgeshire's children

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- The Public Health Grant funds the Healthy Child Programme which specifically aims to ensure that the children of Cambridgeshire access services that will enable them to develop and secure the best possible health and wellbeing outcomes.

3.4 Net zero carbon emissions for Cambridgeshire by 2050

The following bullet points set out details of implications identified by officers:

- Fundamental to any efforts to address obesity is focus upon increasing physical activity by supporting people to use active travel rather than vehicles.

## 4. Significant Implications

### 4.1 Resource Implications

The report above sets out details of significant implications in 2.2

### 4.2 Procurement/Contractual/Council Contract Procedure Rules Implications

The following bullet point sets out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Any implications for procurement/contractual/Council contract procedure rules will be considered with the appropriate officers from these Departments and where necessary presented to the Health Committee before proceeding.

### 4.3 Statutory, Legal and Risk Implications

The following bullet points set out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- This grant (in pursuant of the Local government Act 2003) can be used for both revenue and capital purposes to provide local authorities in England with the funding required to discharge the public health functions,
- Any legal or risk implications will be considered with the appropriate officers from these Departments and where necessary presented to the Health Committee before proceeding.

### 4.4 Equality and Diversity Implications

The following bullet point sets out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Any equality and diversity implications will be identified before any action is taken to address obesity.

### 4.5 Engagement and Communications Implications

The following bullet point sets out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Any actions taken to address obesity will include consultation and engagement with communities affected.

### 4.6 Localism and Local Member Involvement

The following bullet point sets out details of significant implications identified by officers:

- Addressing obesity will involve working with individuals and communities to identify how they can work together to tackle the many barriers to reducing obesity and improving their health and wellbeing.

### 4.7 Public Health Implications

The following bullet point sets out details of significant implications identified by officers:

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## Implications

## Officer Clearance

Have the resource implications been cleared by Finance?

Yes Stephen Howarth 28/9/20

Have the procurement/contractual/ Council Contract Procedure Rules implications been cleared by the LGSS Head of Procurement?

Yes Gus De Silva 28/9/20

Has the impact on statutory, legal and risk implications been cleared by the Council's Monitoring Officer or LGSS Law?

Yes Fiona McMillan

Have the equality and diversity implications been cleared by your Service Contact?

Yes Liz Robin

Have any engagement and communication implications been cleared by Communications?

Yes Matthew Hall 28/9/20

Have any localism and Local Member involvement issues been cleared by your Service Contact?

Yes Liz Robin

Have any Public Health implications been cleared by Public Health

Yes Liz Robin

## 5. Source documents

### 5.1 Source documents

Guidance: Public health grants to local authorities: 2020 to 2021  
Department of Health and Social Care. March 2020

### 5.2 Location

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-health-grants-to-local-authorities-2020-to-2021>