

INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday, 22 February 2022

PRESENT: Raj Jain (in the Chair)

Rochdale Borough Council: Councillors D.Ali, I. Ahmed and C. Wardle

Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG): Dr. Alam, D. Dawson and J. Newton

OFFICERS: Sharon Hubber (Director of Children's Services), Julie Murphy (Chief Finance Officer), Claire Richardson (Director of Strategic Commissioning/Adult Social Services), Steve Rumbelow (Chief Executive), Fabiola Fuschi (Senior Governance and Committee Officer)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

42 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Dr.Duffy and Councillor R. Massey.

43 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th Jan 2022 be approved as a correct record.

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

45 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business

46 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BETTER CARE FUND BUDGET MONITORING REPORT QUARTER 3 2021/22

The Board gave consideration to a report of the Cabinet Member for Health which sought to update with the Quarter 3 (April to December 2021) budget monitoring for the Better Care Fund (BCF) for the financial year 2021/22.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

It is a requirement of the NHSE guidance to produce a budget for 2021/22 which

the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) approved at its March 2021 meeting. This report updated the monitoring against the 2021/22 budget which is a requirement of the Section 75 agreement. Therefore there were no alternatives to consider.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Quarter 3 monitoring information as at December 2021 period be noted;
2. That the remaining contingencies being held for budgets not yet allocated in 2021/22 of £44k, following an allocation of £63k against the forecast overspend on the equipment store budget be noted;
3. That the forecast underspend against capital budgets of £1,422k in relation to the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) be noted and the carry forward of any unspent capital budgets to 2022/23 under Council procedures be agreed;
4. That it be agreed that the £150k budget previously identified for the Adaptations to Autism capital scheme be transferred to the Adult Social Care and Health Integration Hubs capital scheme.

Reasons for decision:

The Strategic Place Board (SPB) have ultimate sign off of the BCF budget as mandated in the BCF Policy Framework and Planning Guidance. The SPB have delegated responsibility for the BCF to the ICB. The revised 2021/22 budget for the BCF was agreed by the ICB in March 2021, this report provided an update on the forecast position against those budgets.

47 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE POOLED BUDGET MONITORING REPORT DECEMBER 2021

The Board gave consideration to a report of the Cabinet Member for Health which sought to update on the financial position of the pooled budget for the financial year 2021/22 as at the end of December 2021. The pooled budget excluded the Better Care Fund (BCF) which was being reported separately to the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB) in 2021/22. The pooled budget has been amended to take into account the savings previously reported to ICB.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The operation of a formal pool in 2021/22 builds on the shadow pool that was operated by the ICB in 2017/18 and is in line with previous years reporting; therefore there were no alternatives to consider.

RESOLVED:

1. That the £0.2m under performance position being forecast in relation to non-Covid pool budgets as at the end of December be noted;
2. That it be noted that, as at the end of December, £3.2m of Covid costs are forecast against the Health & Social Care Pool Budget. £1.0m of this would be funded via the Hospital Discharge Programme, and the remaining £2.2m would be wholly funded from Government emergency funding received by the LA leaving no in year pool Covid pressure;
3. That the in-year saving of £0.9m being reported against non-Covid Adult Social Care budgets, primarily due to lower than expected standard residential placements as a result of the pandemic and one off funding arrangements in place for 2021/22 be noted.

Reasons for decision:

This report updated the ICB on the Health and Social Care pooled budgets for 2021/22 in line with National Health Service England (NHSE) guidelines and the Greater Manchester (GM) Health and Social Care Partnership requirements. As part of operating a pooled budget regular monitoring reports are required. The BCF was excluded from the pooled reporting and would be reported separately to ICB in line with NHSE requirements for reporting each quarter.

48 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items on today's agenda which required exclusion of press and public