

ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



28 November 2012

at 9.30 a.m.

in Committee Room A, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Councillor John Lauderdale, Cabinet Member responsible for Adult and Public Health Services will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

No items

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

2.1 Adult Capital Grant Allocation - *Acting Director Child & Adult Services*

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No items.

4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

No items



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Report of: Acting Director Child & Adult Services

Subject: ADULT CAPITAL GRANT ALLOCATION

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Non Key

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 That the Portfolio Holder approves proposals to make improvements as outlined in the report and agrees the funding arrangements.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Department of Health published guidance to Chief Executives and Directors of Adult Social Services on the Adults' Personal Social Services: Specific Revenue Grants and Capital Grant allocations for 2011-12 and 2012-13. The grant is designed to support three key areas: personalisation, reform and efficiency.

4. PROPOSALS

4.1 The report provides an overview of proposals for use of the grant to further support the development of the Centre for Independent Living, Waverley Terrace Allotment, Warren Road Day Centre and the introduction of PatronBase community access information system.

4.2 **Havelock** (Centre for Independent Living). The building accommodates day opportunities for Adults with Physical Disabilities, and is an independent living centre hosting 6 separate community focused organisations. These organisations provide services to people with a disability. A health & safety report in 2012 made recommendations to improve the Kitchen area. The report recommended improvements including removal of asbestos replacement of extraction system, installation of gas isolation valve and improvements to kitchen areas to support a bistro and day service provision. Estimated costs are £85,000. It is proposed that £8,000 is funded from the saving on the completed Warren Road Kitchen scheme, with £73,000 remaining required from the Capital Grant.

- 4.3 **Warren Road.** The building provides office accommodation to the Learning Disability Social Work Team, the Community Learning Disability Team and Allied health professionals, and provides a therapeutic environment for adults with Autism and Learning Disabilities. An audit in 2012 identified specific heating and ventilation issues associated with the main dining area, following consultation with building control it was suggested that the area could be improved by replacing the glazing units with new UPVC fixtures. This will improve the existing problem in the summer of overheating and prevent the room from becoming too cold in the winter. Estimated costs for replacement £15,000.
- 4.4 **Waverley Allotment Group.** The allotment provides a range of services for people with disabilities and age groups linked to a range of horticultural and environmental projects. The service is coordinated by Child & Adult Services staff but is host to a number of community organisations who delivers award winning projects connecting the local community and supporting links to education employment and training. The service has expanded in recent years and has the opportunity to redevelop an existing piece of waste land adjacent to the current site. Existing funding of £24,000 was made available to build a fence to enhance the existing site and give greater security. Following consultation with local residents at the planning stage it was requested that alternative materials were used. This has resulted in additional costs of £25,000.
- 4.5 **Theatre Bookings System – Patron Base.** The introduction of PatronBase software into the Box office will enable full access in person and on line into all of the activities and events which are arranged across the Department and in community venues. This new and previously inaccessible service will substantially open up access to the community and information for vulnerable user groups. Capital cost of £12,000.

5. Risk

- 5.1 Elements of the proposals include essential maintenance work necessary to contribute to the continuation of one or more existing services.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 It is proposed that £125,000 funding is made available from the Social Care Capital Grant in line with the grant purpose and conditions as follows:

| Scheme Title | Value required | Objective linked grant conditions |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Warren Road – Window replacement | £15,000 | Service improvement, greater efficiency |
| Havelock (CIL) Kitchen | £73,000 | Service improvement, reform, greater efficiency |
| Waverley Terrace Allotment | £25,000 | Service reform, Personalisation (Social Capital) |
| Theatre Bookings System – PatronBase | £12,000 | Access to community and information |

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The capital improvement outlined will have a positive impact for some groups with protected characteristics. Adults with a Disability will benefit from improved catering facilities, increased opportunities within day services and safety will be improved within a community allotment project. Improved accessibility to community venues and information gives further opportunities for people to deploy personal budgets.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Portfolio Holder approves the proposals to make improvements as outlined in the report and approves the funding arrangements in line with delegated authority given as part of the 2012-2013 Medium Term Financial Strategy.

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Appropriate use of Capital Grant allocation, grant designed to support the three key areas of personalisation, reform and efficiency.

10. APPENDICES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST, IN THE MEMBERS LIBRARY AND ON-LINE

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Lettersandcirculars/Localauthoritysocialservicesletters/DH_122345

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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