

# Agenda Item 22.

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| <b>TITLE</b>                 | <b>Better Care Fund Planning Submission 2019/20</b>  |
| <b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>  | Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board on Thursday, 8 August 2019   |
| <b>WARD</b>                  | None Specific  |
| <b>DIRECTOR/ KEY OFFICER</b> | Katie Summers, Director of Operations, NHS Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Wokingham Locality and Martin Sloan, Assistant Director of Adult Services, Wokingham Borough Council |

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| Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority/priorities most progressed through the report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating physically active communities</li> <li>• Reducing social isolation and loneliness</li> <li>• Narrowing the health inequalities gap</li> </ul> <p>Integrated health and social care services are essential building blocks to enable the 3 priorities of the Wellbeing Board.</p> |
| Key outcomes achieved against the Strategy priority/priorities                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical health of adults</li> <li>• Creating healthy and resilient communities</li> <li>• Support and collaboration of partners</li> <li>• Those most deprived will enjoy more years in good health</li> <li>• Greater access to health promoting resources</li> </ul>          |

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| Reason for consideration by Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board | For information |
| What (if any) public engagement has been carried out?         | N/A             |
| State the financial implications of the decision              | N/A             |

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| <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That the Board notes the Better Care Fund Planning Requirements for 2019/20 and that the agreed delegation to the Chair of the Wokingham Wellbeing Board will be used to sign off Wokingham's Better Care Fund Plan for 2019/20.</p> |
| <p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b></p> <p>To provide a summary of delegation of the sign off of Wokingham's Better Care Fund Plan 2019/20.</p>  |

## Background

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) published the Better Care Fund (BCF) Planning Requirements for 2019/20 on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

The BCF provides a mechanism for joint health, housing and social care planning and commissioning. It brings together ring-fenced budgets from Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) allocations and funding paid directly to local government, including the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), the improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and the Winter Pressures Grant.

All Health and Wellbeing Boards in England must agree a plan for the use of the pooled fund, worth over £6.4 billion nationally, to support integrated health and care services, as well as capital funding adaptations to houses. The BCF Planning Requirements 2019/20 aim to reduce the burden of planning by using a single planning template, removing the requirement for a separate narrative and a separate plan for the Winter Pressures grant.

We are required to complete and submit the BCF planning template by the 27th September 2019, which outlines the information required to assure our local Better Care Fund Plans.

The next meetings of the Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board are the 8th August and the 10th October 2019. Due to the date of publication our plan is not ready for approval for the 8th August and the next meeting of the Board will be after the submission date of 27th September.

We propose that we enact the agreed delegation to the Chair of the Wokingham Wellbeing Board to agree and sign off the BCF Plan on behalf of the Board and that the BCF Plan will come to the Wokingham Wellbeing Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> October for ratification.

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| <b>Partner Implications</b> |
| Nil                         |

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

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| <b>List of Background Papers</b>   |
| Better Care Fund Planning Requirements for 2019 -20<br>Better Care Fund Planning Template 2019 -20 |

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