

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

NON KEY DECISION – 17/08

REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND HOUSING

APPROVAL TO EXTEND FUNDING FOR THE DEMENTIA FRIENDLY HOMES PROJECT AND ALLOCATE RESOURCES

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To seek approval to allocate £10, 000 from the Members' Funding element of the Public Health District Offer Fund for expenditure in 2017/18 to provide match-funding for the Dementia Friendly Homes project to enable it to operate from 01/07/2017 to 01/10/2017.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION: That:

(A)	<p>approval is granted by the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing acting under the following authority delegated by the Executive at its meeting on Tuesday 2 September 2014:</p> <p><i>the project board [for the Public Health District Offer] consisting of the Executive Member for Health, Housing and Community Support [relevant responsibilities now assumed by the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing], the Director of Neighbourhood Services [post deleted] and senior Officers [the Head of Housing and Health] appropriate to the proposals under evaluation for determination, be approved</i></p> <p>to allocate £10, 000 from the Members' Funding element of the Public Health District Offer Fund for expenditure in 2017/18 to provide match-funding for the Dementia Friendly Homes project to enable it to operate from 01/07/2017 to 01/10/2017.</p>
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1.0 Background

Development and progression of the Dementia Friendly Homes Project

- 1.1 The Dementia Friendly Homes Project has operated from 01/04/2015 to 30/06/2017. To date it has been funded from:
 - funding from Phase One of Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health District Offer
 - additional resources made available by Hertfordshire County Council through the Hertfordshire Healthy Homes Fund
 - Public Health District Offer Phase Two funding.
- 1.2 The Project has been delivered by Crossroads Care North Hertfordshire. To ensure the benefits of the project are sustained it is proposed to combine the delivery and adaptation functions of the project into the service specification of the Hertfordshire Health Improvement Agency (HIA), currently being set up and due to commence formally from October 1st 2018.
- 1.3 As a means to enabling transition of the Dementia Friendly Homes Project into the HIA it is proposed that East Herts Council contributes to the costs of a three month funding extension on the understanding the Crossroads will also provide funding.
- 1.5 The proposal accords with the council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 - 2018, with the project particularly addressing the following three of the seven priorities in the Strategy:
 - promoting positive health and wellbeing life quality for all
 - pro-active prevention
 - using the council's power to influence.

Allocation of £10, 000 for expenditure in 2017/18

- 1.6 At its meeting of 2 September 2014, the Executive approved the acceptance of the offer of resources from Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health Department for allocation by the council on Public Health projects and activities. These resources are typically referred to as the 'District Offer'.
- 1.7 At the same meeting, the Executive delegated decision-making over the allocation of District Offer resources to a project board. The board was conceived of as the Executive Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing, at the

time the holder of the Health, Housing and Community Support portfolio and now the holder of the Health and Wellbeing portfolio, and senior officers.

- 1.8 Members subsequently decided to add East Herts Council resources to the District Offer fund. The internal delegation regarding resource allocation pertains to the District Offer fund, regardless of the sources of the monies it contains.
- 1.9 At July 2017, there was £63,622 unallocated in the District Offer fund (consisting entirely of East Herts Council monies, rather than Hertfordshire County Council resources). There are therefore sufficient resources available to now allocate £10,000 to this project.
- 1.10 As noted in above, the Dementia Friendly Homes Project is line with both the Council's current Health and Wellbeing Strategy and NHS's Sustainability and Transformation Plan for Hertfordshire and West Essex prevention and health and social care areas of work and thus is an appropriate use of resources held in Members' element of the District Offer fund.

2.0 Legal implications

- 2.1 None.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 The Members' Funding element of the Public Health District Offer Fund currently contains unallocated resources totalling £63,622. At its meeting of 2 September 2014, the Executive delegated decision-making over the allocation of District Offer resources to a project board. The board was conceived of as the Executive Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing, at the time the holder of the Health, Housing and Community Support portfolio and now the holder of the Health and Wellbeing portfolio, advised by senior officers. Members subsequently added East Herts Council resources to the District Offer fund. The internal delegation regarding resource allocation pertains to the District Offer fund, regardless of the sources of the monies it contains.
- 3.2 The Dementia Friendly Homes Project requires total resources of £10,000 which will be provided from the Members' Funding element of the Public Health District Offer Fund. This would be made available on contribution that Crossroads allocates £3,000 of its own funding to this project.
- 3.3 There is no revenue or capital liability for the council arising

from the key decisions recorded here over-and-above the use of unallocated resources held in the Members' Funding element of the Public Health District Offer Fund for projects such as this one.

- 3.4 This funding will be provided as a follow on grant to Crossroads Care Hertfordshire North's previous funding provided through the Public Health District Offer. The Council's procurement Officer has approved the approach. Performance outcomes will be agreed with Crossroads Care Hertfordshire North as a condition of payment.
- 3.5 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

Dementia Friendly Homes Year Two Interim Report final

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