

<b>Committee:</b> Health and Wellbeing Board	<b>Dated:</b> 16 September 2021
<b>Subject:</b> Better Care Fund 2021 – 22 and 2022 – 23	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly? -</b>	1,2,3,4
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Andrew Carter, Director of Community and Children's Services	<b>For Decision</b>
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### Summary

The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme supports local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care in a way that supports person-centred care, sustainability and better outcomes for people and carers.

The Fund is based on a pooled budget of funding from CCGs and local authorities. Each year local systems produce plans for the Better Care Fund which have to be signed off by local Health and Wellbeing Boards. Local Areas also have to submit end of year reports to show delivery and impact of spend.

This report seeks Health and Wellbeing Board approval for the end of year report for 2021/22 and the proposed plans for 2022/23. The guidance for plans for 2022/23 was produced in July 2022 with a deadline for submission of 26 September 2022.

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Approve the Better Care Fund End of Year Submission for 2021 – 22
- Approve the proposed Better Care Fund Plans for 2022/23 and delegate authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Executive Director of Community and Children's Services, to approve any subsequent changes to the plans prior to submission on 26 September 2022

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

1. The Better Care Fund (BCF) was established in 2013 and encourages integration by requiring clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and local authorities to enter into pooled budget arrangements and agree an integrated spending plan.
2. Each organisation has designated funds they have to include in the pooled budget and it is at their discretion whether they add additional funding to the pot.
3. Every year, local systems agree how the money will be spent within criteria set out by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and produce plans in accordance with BCF policy and requirements. A key component of the requirements focus on supporting hospital discharge and out of hospital care.
4. The policy and guidance documents for plans are produced each year but are often published late in the financial year. Guidance for plans for 2022/23 was published in July 2021 and are due to be submitted on 26 September 2022. All plans have to be approved by the local Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).
5. Although the plans are submitted after the start of the financial year, local areas are allowed to continue with schemes from the previous year.
6. Local areas are also required to submit end of year plans giving detail of spend, impact and delivery of metrics.

### **Current Position**

7. The BCF end of year report for 2021/22 was submitted in July 2021 and requires Health and Wellbeing Board sign off. This is attached at Appendix 1.
8. For 2022/23, the pooled budget is £1,206,009, consisting of a CCG contribution of £845,259 and a City of London Corporation contribution of £360,750.
9. A range of schemes are funded through the BCF and this can be seen on Tab 5a of Appendix 2. Of the pooled budget £328,977 is being spent on City of London services (not including iBCF and DFG), above the £154,749 required.
10. The City of London schemes in the 2022-23 plan remain broadly the same to previous years but with a change in the elements of the hospital discharge scheme to reflect changing requirements and guidance.
11. Proposed plans are attached at Appendices 2 and 3 and include a narrative plan, which is a joint local system one for the City of London Corporation and the London Borough of Hackney and a City Corporation template with details of income, expenditure and schemes.

12. The template includes 4 key indicators that the City of London Corporation and health partners monitor.
13. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the proposed plans for 2022-23. Minor changes may be made by the local health and care partnership and it is requested that approval of these final changes is delegated to the Director of Community and Children's Services in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

### *Strategic implications*

The BCF aligns with our corporate priorities of

1. People are safe and feel safe.
2. People enjoy good health and wellbeing.
3. People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.
4. Communities are cohesive and have the facilities they need.

It also sits within a wider strategic context of health and social care integration and policies driving hospital discharge work.

### *Financial implications*

The City of London Corporation only contributes required funding to the pooled budget and does not contribute any additional funding.

In terms of expenditure on schemes within the plan, City Corporation schemes are funded above the minimum required from the pooled budget.

### *Resource implications*

None

### *Legal implications*

None

### *Risk implications*

None

### *Equalities implications*

All schemes which are funded through the BCF and commissioned or delivered by the City of London Corporation are subject to Equality Impact Assessments.

### *Climate implications*

None

Security implications

None

## **Conclusion**

14. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the end of year report for the BCF 2021/22.

15. The Health and Wellbeing Board is also asked to approve the proposed 2022/23 BCF plans for the City of London Corporation. Further changes may be made by the local health and care partnership and it is suggested that approval of these final changes is made by the Director of Community and Children's Services in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

16. Focussing on integration and particularly on hospital discharge and out of hospital services, the BCF plans fund a number of schemes in the City of London.

17. The funding from the pooled budget for City of London Corporation services is above the minimum required and supports a range of work. The main change from previous plans, is a change to the hospital discharge scheme to reflect changing requirements and guidance and changes to some services as part of the re-commissioning process.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – BCF End of Year Report 2021/22
- Appendix 2 – BCF narrative plan 2022/23 (joint with LB Hackney)
- Appendix 3 – BCF planning template 2022/23

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