

# Agenda Item 23.

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Revised Submission template for the Better Care fund 2016/17</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board on 11 August 2016
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Stuart Rowbotham, Director of Health and Wellbeing

<b>OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY</b>
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Investment through the Better Care Fund (BCF) aims to integrate Health and Social Care to deliver a more responsive, joined up service to the benefit of Wokingham residents, maintaining residents health and wellbeing.
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<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.
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<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b>
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To advise that the Health and Wellbeing Board Wokingham revised the BCF submission template in order to meet an outstanding national condition set by NHS England and to receive approval to the plan.
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## Background

The BCF submission template that supports the BCF narrative plan captures details of where funding originates, who commissions and provides services and where those services are targeted.

Wokingham were advised on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 that the BCF submission had not been approved by the Treasury and subsequently by NHS England due to failing to meet one of the conditions set.

The condition in question is an increase in year on year spend on Social Care from the CCG minimum contribution by 1.5%, this based on analysis of classification of spend presented in the BCF submission template.

## Analysis of Issues

Analysis of BCF schemes within the submission template highlighted that all spend relating to the investment in the Wokingham Integrated Social Care & Health (WISH) team, was classified against Community Health. The scheme not only invests in community health through recruitment of Rapid Response Nurses aimed at avoiding non elective admissions, but also invests in additional reablement hours to targeted reductions in social care packages and extended Social Care activity over the weekend.

Taking the above into account, a new line has been added to the submission template reflecting the investment in Social Care within the WISH team. The result is in an increase in spend year on year in Social Care in excess of 1.5%, and therefore meets the national condition.

The revised template was approved by Councillor Julian McGhee-Sumner as Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board and resubmitted. Wokingham have now received official notification of the plan being approved by NHS England.

To note, the change made has no bearing on the BCF plan and how the money was originally intended to be spent, but is purely a change in classification of how the money is spent.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

***The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.***

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£9,539k	Fully funded by BCF	Mix
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	Not known	Expected to be fully funded	Mix
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	Not known	Expected to be fully funded	Mix

<b>Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision</b>
No decision required, for information only

<b>Cross-Council Implications</b>
No decision required

<b>Reasons for considering the report in Part 2</b>
N/A

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