

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Community and Children's Services Committee – For decision	21/09/2018
<b>Subject:</b> Mental Health Centre	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Andrew Carter, Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

This report follows on from the successful proposal in March 2018 for a mental health centre to provide additional clinical interventions to those working and living in the Square Mile, including lower-paid workers. Since the approval of the proposal, funds of £451,000 have been agreed by the Priorities Board. This report will update members on the progress of the centre and seek approval for the drawdown of CIL funding.

### Recommendations

Members of Community and Children's Services (CCS) Committee are asked to:

- note progress of the centre and
- provide approval for the drawdown of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocated funding to an amount up to £451,000.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. On 7 March the CCS Grand Committee reviewed and agreed to a proposal for a City of London mental health centre. As part of the discussion, members requested that, due to the demand for such a service, delivery should be from two adjoining shop units.

#### Current Position

2. Officers have identified two adjoining Housing Revenue Account shop units – 75 and 77 Middlesex Street – for use. The shop units are in an area providing access to City residents and workers.

3. To further support the delivery and viability of the centre, the department sought capital funding of £433,000 from the CIL for refurbishment costs. This was approved at the Priorities Board meeting of 20 June 2018.
4. On 23 August, the department received the estimated budget of renovating both properties from the City Surveyor's. The total estimated cost is £451,137.49, and a further bid to the Priorities Board was made to extend the approved funding amount. This approval was provided on 11 September, subject to further approval by the CCS Grand Committee and Resource Allocation Sub-Committee. A report is due to be taken to the December Resource Allocation Sub-Committee.
5. The £451,000.00 recommended by Priorities Board is specifically from the Social and Community Enhancement CIL funding.
6. As the renovation aspect of the mental health centre meets the financial threshold for the Gateway Process, initial stages have been initiated. Papers G1 and G2 (project brief and report) have been submitted to the Corporate Projects Board for comment before being submitted to the Project Sub-Committee. This also includes a 'Test of Relevance' to ensure that the project has no adverse or negative impact under the Equality Act 2010.
7. The department will be seeking a provider through an Invitation to Tender, and a specification is being drawn up. Renovation work would not begin on the two shop units until a provider has been awarded the contract.

### **Proposals**

8. Members are asked to approve the drawdown of CIL funding up to the amount of £451,000.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

9. This project relates to the Department of Community and Children's Services' Business Plan (2017–22) which lists a priority objective as health and wellbeing, specifically that: "people of all ages enjoy good health and wellbeing."
10. It also relates to the draft Corporate Plan (2018–23), where a corporate outcome within the strategic objective of "contributing to a flourishing society" is that "people enjoy good health and wellbeing".

### **Implications**

11. The operational, human resource and clinical risk of this provision would rest with the provider and be subject to monitoring by the commissioning team within Department of Community and Children's Services.

### **Conclusion**

12. The Department of Community and Children's Services within the City Corporation has committed to supporting the mental wellbeing of the different populations within the Square Mile and is able to effect real change in this area by addressing gaps. Approval of this funding will ensure that renovation can begin as soon as a provider has been awarded the contract.

## **Appendices**

- None

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