

<b>Committee(s):</b> Community and Children's Services Committee – for information	<b>Dated:</b> 25th November 2022
<b>Subject:</b> Report of Action Taken	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	As set out in the full reports presented for the urgent decision
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	
<b>If so, how much?</b>	
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

This report sets out decisions taken under urgency provision, in accordance with Standing Order 41, since the last meeting of the Committee

#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: BETTER CARE FUND (BCF)**

The Better Care Fund (BCF) programme was established in 2013 and supports local systems in successfully delivering the integration of health and social care in providing better outcomes for people and carers. The Fund is based on a pooled budget of funding from Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Local Authorities.

Guidance for Plans for 2022/23 was published in July 2021, and all plans have to be approved by the local Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). Although the plans are submitted after the start of the financial year, local areas are allowed to continue with schemes from the previous year. A range of schemes are funded through the BCF, and the City of London's schemes in the 2022-23 plan remain broadly the same as previous years, but with a change to elements of the hospital discharge scheme, to reflect changing requirements and guidance.

#### **Reason for Urgency**

Following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II on 8th September 2022, and the national period of mourning, the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board scheduled for 16th September 2022 was postponed. In order to meet the deadline for submission of 26th September 2022, to the Department of Health and Social Care, the report was progressed under urgency provisions.

### **Implications – Financial, Legal and Equality**

The City of London Corporation only contributes required funding to the pooled budget and does not contribute any additional funding. City Corporation schemes are funded above the minimum required from the pooled budget.

### **Action Taken – the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board:**

1. Approved the Better Care Fund End of Year Submission for 2021 – 22.
2. Approved the proposed Better Care Fund Plans for 2022/23.
3. Noted that any changes to the repayment plan will require further Committee approvals in the usual way. This would still provide for consideration under urgency and should not prevent a delegated authority from being sought, should the opportunity present.