

Additional Funding to support Drug and Alcohol Treatment 2022/23 to 2024/25
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**Report of the** Director of Public Health

This item is not exempt  
Therefore exempt reasons are not applicable

This is a key decision. The matter is in the Forward Plan  
0022/22

1. Purpose of the Report and Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request approval for the acceptance and distribution of the grant allocations to be received from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and authorise the allocation as per the grant agreement.

The grant aims to:

- Create new high quality treatment places
- Increase the number of people in long-term recovery from substance dependence.
- Increase the number of medical, mental health and other professionals
- Increase the number of drug and alcohol and criminal justice workers
- Create sufficient commissioning and co-ordinator capacity in every local authority.

The additional allocation also comprises additional funding to develop Individual Placement and Support for Employment (IPS) opportunities for treatment population, and inpatient detoxification funding to be awarded to a regional consortia currently in place.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To authorise acceptance and distribution of the grant allocation from 2022/23 to 2024/25 to be received from OHID to fund alcohol and drug improved outcomes, figures identified in exempt appendix.
- 2.2 That the Director of Public Health is authorised to allocate the grant allocation according to the grant agreement and plans approved by OHID based on local needs in consultation with the Director for Legal and Partnerships, the Director of Finance and the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Adult Services.

## 3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The additional funding granted by OHID complements the current substance misuse commissioning arrangements and is in line with the Government 10-year Drug Strategy. The new funding allocation will support the implementation of Hull's Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy.
- 3.2 Governance and accountability will be provided by the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Group which will develop a 3-year plan through a dedicated working group. This will enable strategic oversight and effective cross-agency working required to improve shared local outcomes. The Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Group reports directly to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.3 The local authority is required to commit to the grant expenditure from 2022/23. The grant allocation is expected to be confirmed by mid-March and the implementation to commence in April 2022.
- 3.4 The funding will be dependent on local authorities maintaining existing (2020/21) investment in drug and alcohol treatment from the Public Health Grant.

## 4. Impact on other Executive Committees (including Area Committees)

- 4.1 The additional funding allocation will have a positive impact in shared outcomes across the city.

## 5. Background

- 5.1 Additional funding will be allocated to local authorities which include supplemental substance misuse treatment and recovery with

additional regional funding for inpatient detoxification, Individual Placement and Support for employment (IPS) and integrated housing support for treatment population.

- 5.2 The new funding allocation (revenue and capital) is expected to be used by the local authority to directly address the aims of the treatment and recovery section of the national drug strategy.
- 5.3 The funding should:
- Create new high quality treatment places
  - Increase the number of people in long-term recovery from substance dependence
  - Increase the number of medical, mental health and other professionals
    - Increase the number of drug and alcohol and criminal justice workers
    - Create sufficient commissioning and co-ordinator capacity.
- 5.4 Eligibility for this additional funding from 2022/23 to 2024/25 will be dependent on the local authority maintaining the existing (2020/21) investment in drug and alcohol treatment.

## 6. Issues for Consideration

- 6.1 The timescales for the Local Authority receiving indicative allocations, confirmation of allocation and being required to submit plans and begin activity as set out by the Government are extremely tight and challenging to meet standard procedures and timeframes for corporate decision making.
- 6.2 Allocations will be confirmed on a year-to year-basis, dependent on the eligibility criteria referred in 5.4, and plans agreed by the local authority and OHID. Local detailed plans will need to show how drug and alcohol treatment services and other services and interventions are aligned and integrated to respond to multiple and complex needs in Hull.
- 6.3 Interventions to support improvements in the quality and capacity of drug and alcohol treatment are expected in the following areas:
- System coordination and commissioning
  - Enhanced harm reduction provision
  - Increased treatment capacity
  - Increased integration and improved care pathways between the criminal justice settings, and drug treatment
  - Enhancing treatment quality
  - Residential rehabilitation and inpatient detoxification

- Better and more integrated responses to physical and mental health issues
- Enhanced recovery support
- Other interventions which meet the aims of the drug strategy
- Expanding the competency and size of the workforce

6.4

There are strong partnership agreements in Hull and a new local Alcohol and Drugs Strategy 2022-25, which positions the city in a good place to implement the recommendations outlined in Dame Carol Black's independent drug review and improve local outcomes.

## 7. Options and Risk Assessment

7.1 Option 1. Approval for the acceptance and distribution of the grant allocations and authorise the allocation as per grant agreements, which may include contract variations and direct award of contracts during the grant period, all in compliance with commissioning and procurement regulations.

7.2 Option 2. Approval requested is not granted resulting in the funding being withdrawn.

7.3 Option 3. Do nothing, this is not a recommended option due to the result of the funding being withdrawn.

7.4 Impact/Risks:

- Implications of limited timeframe to implement the grant agreement following the notice of award is received.
- Challenges for local services to recruit staff.

The grant period ends in 2024/25 and further funding to develop the national 10-year strategy is subject to spending review.

## 8. Consultation

8.1 Information about the indicative additional funding for Hull has been received by the local authority and has been released with an embargo.

## 9. Comments of the Monitoring Officer(Town Clerk)

9.1 The Director of Legal Services and Partnerships notes the decision to accept the grant funding from the Office for Health Improvements and Disparities. The proposed route forward is to award the additional money to the existing Drug and Alcohol Treatment Providers who were the most economically

advantageous tenderer when a tender was conducted in 2018 / 2019.

The grant terms and conditions shall be reviewed by legal services and any variation documents required consulted with legal services to ensure compliance under the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Regulation 72 of the Public Contract Regulations.

10. Comments of the Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance and Transformation)

10.1 The Director of Finance and Transformation notes the indicative additional funding for Hull, currently under embargo.

As set out in this report the deadlines for implementing the grant, including the recruitment of staff, are likely to be challenging.

The Director of Finance and Transformation, however, supports the acceptance and subsequent distribution of the grant with concomitant grant agreements to follow, which, given the timescales, may include contract variations and direct award of contracts during the grant period. (GS)

11. Comments of the Assistant Director OD & HR and compliance with the Equality Duty

11.1 There will clearly be some staffing implications stemming from the receipt of this grant. It is anticipated to extend existing fixed-term roles for a further period dependent on funding provided. This will be done in line with council recruitment protocol. There are no equalities issues arising from this decision. KH

12. Comments of Overview and Scrutiny

12.1 This report is due to be considered by the Finance and Value for Money Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission on 25 March 2022. Any comments or recommendations agreed by the Committee will be tabled at Cabinet for consideration alongside the report. (Ref. SC6764 (FH))

13. Comments of the Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Adult Social Care

13.1 This new funding granted to improve drug and alcohol related outcomes will enable local services to increase capacity and improve treatment quality and recovery in Hull.

I am assured that the supplementary funding for drugs and alcohol will help to improve support and the outcomes for young people and adults with drug and alcohol dependence.

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Officer Interests: None

Background Documents: - A list of background documents must be included. These documents are then available (if not exempt) for public inspection.

## Implications Matrix

**This section must be completed and you must ensure that you have fully considered all potential implications**

This matrix provides a simple check list for the things you need to have considered within your report

If there are no implications please state

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, Overview and Scrutiny and the Climate Change Advisor and any other key stakeholders i.e. Portfolio Holder, relevant Ward Members etc prior to submitting this report for official comments	Yes
I have considered whether this report requests a decision that is outside the Budget and Policy Framework approved by Council	Yes
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Yes
The report is approved by the relevant City Manager	Yes
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	Yes
I have considered the potential media interest in this report and liaised with the Media Team to ensure that they are briefed to respond to media interest.	Yes
I have included any equalities and diversity implications within the report and where necessary I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	Yes
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	Click here to select
Any human rights implications are included within the report	Click here to enter
I have included any community safety implications and paid regard to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act within the report	Click here to enter
I have liaised with the Climate Change Advisor and any environmental and climate	Click here to enter

change issues/sustainability implications are included within the report	
I have included information about how this report contributes to the City Plan/ Area priorities within the report	Click here to enter
I have considered the impact on air quality, carried out an appropriate assessment and included any resulting actions or opportunities necessary to improve air quality in the report.	Click here to enter