

Officer Executive Decisions

S75 Update: Better Care Fund

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date

On the 9 June 2020 the Cabinet considered a report which provided details of the Better Care Fund S75 agreement for 2020/21 which had been updated to reflect the new Kent and Medway CCG arrangements. In addition, this report set out a proposal for a variation to the S75 agreement for 2020/21 to include the Covid 19 (Coronavirus) funding in relation to hospital discharges and out of hospital work.

The report also provided details of the proposal to extend the existing Better Care Fund arrangements of 2019/20 until the new policy framework and planning guidance was issued for this financial year.

The Cabinet agreed the revision of the S75 arrangements to include reference to the new Kent and Medway CCG and to pool the Coronavirus funding as detailed in section 4 of the report for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 (decision no. 62/2020 refers).

The Cabinet also agreed an extension of the existing BCF plan to cover the interim period until planning guidance is issued and to delegate authority for the development and delivery of Medway's Better Care Fund programme during 2020/2021 to the Director of People - Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Medway NHS Clinical Commissioning Group Deputy Managing Director, Chief Legal Officer and the Portfolio Holder for Adults' Services (decision no. 63/2020 refers).

The [Cabinet report](#) may be viewed online.

Decision

The S75 agreement has been developed and signed by the Director of People – Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Medway NHS Clinical Commissioning Group Deputy Managing Director, Chief Legal Officer and the Portfolio Holder for Adults' Services through the Joint Commissioning Management Group.

Reasons for Decision

This will ensure the finalisation of the Better Care Fund S75 Agreement at the earliest opportunity to certify the continuation of the services funded by the Better Care Fund and the delivery of coronavirus funding from Central Government.

Cabinet agreed to extend the existing Better Care Fund arrangements of 2019/20 until the new policy framework and planning guidance was issued for this financial year.

This decision pertains to the Better Care Fund S75 agreement for 2020/21 which had been updated to reflect the new Kent and Medway CCG arrangements.

In addition, this decision allows for a variation to the S75 agreement for 2020/21 to include the Covid 19 (Coronavirus) funding in relation to hospital discharges and out of hospital works.

Date of Decision

18 June 2020

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Details of any other options considered and rejected

None

Conflicts of Interest

None