

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Variation to the Section 256 Agreement – North East London Inequalities Funding Allocation
Decision Maker:	Barbara Nicholls, Strategic Director of People
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Ford, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care Services
SLT Lead:	Barbara Nicholls, Strategic Director of People
Report Author and contact details:	Sandy Foskett, Senior Commissioner and Project Manager
Policy context:	<p>The Health Inequalities Fund will support Havering’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address health inequalities at a local and hyper-local levels by responding to community intelligence and promoting sustainable impact for communities.
Financial summary:	<p>The report seeks permission to accept NHS funding of £490,000 via the Health Inequalities Fund.</p> <p>This is committed to deliver identified health inequalities schemes.</p>
Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee:	Health

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Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision
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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Things that matter for residents

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place.

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Strategic Director of People, in consultation with the Lead Member for Health, authorises:

- the variation of the terms and conditions of the Section 256 Agreement* – North East London Inequalities Funding Allocation
- the acceptance of the North East London Health Inequalities Grant Funding of £490,000 from the NHS North East London ICB;
- the allocation of funding for use on community health services to reduce health inequalities;

*Section 256 – North East London Inequalities Funding Variation Letter for 2023/24 is affixed to this report.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

3.3 Powers of Members of the Senior Leadership Team

(c) In consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to apply for, accept and manage external funding up to a limit of £500,000 per grant in support of any function within their Directorate provided that any financial contributions by the Council are made from within existing budgets.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Integrated Care Board successfully bid for health inequalities funding from NHS England in 2022/23. To support the continuation of Health and Inequality schemes for 2023 until 2027 a range of projects have been identified to improve the health and wellbeing of Havering residents for 2023-24. The report seeks permission for London Borough of Havering to accept NHS health inequalities funding of £490,000 for the year 2023/24 on behalf of Havering Place Based Partnership Board for the new and continuation of specific health inequalities projects as outlined below:

Existing Health Inequalities funded projects

- Self Service Health Check Offer, Allocation: £8,000
- Increase Older Peoples uptake of benefits. Allocation: £26,658
- Launch of Universal Stop Smoking Service, Allocation: £22,427
- Launch of Stop Smoking Service for those with Serious Mental Illness, Allocation: £45,333

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- Weight Management Service Pilot, Allocation: £16,667
- Housebound model development, Allocation: £8,851
- Community Chest, Allocation, Allocation: £53,775
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Outreach Service for asylum seekers and refugees, Allocation £95,959
- Recruitment to commissioning unit post, Allocation: £25,354

New Health Inequalities funded projects

- Local Area Coordinators post, Allocation: £133,333
- Asthma Schools Coordinator (this is funded from underspend of allocation 2022/23)
- Infant Feeding Coordinator (this is funded from underspend of allocation 2022/23)
- Review of services supporting individuals who misuse alcohol and other substances (funded from underspend of allocation 2022/23)
- Barber Talk, Allocation: £3,333
- Improving Mental Health Outcomes for Young Homeless People Project, Allocation: £10,000
- Improving access to talking therapies for children and young people with neurodevelopmental conditions (Autism, ADHD). (this is funded from underspend of allocation 2022/23)
- Diabetes Team, Allocation: £13,975
- Beewell Survey, Allocation: £24,681
- Reserves funds, Allocation: £1,655
- Hearing Loop Systems, Allocation £2,000 (funding to be retained within the ICB accounts for the direct commissioning of this aid)

Following recommendation of this report, each of the Health Inequalities funded projects will seek separate governance approval for the procurement of providers and award of any contracts where applicable.

Note that some health inequalities schemes may need to be commissioned by NEL ICB. Where this is the case – funds will need to be transferred back to NEL ICB when required to ensure funds are available to commission the intended services. The 22/23 and 23/24 schemes where this is applicable are as follows:

Scheme	Value	Provider	Comment
Housebound	£73,276	South PCN/Havering Health	Funds transferred to LBH under S256 agreement. Will need to be transferred back, when needed by project lead/service. Note costs for service may be less than budget available. Any underspend on project budget will be offered back out to partners to develop new health inequality schemes.
Mental Health & Wellbeing Outreach Service for asylum seekers and refugees	£287,876	NELFT	Funds transferred to LBH under S256 agreement. Will need to be transferred back, when needed by project lead/service. Current costs for service are £215k. Likely to only need to transfer £215k back. If service launches in Feb-24 then £35,833 would be transferred back to the ICB in FY23/24 and £179,167 in 24/25. Any underspend on project budget will be offered back out to partners to develop new health inequality schemes.
Asthma Schools Coordinator	£35,000	NELFT	Funds transferred to LBH under S256 agreement. Will need to be transferred back, when needed by project lead/service. Any underspend on project budget will be offered back out to partners to develop new health inequality schemes.
Diabetes Team	£20,963	BHRUT	Funds transferred to LBH under S256 agreement. Will need to be transferred back, when needed by project lead/service. Any underspend on project budget will be offered back out to partners to develop new health inequality schemes.

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OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Non acceptance of funds – this option was rejected. Accepting the monies will enable savings towards cost of delivery for the Council whilst ensuring delivery of NICE (National Institute for Health and Care Excellence) recommended health services.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

Business papers for these projects have been taken to the Havering Placed Based Partnership board which supported the use of the Health Inequalities Funding for these projects.

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Sandy Foskett

Designation: Senior Commissioner and Project Manager

Signature: *S foskett*

Date: 19/10/23

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Council has a statutory duty under the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by section 12 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012) to take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area.

Furthermore, Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives the Council the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions including the recommendations set out in this report.

The Council has entered into a funding agreement with the NHS North East London Integrated Care Board to provide community health services to reduce health inequalities.

In order to meet the objectives of the project, this report now seeks to vary the agreement as set out in the recommendations.

Clause 17 of the funding agreement allows the agreement to be varied as detailed in the body of this report.

The use of the grant sums will need to be made pursuant to the grant terms and conditions including but not limited to the use of the grant funding and the monitoring requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This paper seeks approval to accept the variation of the terms and conditions to the Section 256 – North East London Inequalities Funding Allocation 2022/23 and the acceptance of the North East London Health Inequalities Grant Funding allocation of £492,000 from the NHS North East London ICB for 23/24.

Of the £492,000 allocation, £490,000 will be transferring over to LBH and £2,000 will be retained by the ICB for the hearing loop systems.

The £492,000 funding for 23/24 will cover the following projects:

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There is no adverse impact on the council's financial position as a result of accepting this funding.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

The recommendations made in this report will lead to the creation of and recruitment to 2 new Local Area Coordinator posts and a new Infant Feeding Coordinator post. These posts will be created and recruited to in accordance with the Council's HR policies and procedures.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

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Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex/gender, and sexual orientation.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no environmental and climate change implications of, and risks relating to, the proposed decision.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

APPENDICES

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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Details of decision maker

Signed



Name: Barbara Nicholls

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title: Strategic Director of People

Head of Service title

Other manager title:

Date: 05/12/2023

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Committee Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____