# Officer Executive Decisions

# **Better Care Fund**

# Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date

On 19 October 2021, the Cabinet agreed to delegate authority

- a. for the development and delivery of Medway's Better Care Fund programme to the Director of People Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adults' Services, the Assistant Director, Legal and Governance and the Director of Integrated Care Commissioning, Medway and Swale, on behalf of the Kent and Medway CCG (decision no.: 111/2021); and
- b. to the Director of People Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adults' Services, the Assistant Director, Legal and Governance and the Director of Integrated Care Commissioning, Medway and Swale, on behalf of the Kent and Medway CCG, to agree any necessary extension of the new BCF plan and S75 in 2022/23, to cover possible delays from Government in the release of BCF planning guidance for the coming financial year (decision no.: 112/2021); and

The report may be found on the **Council's website**.

#### Decision

The BCF Plan has now been developed. Medway's BCF plan was submitted on 16 November in line with Government timescales. It was presented to Health and Wellbeing Board on 18 November and supported by board members. There will now be a regional and national approval process. The Section 75 agreement will be updated to support the new plan and will be approved by Medway Council's Legal Team and Kent and Medway CCG.

## Reasons for Decision

To meet statutory timeframes for Better Care Fund reporting.

Date of Decision

19 October 2021

#### Lead Officer

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Details of any other options considered and rejected

An option to do nothing was considered and rejected as this would place the joint funding at risk and in turn all the services which are funded by the Better Care Fund.

## Conflicts of Interest

None