

## Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

This Non- key Executive Decision Report is part exempt and Appendix A is not available for public inspection as it contains exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. It is exempt because it refers to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	<b>Acceptance of North East London Inclusion and Access Funding for Covid and Flu Autumn/Winter Vaccinations 2023/24 - Additional Funding</b>
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Mark Ansell, Director of Public Health
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Ford, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care Services
<b>SLT Lead:</b>	Barbara Nicholls, Strategic Director of People
<b>Report Author and contact details:</b>	Sandy Foskett, Senior Commissioner and Project Manager
<b>Policy context:</b>	The Inclusion and Access Funding will support Havering's Health and

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	<p>Wellbeing Strategy priorities in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase awareness and uptake of immunisations across all ages.</li><li>• Reduce the risk of inequalities in local populations with a particular focus on seldom heard communities and inclusion groups with respect to vaccine uptake</li></ul>
<b>Financial summary:</b>	<p>An additional sum of £13,716.45 has been assigned for the Covid and Flu Autumn/Winter Vaccinations 2023/24 Programme</p> <p>The project is funded by NHS North East London (NEL) from the Inclusion and Access budget allocation. Total allocation is £110,916.45.</p>
<b>Relevant Overview &amp; Scrutiny Sub Committee:</b>	People OSSC
<b>Is this decision exempt from being called-in?</b>	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 Director of Strategic of People, in consultation with the Lead Member for Health, agrees to:

- Accept the North East London Funding of £13,716.45 for the provision of the Covid and Flu Autumn/Winter Vaccinations 2023/24;
- Enter into a Section 256 agreement with North East London Intergraded Care Board, to receive a grant funding of £110,916.45 for the provision of Covid and Flu Autumn Vaccinations 2023/2024 from 10th October 2023 to 31st March 2024.

### 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

#### Background

NHS England has agreed a budget for NHS North East London to deliver the Covid and Flu Vaccination programme for Autumn/ Winter 2023/24. This is categorised as the Inclusion and Access budget (I&A). There are several interventions to support delivery of the programme within this budget, one of these is to fund a borough level communication and engagement activities.

The Principles to underpin the funding allocation are similar to the wider Health Inequalities funding but must not duplicate activities aligned to that programme.

The focus of the I&A budget is the Covid vaccinations programme and activities that:

- Increase awareness and uptake of immunisations across all ages; in particular Covid and flu vaccinations but includes all immunisations where applicable.

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- Reduce the risk of inequalities in local populations with a particular focus on seldom heard communities and inclusion groups with respect to vaccine uptake
- Collaborate and co-design delivery with relevant stakeholders including voluntary sector organisations, local trusted leaders and advisers and patient representatives
- Develop and test new approaches to vaccine delivery based on local peoples' needs.
- Support wider system working across NHS and Local Authority commissioners and providers
- Use data to inform evidence- based delivery
- Evaluate interventions and delivery to inform future immunisation programmes
- Share and embed best practice as part of sustainable operations

In January 2024, following the success of the engagement activities covered under the Covid vaccinations programme, NEL Borough Directors have agreed to fund an additional sum of £13,716.45 to run a further 10 outreach engagement events. These events will be held in deprived areas of the borough.

Payments will be paid to Havering Council for the delivery of services in accordance with the provision of the Section 256 Agreement. The service must be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Option: Do nothing

Increased risk of inequalities in local populations in seldom heard communities with respect to vaccine uptake will likely result in higher rates of infection for under representative groups.

### **PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION**

Discussions took place between the Integration Care Board of NHS North East London And Havering Placed Based Partnership.

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

Name: Sandy Foskett

Designation: Senior Commissioner and Project Manager

Signature: *S Foskett*

Date: 11/01/24

## 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.

The Council has a general power of competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything an individual can do, subject to any statutory constraints on the Council's powers. None of the constraints on the Council's s.1 power are engaged by this decision.

Any dealings which the Council has with the grant will need to be in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, in particular Rule 25.1, 25.3 and 25.4.

It is the responsibility of the Council to comply with the relevant funding conditions under the funding Agreement. Officers should ensure that they are aware of and comply with the terms and conditions of the funding agreement.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This report recommends the acceptance by the Council of funding of £13,716.45 from the North East London Integrated Care Board to promote Covid and Flu vaccinations for Autumn/Winter 2023/24. This is in addition to an allocation of £97,200 in October 2023 taking the total funding to £110,916.45.

The Council will need to adhere to the terms and conditions contained within the Section 256 agreement for North East London Inclusion and Access Funding. This includes ensuring the funds are used for the purposes intended, services are provided to a satisfactory standard and are delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024.

Payment will be made/funds received upon submission of one invoice for £110,916.45 and will be credited to A22020 (Media and Campaigns cost centre).

The funding of £110,916.45 is split as follows:

- £31,057 allocation for communications; and
- £79,859.45 allocation for engagement activities

However it is noted that adjustments can be made to the various elements of the programme, including the split between communications and engagement as long as the total allocation isn't exceeded and the spend meets the principles and objectives.

Although there is the possibility of this funding being reoccurring, at this stage it is being treated as one-off as there is no formal commitment for future years.

Note that failure to spend in line with conditions or by the deadline of March 2024 could result in the ICT clawing back funding.

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

The recommendations made in this report do not give rise to any identifiable HR risks or implications that would affect either the Council or its workforce.

### **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.

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**

**Exempt Appendix A - Section 256 Agreement**

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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/~~not agreed~~

*Delete as applicable*

**Details of decision maker**

Signed 

Name: Mark Ansell

Cabinet Portfolio held:  
ELT Member title: Strategic Director of People  
Head of Service title  
Other manager title:

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

**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 \_\_\_\_\_