

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Amy Cross, Cabinet Member for Reducing Health Inequalities and Adult Safeguarding
Date of Meeting:	2 nd March 2016

FULFILLING LIVES

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with a briefing on the Fulfilling Lives project and to provide an update on the current progress being made.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the Fulfilling lives project and promote the partnership working across Blackpool.
- 2.2 To discuss how the project can shape and influence future commissioning of services for people with complex needs.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The project has been in operation for 18 months, and it is an appropriate time to share the learning and development to help shape system change within Blackpool. The project has been criticised for the lack of strategic leadership and it has been recognised that this needs to change. The first step in this process has been to appoint Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health, as the Chair of the Strategic Partnership. In addition to this the Partnership Manager is now part of the Better Start and HeadStart Partnership Boards in order for learning to be shared across the different Lottery funded projects.

- 3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is

"Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Big Lottery Fund has invested £100 million into improving the stability, confidence and capability of people with multiple and complex needs including: homelessness, reoffending, problematic substance misuse and mental ill health. People with such issues often rotate through various welfare and justice systems which can deepen the problems in their lives at a cost to them and society

5.2 Blackpool was chosen as one of 12 areas across England to receive funding for this initiative. The project was planned to run over 7 years and is now in the second year of operation. Blackpool received £10 million to deliver the project locally to; improve peoples' lives; help them make a positive contribution to local communities; change systems to better deal with these people in the future and to significantly reduce the current costs incurred by emergency services such as the police and ambulance service in responding to people living chaotic lifestyles.

5.3 The aim of the project is to achieve reductions in crime, misuse of alcohol and drugs, homelessness and mental health issues within this client group, resulting in a positive impact on local communities across Blackpool. Considerable emphasis has been placed on the involvement of ex-service users (people who previously had chaotic lifestyles caused by problems with alcohol, drugs, offending behaviour, homelessness and mental health issues) in the design and delivery of this programme. These 'ex-service users' will be using their skills, knowledge and experience to identify, engage with and support people currently living chaotic lives.

- 5.4 It is a partnership project including representation from a wide range of both voluntary sector and statutory organisations all of whom have links with the groups of people the project is targeted at. Statutory organisations represented include the Police, Ambulance Service, Blackpool Council, the NHS and the Probation Service. Voluntary Sector representation includes organisations providing mental health services, substance misuse services and support for offenders and people who are homeless.
- 5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No
- 5.6 **List of Appendices:**
- None
- 6.0 **Legal considerations:**
- 6.1 There are no legal considerations in relation to the Fulfilling Lives Project for Blackpool Council.
- 7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**
- 7.1 There are no Human Resource implications
- 8.0 **Equalities considerations:**
- 8.1 Substance misuse, mental health, homelessness and criminal justices all have a significant impact on health inequalities in the town and reducing the inequalities is a fundamental part of this project.
- 9.0 **Financial considerations:**
- 9.1 There are no financial considerations.
- 10.0 **Risk management considerations:**
- 10.1 There are no risk management considerations
- 11.0 **Ethical considerations:**
- 11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

- 12.1 The Fulfilling Lives Project has involved stakeholder consultation from the start. Consultation took place with the public sector private sector, third sector and also involved service user consultation. The consultations informed the development of the original Business Plan.
- 12.2 The consultation process is on-going throughout the life of the project to learn from the experiences of the clients and to help support system change.

13.0 Background papers:

- 13.1 None