

Report of the Cabinet Member for Adults and Vulnerable People and  
Director of People, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal  
Services

**Where scheme exceeds £150,000 but not £1,000,000**

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**INTERMEDIATE CARE FUNDING 16/17**

<b>Purpose:</b>	To approve the ICF capital funding for City and County of Swansea
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014
<b>Reason for Decision:</b>	To comply with Financial Procedure Rule No.7 (Capital Programming and Appraisals) - to commit and authorise schemes as per the Capital Programme or to include new schemes in the Capital Programme.
<b>Consultation:</b>	Finance, Legal, Access to Services
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	
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## 1.0 Introduction / Background

1.1 Welsh Government has provided Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) to Local Authorities and the Health Board since 2014/2015 to build on effective working across health, social services and housing to improve the planning and provision of integrated services, with a focus on integrated working to help avoid unnecessary hospital admissions, or inappropriate admission to residential care, as well as preventing delayed discharges from hospital. This has included both capital and revenue funding.

1.2 Welsh Government confirmed the ICF funding for 2016/17 for the Western Bay region as follows:

### ICF Revenue Funding 16/17

Frail and Older People	£5,190k
Learning Disability and Complex Needs	£687k

### ICF Capital Funding 16/17

Capital Funding	£1,696k
New Government revenue allocation (post-election)	£2,578k

**TOTAL** **£10,151k**

1.3 The aim of the 2016-17 Intermediate Care Fund (ICF) is to drive and enable integrated working between social services, health and housing and the third and independent sectors.

1.4 The revenue funding element for Western Bay has been provided to Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Local Health Board (ABMU HB) on behalf of the statutory Western Bay Regional Partnership Board. This includes the frail and older people and the learning disability elements. A list of the regional schemes is included in **appendix 1** for information.

1.5 The criteria for the New Government Revenue allocation (post election) have not yet been issued and Welsh Government has confirmed a decision should be made shortly.

1.6 In the guidance Welsh Government (WG) confirmed that the capital funds would come through the Health Board, however Health Finance colleagues highlighting that there would be issues with this process in terms of reclaiming VAT and the Health Board rules around capitalisation of assets. In order to avoid these issues WG were asked if the capital funding could be redirected through either 1 Local Authority or each Local Authority (LA). The decision on this has not yet been confirmed by WG, so there is still the potential that the funding will come via the Health Board and then redirected to each LA or to one LA.

1.7 The remainder of the report focuses on the ICF capital element for Swansea.

## **2.0 Proposed Works**

2.1 A list of the capital proposals for the Western Bay region, including Swansea is included in **appendix 2**.

## **3.0 Objective of Scheme**

3.1 The 2016-17 funding will continue to support initiatives in relation to supporting older people to maintain their independence and remain at home, avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions and delayed discharges. However, it has extended the scope of the integration agenda to look at the development of integrated care and support services for other groups of people. A detailed guidance document has been provided by Welsh Government which lays out the parameters of the funding and is included in **appendix 3**. Proposals submitted have followed these guidelines.

## **4.0 Equality and Engagement Implications**

4.1 Project Leads for the individual schemes will be expected to consider equality and engagement implications and carry out EIA processes.

## **5.0 Financial Implications**

5.1 An initial list of capital schemes for Western Bay was submitted to Welsh Government (WG) on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016, which was within the timescales set out by WG. Welsh Government were informed that given the short timescales to develop and submit the proposals further work was needed to assure the proposals. There had also been some concern around potential revenue consequences and the issue of funding staff that may not be sustainable.

5.2 An assurance process was initiated to provide more confidence that the proposals were deliverable in the timescales and ensure that the schemes were sustainable. A small panel of finance and operational colleagues reviewed the submissions on 28<sup>th</sup> June and provided recommendations for the schemes which should proceed, those which should be withdrawn and some which required further information.

5.3 Work is ongoing to review the capital schemes in Swansea and we are still awaiting further information for some schemes. The total cost of the capital schemes for Western Bay is set out in **appendix 2**, the capital element for Swansea will be between £345,000 and £501,107. The capital schemes are 100% grant funded and no match contribution is required from the City & County of Swansea Council.

5.4 The timescales for the revenue and capital proposals could present a challenge given that the proposals have not yet been approved by WG. Approval is likely not to be received until August/early September, which only allows 7-8 months to complete the works. Guidance states that the funding must be used, i.e. expenditure incurred during the 2016-17 financial year. There is a risk that if activities / works are not completed within these timescales that Welsh Government will request monies be refunded.

## **6.0 Legal Implications**

6.1 From April 2016, there is a requirement under Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act for the establishment of a statutory Regional Partnership Board (RPB). This Board is currently in shadow form at the time of approval. Swansea Council has approved it at Cabinet on 21 July 2016. The Western Bay Regional Partnership Board will lead on the planning and use of the funding, as well as ensuring delivery, to maximise outcomes for people and the effective and efficient use of resources.

6.2 Welsh Government (WG) requested confirmation from Western Bay of our agreement to receive funding through a memorandum of understanding (MoU). This has been signed by the Chief Executive of ABMU and countersigned by the Finance Director, approved by Western Bay Leadership Group members (which includes the 4 Chief Executives and the Social Services Directors) and will be endorsed by the statutory Regional Partnership Board. The MOU currently states 'an alternative host may be nominated for capital funding depending upon the schemes agreed.' The MOU will be updated once WG has clarified where the capital funding will be directed to. (Refer to paragraph 1.6)

6.3 The Authority has followed the terms and conditions laid out in the guidance.

## **7.0 IT/Systems Implications**

7.1 There are no IT/systems implications.

## **8.0 Property Implications**

8.1 There are no property implications as the current schedule of proposed schemes do not relate to any property that Council owns.

**Background Papers:** None.

## **Appendix:**

Appendix 1 – Regional Revenue schemes for information

Appendix 2 – Capital proposals for the Western Bay region, including Swansea

Appendix 3 – Intermediate Care Fund Guidance