

Report of the Cabinet Member for Adults and Vulnerable People

External Funding Panel – 1 February 2017

INTERMEDIATE CARE FUNDING (ICF) 16/17 – SECOND TRANCHE OF ICF FUNDING

Purpose:	To approve the second tranche of ICF revenue funding for City and County of Swansea
Policy Framework:	Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014
Reason for Decision:	To inform the external funding panel of the additional revenue Intermediate Care Fund for preventative schemes for older people, people with learning disabilities and children with complex needs
Consultation:	Finance, Legal, Access to Services
Recommendation(s):	The External Funding Panel is asked to endorse the additional Intermediate Care Fund revenue schemes for preventative schemes for older people, people with learning disabilities and children with complex needs for the City & County of Swansea included in Appendix 2 .
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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 second tranche of additional ICF funding for 2016/17 for the Western Bay region in September 2016 of £2,236,000 for preventative schemes for older people, people with learning disabilities and children with complex needs. The funding must be spent by 31st March, 2017. This report relates only to the second tranche of funding.

1.3 The first tranche of ICF funding, which was reported to the External Funding Panel on 3rd August, included:

ICF Revenue Funding 16/17 (First Tranche)

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

ICF Capital Funding 16/17 (First Tranche)

Capital Funding	£1,696k
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1.4 Welsh Government confirmed that the second tranche of funding should be used to support the requirements contained in section 15 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014 to achieve various purposes, including preventing or delaying the development of care and support needs. The funding should be used to provide preventative services specifically in relation to the following current core areas of ICF:

- Continued funding to support older people to maintain their independence;
- The development of integrated services for people with learning disabilities; and
- The development of integrated services for children with complex needs

1.5 The schemes which have been submitted need to demonstrate additionality to core service delivery and should be part of an overall strategic approach to integrated health and social care.

- 1.6 The revenue funding element for Western Bay has been provided to Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMU HB) on behalf of the statutory Western Bay Regional Partnership Board. Money will be drawn down on a quarterly basis for spend incurred as evidenced through the monitoring process that has been established.
- 1.7 A process was used to invite Local Authorities (City & County of Swansea, Bridgend CBC, Neath Port Talbot CBC), ABMU HB, Independent Sector and Third Sector colleagues to apply for the funding by submitting an expression of interest form by Friday 14th October, 2016. In order to ensure equity across the region, an approximate split of funding based on the previous formula used for Intermediate Care funding was applied. A considerable number of applications were received from the 3 Local Authorities, ABMU HB and the third sector, which totalled an amount well in excess of £2.236m. A multi-agency assessment panel was established with officers from 3 local authorities, ABMU HB and the third sector to assess the applications. Priority was given to those bids which would deliver the greatest impact to citizens, offered best value for money and were felt to be sustainable. The agreed schemes for the Western Bay region prioritised by the assessment panel are included in **Appendix 1**. (Further detail on schemes for the City & County of Swansea are referenced in the financial implications section of the report)
- 1.8 Monitoring information is submitted to Welsh Government on a quarterly basis, collated by the Western Bay Programme Office, hosted by the City and County of Swansea, working closely with ABMU HB in order to demonstrate progress against the expected outcomes included in the original applications and spend to date.

2.0 Equality and Engagement Implications

- 2.1 The Project leads of the individual schemes will consider equality and engagement implications and those schemes being delivered within the council must abide by our corporate EIA procedures.

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 A more detailed list of the Swansea schemes is included in **Appendix 2**, which details the expenditure to date until the end of quarter 3.
- 3.2 The position at the end of quarter 3 is as follows:

Revenue funding awarded	£702,704
Spend until end of December	£ 78,821
Forecasted spend in quarter 4	£623,883
Balance at Year-End	£ 0

There are currently no concerns regarding slippage across all the revenue schemes in tranche 2. Although the financial figure in quarter 3 is relatively low, this has been due to the funding being confirmed so late in the financial year (1st November 2016). A large amount of activity has since taken place in relation to the necessary release of resources and procurement processes relating to the ICF schemes.

4.0 Legal Implications

- 4.1 From April 2016, there was a requirement under Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act for the establishment of a statutory Regional Partnership Board (RPB). Swansea Council approved the terms of reference and the governance arrangements for the statutory RPB 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. The first formal Board took place on 23rd November, 2016 and endorsed the schemes (included in **Appendix 1**) funded by the additional Intermediate Care Fund (second tranche).
- 4.2 Payment of ICF funding was dependent on Welsh Government (WG) being in receipt of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that had been approved by the relevant Western Bay organisations. The MOU has been authorised by ABMU and the three Local Authorities and has been endorsed by the statutory Regional Partnership Board.
- 4.3 The Authority has acted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant funding offer.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Regional Revenue schemes for information
- Appendix 2: Revenue schemes for Swansea, with spend to date and forecasted spend at year end