

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 24 May 2016

By: Director of Adult Social Care and Health

Title: Public Health 2016/17 Grant and Budget Update

Purpose: To update Cabinet on the 2016/17 Public Health Grant allocation and impact on the budget

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Note the 2016/17 Public Health Grant Allocation; and**
 - 2) Agree the revised allocation of Public Health savings, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.**
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1 Background

1.1 As part of 2016/17 Reconciling Policy Performance Resources, the planning assumption for the level of Public Health Grant, guided by Department of Health and Public Health England public consultation, was a reduction of £4.813m, from £31.036m to £26.223m.

1.2 A planned reduction in Public Health Grant was approved by Cabinet on 26 January 2016. Attached at Appendix 1 is the revised proposed allocation of savings taking into the better than expected grant allocation. Details of the initially agreed savings are also included within Appendix 1.

2 Supporting information

2.1 Public Health Grant funding, which remains ring fenced, has now been confirmed at:

2016/17	£28.697m
2017/18	£27.990m

2.2 The confirmation of Public Health Grant funding at £28.697m is a reduction of £2.339m, rather than the approved reduction of £4.8m, on the 2015/16 grant. This has enabled a review of the original savings plan to ascertain which of the previously agreed savings satisfy the ring fenced criteria, and can consequently now be funded through the grant. Should the revised allocation be agreed by Cabinet, the only savings that will be made are those that do not have a direct impact on services. This is because the proposed savings are service efficiencies or budget reductions where funding is no longer required due to less demand. Appendix 1 shows the range of services that will be maintained as a result of the higher than expected grant allocation.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 This revenue budget income is ring fenced for a specific purpose and does not raise additional commitments for future years beyond 2017/18. There is now a need to agree the allocation of this funding, for 2016/17, within the parameters of the funding conditions. Once

allocated, performance targets for the year will take into account the additional funding. Cabinet is therefore recommended to note the 2016/17 Public Health Grant allocation and agree the revised Public Health savings plan.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Appendix 1: Public Health 2016/17 Savings Plan

Link to Grant Allocation: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-health-grants-to-local-authorities-2016-to-2017>