

<b>Committee(s):</b> Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee	<b>Dated:</b> 18/01/2023
<b>Subject: Adult Social Care Review of Early Intervention Pilot</b>	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	1, 2, 3,
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>Na</b>
<b>Report of: Claire Chamberlain, Interim Director, Community and Children's Services</b>	<b>For Discussion</b>
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### Summary

The City of London Corporation Adult Social Care Team developed and delivered a pilot early intervention programme, to allow Adult Social Care staff to access funds for one-off purchases that will improve the wellbeing of service users with creative and simple solutions. This report updates members on an evaluation of the programme.

In total during the pilot 46 purchases were made, ranging from household items like hair clippers and a microwave, to sports equipment, safety equipment and zoom licenses to improve connectivity for informal carers.

The Early Intervention project initially ran from July 2021 to April 2022 and has been extended for 2022/23 due to the positive feedback from staff and clients. The pilot was particularly successful for Rough Sleeping and Homelessness and a funded additional, separate budget has been obtained to support delivery in this area. It is anticipated by the Adult Social Care team that additional pressures due to the economic and energy pressure will see an increase in need for the Early Intervention work

### Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

### Main Report

## **Background**

1. Under the Care Act 2014, local authorities are required to actively promote individual wellbeing and independence. This involves providing early interventions to support adults and carers in order to either prevent, delay or reduce the need for care as much as possible. A new and innovative approach was developed to improving wellbeing and reducing care needs of adults with social care needs.
2. In April 2021 the City of London Adult Social Care team held a workshop to develop a new innovative approach to delivering Early intervention and to design a pilot.
3. The pilot of this work ran between July 2021 and April 2022, which supported the wider strengths-based approaches across the service.
4. The pilot aimed to identify low-cost, one-off interventions that would improve the wellbeing and independence of adults with care and support needs.
5. £10,000 was allocated, for the Adult Social Care team to use to support individuals, not as an individual budget or an entitlement to residents, but as a fund available to provide potential one-off interventions that would support the health and wellbeing of residents.
6. The fund was accessible to social workers, strength-based practitioners, and occupational therapists. Any intervention under £200 did not require management approval.

## **Current Position**

7. Feedback from a resident who received a large button phone and dial operated Microwave showed how these items had made a positive difference to their independence.

## **Key Data**

8. 26 individuals were supported through the pilot, with examples of purchases including a microwave, hair clippers and swimming vouchers. Each intervention was specific to the needs and aspirations of the individual from conversations with the staff. 2 additional non-specific interventions were also made
9. Of these 26 adults, 18 were not in receipt of costed adult social care services, and were considered “on the edge of care”
10. In total 46 purchases were made to a total value of £5,288 out of a budget allocation of £10,000

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications –**

Strategic implications – This pilot and the continuing of this early intervention meet Corporate Plan by ensuring people are safe and feel safe, people enjoy good wellbeing, people have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential

Financial implications - None

Resource implications - None

Legal implications – Under the Care Act (2014) the City of London have a duty to provide early intervention support to promote wellbeing and prevent, delay or reduce care needs where necessary.

Risk implications - None

Equalities implications – Adults engaged with Adult Social Care can be defined as individuals in need, and some of those needs are likely to be a result of a protected characteristic. The Care Act combined with Equalities legislation provide a context and framework for improving the wellbeing of vulnerable adults.

Climate implications – None

Security implications – None

## **Conclusion**

11. Positive qualitative feedback from service users and social care staff resulted in the decision to continue the programme for 2022/23.
12. The success of this pilot in supporting homeless and rough sleeping adults resulted in a successful bid to allocate specific funds available to the Social Worker for Rough Sleeping and Homelessness, that is being monitored by the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Service.
13. It is anticipated that during the winter of 22/23 there will be an increased need for the Early Intervention programme due to the cost-of-living and energy crisis. Cold weather packs have been put together to offer to Adult Social care users and have created an offer to replace old heaters with more economical and safer electric oil heaters.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – City of London Adult Social Care Review of Early Intervention Pilot.

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