

Officer Executive Decisions

Better Care Fund

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:

Medway Better Care Fund Plan 2 September 2014

The Cabinet considered a report that provided information in relation to the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan and its implications for Medway.

The report explained that a jointly agreed plan had been submitted on 4 April 2014. Revised guidance had, however, been issued in July 2014 requiring all local authorities, in partnership with their local CCGs, to submit revised BCF plans by 19 September 2014. It was explained that the previous £1bn Payment for Performance framework had been revised, so that the proportion of the £1bn that was now linked to performance was dependent solely on an area's scale of ambition in setting a planned level of reduction in total emergency admissions (general and acute non-elective activity). Noting that the plan's development would be an iterative process up to its submission, delegated authority was requested to finalise and submit the revised Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan.

A copy of this report is available via the following link:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgconvert2pdf.aspx?id=24709>

The Cabinet delegated authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adults Services, to finalise and submit the revised plan after it had been considered and endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board and to make any further minor amendments that may be required to the revised plan following submission (144/2015).

Decision: A revised submission to DCLG / NHS England was made in December 2014 which was reassessed as "strong" in February 2015.

Reasons for Decision: A report to the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2015 detailed the specifics of the DCLG / NHS England response and set out the direction of the Better Care Fund programme. A copy of this report is available via the following link:

<http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgconvert2pdf.aspx?id=26469>

Date of Decision: The report to the Health and Wellbeing Board is dated 15 March 2015

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Details of any other options considered and rejected: The plan was revised and submitted in accordance with DCLG / NHS England guidance.

Conflicts of Interest: None.