

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Jayne Bentley (Care Bill Implementation and Better Care Fund Project Lead)
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Graham Cain, Deputy Leader of the Council (Children)
Date of Meeting	29 January 2020

BLACKPOOL BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To provide the Board with details of the Blackpool Better Care Fund 2019-20.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 That the contents of this report are noted.

2.2 That the Health and Wellbeing Board agrees to continue to devolve ongoing governance to the Better Care Fund Monitoring Group.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Better Care Fund pooled budget is a statutory requirement under the amended NHS Act 2006.

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:

The Better Care Fund pooled budget is a statutory requirement under the amended NHS Act 2006.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience

5.0 Background Information

5.1 There was a considerable delay in the publication of the Policy Framework and Planning Guidance (Appendix 3a) for the Better Care Fund 2019-20, and further delays in reaching agreement by Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to the uplift to Adult Social Care schemes.

5.2 As it was not possible to present the plan to the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to the submission deadline, it was signed off by Councillor Cain on their behalf on 10 October 2019.

5.3 Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group were required to complete a planning template (Appendix 3b) to show the expenditure plan for 2019-20, and to outline the expected impact.

5.4 The Section 75 agreement, which underpins the Better Care Fund Plan was signed by Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group on 12 December 2019.

5.5 Approval of the Blackpool Better Care Fund 2019/20 was confirmed by NHS England on 8 January 2020 (Appendix 3c).

5.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.7 List of Appendices:

Appendix 3a: Better Care Fund 2019-20 Planning Requirements

Appendix 3b: Submitted Blackpool 2019-20 Better Care Fund Planning Template

Appendix 3c: Approval Letter Blackpool 2019-20

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 The legal framework for the Better Care Fund derives from the NHS Act 2006 (amended by the Care Act 2014), which requires that in each area the Better Care Fund is transferred into one or more pooled budgets, established under Section 75, and that plans are approved by NHS England in consultation with Department of

Health (DH) and Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG). The Act also gives NHS England powers to attach additional conditions to the payment of the Better Care Fund to ensure that the policy framework is delivered through local plans.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Given the delays referred to at 5.1, financial monitoring of the Better Care Fund Schemes has not been possible to date. However a report to quarter 3 will be taken through the Better Care Fund Monitoring Group and then subsequently incorporated into the next Health and Wellbeing Board update.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 [High Impact Change Model](#)

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EXECUTIVE/ CABINET MEMBER**

14.0 Key decision information:

- 14.1 Is this a key decision? Yes/ No
- 14.2 If so, Forward Plan reference number:
- 14.3 If a key decision, is the decision required in less than five days? Yes/ No
- 14.4 If **yes**, please describe the reason for urgency:

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15.0 Call-in information:

- 15.1 Are there any grounds for urgency, which would cause this decision to be exempt from the call-in process? Yes/ No
- 15.2 If **yes**, please give reason:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

16.0 Scrutiny Committee Chairman (where appropriate):

Date informed:

Date approved:

17.0 Declarations of interest (if applicable):

17.1

18.0 Executive decision:

18.1

18.2 Date of Decision:

19.0 Reason(s) for decision:

19.1 Date Decision published:

20.0 Executive Members in attendance:

20.1

21.0 Call-in:

21.1

22.0 Notes:

22.1