



## Report of the Chief Social Services Officer

External Funding Panel – 7 March 2018

### Winter Pressures Grant

<b>Purpose:</b>	To advise the Panel of the award of Funding in relation to supporting delivery of Social Services over the winter period 2017-18
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 Government of Wales Act 2006 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2015
<b>Consultation:</b>	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that the Panel notes the implications contained in this report and retrospectively approves the acceptance of the Grant.
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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the Award of Funding in relation to supporting delivery of Social Services over the winter period 2017-18.

#### 2. The Grant

- 2.1 Welsh Government awarded this grant directly and did not require an application from the Council. Allocations have been offered to all Welsh Councils. The offer is for £795,988 and covers the period to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2018.

2.2 The purpose of the funding is to support delivery of Social Services over the winter period 2017-18 through:

- Domiciliary care packages from January 1st to March 31st 2018;
- Care and repair services for minor home adaptations and equipment to facilitate discharge and maintain independence;
- Short-term residential care and use of step down beds to facilitate both discharge and transition from hospital to home.

2.3 The Cabinet Member was informed and consulted before the Council accepted the grant offer. Due to the short timescales for acceptance imposed by Welsh Government, this report is provided to Members for their information.

#### **4. Equality and Engagement Implications**

4.1 There are no equality or engagement implications associated with this report.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 This funding will help support the Council's financial commitments in this key area.

#### **6. Legal Implications**

6.1 Generally the terms attached to Grant Funding are legally binding and should be formally recorded in an appropriate document/contract with external delivery partners as required.

6.2 Procurement rules (both EU and the Council's) will have to be fully complied with in all respects in relation to services or the procurement of services from external delivery agents.

**Background Papers:** Grant Offer Letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**Appendices:** None