Local Authority Annual Update

Service Provision Title: Gateway assessment and brokerage development	
Service Type: Access to short-term services –	Client Category: All
developing to a wider range of longer term	
services and community assets	
Last Yr Units:	Last Yr £:176,000.00
This Yr Units:	This Yr £: £198,000.00
Increase/(decrease) Units: Prevention and	Increase: £22,000.00
Floating support caseloads to be negotiated	

Proposal No: 16/17 - 5

Rationale for proposal

The MCC Gateway is fundamentally a triage assessment and brokerage service enabling potential service users to be linked to a service that can provide the support they need. An element of the Gateway service also provides primary prevention – ie an ability to help resolve one-off issues that could, if unresolved, result in a housing/tenancy crisis and homelessness, and does so without the need for the service user having to undergo the full assessment/allocation/support plan procedure.

It has recently been identified that circa 6% of people receiving SC&H care and support also receive support from SP. As with the introduction of Place-based support workers, there are opportunities for SP to increase the support to the Integrated Services. Ways of making the interaction of SP with SC&H more effective, from a systems perspective, will be developed during the pilot year.

At the same time, the range of services and support that the Gateway can refer to will be increased to include, typically, access to community-based support assets, Tackling Poverty initiatives, befriending and activities.

The pilot development will also develop working practices that evidence whether it is possible to integrate externally hosted support staff into MCC teams and systems.

During 16/17, the re-developed client management system will be implemented – from SPRINT to GENESIS. Ensuring that all providers are adequately trained in the new system will become the responsibility of the Gateway. As a short-term measure, £22,000 will be invested in backfill staffing arrangements to cover the training input to external providers.

These proposals have been discussed and agreed in principle, but further discussions are required to develop an appropriate service level agreement.

Considered impacts:

These proposals for the development of the Gateway service are tenure and protected characteristic neutral. However, if successful, will contribute to people being able to access a wider range of support more easily, and much of this support will not be MCC funded or provided.