

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Jayne Bentley, Better Care Fund Project Lead, Blackpool Council
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	31 March 2021

## BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To provide the Board with an update on the financial monitoring of the Blackpool Better Care Fund.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the report and any verbal update.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The report is for information to ensure that the Board is kept aware of the status of the Blackpool Better Care Fund and future actions.

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

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

### 4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

### 5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience".

## **6.0 Background information**

- 6.1 The governance requirements contained within the 'Framework Partnership Agreement relating to the Commissioning of Health and Social Care Services and Other Arrangements' require Blackpool Council to provide regular monitoring of the Better Care Fund (BCF) to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 6.2 Whilst the individual organisations (Blackpool Council and Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group) are still monitoring their respective schemes as part of their own financial reporting requirements we have been unable to submit a consolidated report for this financial year, this is due to the delayed publication of the Better Care Fund Policy Statement.
- 6.3 The government have now finally published this document (Better Care Fund: policy statement 2020 to 2021 - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))) which details how local authorities and clinical commissioning groups should proceed with finalising plans and pooling agreements for funding under the Better Care Fund along with setting out certain national conditions.
- 6.4 The council and CCG have now started to interpret this guidance, therefore, officers propose to table a year-end report at the first Health and Wellbeing Board meeting of financial year 2021/22 and will bring to the attention of the Chairman if there are any financial issues in the interim.
- 6.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information No

## **7.0 List of Appendices:**

- 7.1 None.

## **8.0 Financial considerations:**

- 8.1 As explained in the body of the report.

## **9.0 Legal considerations:**

- 9.1 None.

## **10.0 Risk management considerations:**

- 10.1 None.

**11.0 Equalities considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Background papers:**

14.1 None