

Notice of KEY Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Variation to the Section 256 Agreement – North East London Inequalities Funding Allocation 24-25
Decision Maker:	Barbara Nicholls, Strategic Director of People
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Ford, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care Services
ELT Lead:	Barbara Nicholls, Strategic Director of People
Report Author and contact details:	Sophie Barron, Senior Commissioner
Policy context:	The Health Inequalities Fund will support Havering’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities by targeting health inequalities at a local level by responding to community intelligence and promoting sustainable impact for communities.
Financial summary:	The report seeks permission to accept NHS funding of £737,000 via the Health Inequalities Fund for 2024-25.
Reason decision is Key	Expenditure or saving (including anticipated income) of £500,000 or more
Date notice given of intended decision:	26 th July 2024

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Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee:	People's Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Is it an urgent decision?	This is funding from the NHS passed onto the Council to support Havering residents in areas of hardship such as the cost of living crisis, any delays in delivering these funded projects would have negative impact to residents.
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	No

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well x

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy

Resources - Enabling a resident-focused and resilient Council

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 Adults and Health, authorises:

- the acceptance of the North East London Health Inequalities Grant Funding of £737,000 from the NHS North East London ICB;
- the variation of the terms and conditions of the Section 256 Agreement* – North East London Inequalities Funding Allocation
- the allocation of funding for use on community health services to reduce health inequalities;

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

The Havering Constitution:

Scheme 3.3.3 Powers common to all Strategic Directors

1. General

- 1.1. To take any steps necessary for proper management and administration of allocated portfolios.

5. Grants

- 5.1. To apply for, accept and thereafter spend / allocate any grant funding connected with their directorate provided that any match funding or residual liabilities can be met from the existing budget of the directorate. For the avoidance of doubt this delegation shall allow the acceptance of any grant offered / allocated to the Council without any application.

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 2024-25.

In accordance with clause 17.1 of the existing Section 256 Agreement, a letter written by The Havering Place Based Partnerships Board proposes to vary the Agreement with effect from 1st April 2024 (the “Effective Date”):

- At Schedule 1, Part B - Table 1 of the Health Inequalities Plan will be replaced with the updated spending plan detailed as Appendix 1 below.
- At Schedule 2, Table 2 of the Financial Schedule will be replaced with the updated funding allocation at Appendix 2 of this letter.

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The report seeks permission for London Borough of Havering to accept NHS Health Inequalities funding of £737,000 for the year 2024/25 on behalf of Havering Place Based Partnership Board for the following health inequalities projects.

Appendix 1

Health Inequalities Project	Project Lead	Revised 22/23 & 23/24 allocations (already transferred to LBH)	24/25 allocation	25/26 allocation	26/27 allocation	TOTAL
Self Service Health Check Offer	Tha.Han@havering.gov.uk	£52,000	£35,000	£35,000	£0	£122,000
Increase over 50s uptake of benefits	Natalie.Naor@havering.gov.uk	£79,987	£27,082	£27,563	£13,726	£148,358
Launch of Universal Stop Smoking Service	Natalie.Naor@havering.gov.uk	£37,960	£0	£0	£0	£37,960
Launch of Stop Smoking Service for those with Serious Mental Illness	Natalie.Naor@havering.gov.uk	£4,070	£0	£0	£0	£4,070
PCN MDT	N/A	£47,253	£0	£0	£0	£47,253
Weight Management Service	Claire.Alp@havering.gov.uk	£50,000	£30,765	£0	£0	£80,765
Housebound model development	z.khatun@nhs.net	£45,595	£0	£0	£0	£45,595
Carers (Training for informal and formal carers)	e.plane@nhs.net	£78,649	£41,023	£41,023	£3,397	£164,092
Community Chest	Suzanne.West@havering.gov.uk	£161,324	£80,000	£80,000	£0	£321,324
Mental Health & Wellbeing Outreach Service for asylum seekers and refugees	matthew.henry1@nhs.net	£214,654	£152,448	£225,399	£40,500	£633,001
Funding to JCU to support administration	Laura.Neilson@havering.gov.uk	£50,250	£0	£0	£0	£50,250
Local Area Coordinators	Claire.Monmirelle@havering.gov.uk	£200,000	£200,000	£200,000	£0	£600,000
Asthma Schools Coordinator	jessica.russell8@nhs.net bethan.stott2@nhs.net	£35,000	£35,000	£23,365	£11,635	£105,000
Hearing Loop Systems	s.byrne-ingle1@nhs.net	£2,000	£0	£0	£0	£2,000
Infant Feeding Coordinator	Helen.Anfield@havering.gov.uk	£47,915	£35,314	£25,346	£36,269	£144,845
Review of services supporting	Tha.Han@havering.gov.uk	£8,950	£0	£0	£0	£8,950

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individuals who misuse alcohol and other substances						
Barber Talk	Luke.TSquires@havering.gov.uk Isabel.Grant-funck@havering.gov.uk	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£0	£15,000
Improving Mental Health Outcomes for Young Homeless People Project	Victoria.Hartstean@havering.gov.uk / Marc Prescod	£15,000	£66,610	£0	£59,610	£141,220
Improving access to talking therapies for children and young people with neurodevelopmental conditions (Autism, ADHD)	Victoria.Hartstean@havering.gov.uk	£45,907	£0	£54,600	£61,598	£162,105
Diabetes Team	james.frost2@nhs.net	£20,963	£0	£0	£0	£20,963
BeeWell	Palmela.Witter@havering.gov.uk	£37,022	£28,758	£19,704	£9,812	£95,295
Health Inequality Reserves	N/A				£8,454	£8,454

Appendix 2

	22/23 funding	23/24 funding (£492,000)	24/25 funding	25/26 funding	26/27 funding
Total ICB Funding (to remain in ICB)	£0	£2,000	£0	£0	£0
Total LA Funding (via S256)	£747,500	£490,000	£737,000	£737,000	£245,000

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.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. Non-acceptance of funds

This option has been rejected as accepting this money will contribute 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

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Business papers for these projects have been taken to the Havering Place Based Partnership Board which has supported the use of the Health Inequalities Funding to support these projects.

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

Name: Sophie Barron

Designation: Senior Commissioner

Signature: 

Date: 28/08/2024

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 1 of the Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a general power of competence to do anything an individual can do. The recommendations in this report are in keeping with this power and the Council has the power to accept grant funding.

The agreement variation value is at £737,000.

For the reasons set out above, the Council may proceed with the acceptance of the grant and variation of the initial contract.

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 2024/25 and the acceptance of the North East London Health Inequalities Grant Funding allocation of £737,000 from the NHS North East London ICB for 24/25.

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 section 256 agreement was entered into and the variation for 24/25 is required to agree the 24/25 funding allocations and to update the spending plan for the projects agreed by Havering Place Based Partnership Board.

The 24/25 funding allocation is £737,000.

The total value of the agreement is £2,958,500 and the S256 agreement runs from 1st August 2022 to 31st March 2027.

The £737,000 funding for 24/25 will cover the following projects:

Existing Health Inequalities funded projects

- Self Service Health Check Offer, Allocation: £35,000
- Increase over 50's uptake of benefits. Allocation: £27,082
- Weight Management Service Allocation: £30,765
- Carers – (Training for informal and formal carers) Allocation: £41,023
- Community Chest, Allocation, Allocation: £80,000
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Outreach Service for asylum seekers and refugees, Allocation £152,448
- Local Area Coordinators post, Allocation: £200,000
- Asthma Schools Coordinator Allocation: £35,000
- Infant Feeding Coordinator Allocation: £35,314

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- Barber Talk, Allocation: £5,000
- Improving Mental Health Outcomes for Young Homeless People Project, Allocation: £66,610
- Beewell Survey, Allocation: £28,758

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

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 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, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

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.

The Council seeks to ensure equality, inclusion, and dignity for all in all situations.

There are no equalities and social inclusion implications and risks associated with this decision.

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Health Inequalities Fund will support Havering's Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities by targeting health inequalities at a local level.

A number of schemes that were based on the previous pilots or published evidence will receive the funding. They will tackle health inequalities at individual levels (e.g., local area coordinators, infant feeding coordinators, weight management service), community level (Outreach for asylum seekers, Community Chest, Homeless People Mental Health, Carers training, over 50s benefit uptake) and population level (asthma school's coordinator, self-service health check offer, BeeWell, Barber Talk). Most of these schemes have already been shown to be successful. A few have reduced their capacity as the health inequality gap or the demand has reduced.

These schemes are also cost-effective by linking with existing services and the voluntary care sector.

Thus, receiving the funds will have net positive implications for the health and wellbeing of the residents.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

APPENDICES

None.

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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:

Head of Service title Strategic Director, People

Other manager title:

Date: 23 September 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 _____

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