

SUBJECT: SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME GRANT – SPENDPLAN 2017/18

MEETING: Individual Cabinet Member

DATE: 12th April 2017

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE:

For the Individual Member to consider the Supporting People Programme Grant (SPPG) proposals for 2017/18

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Individual Cabinet Member approves the proposed Spendplan as outlined in Appendix II for the 2017/18 allocation of the Supporting People Programme Grant

3. KEY ISSUES:

The Indicative Allocation of Grant for 2017/18 suggests that the level of funding will be the same as for 2016/17 - £2,039,175.00. The majority of Monmouthshire's SPPG contracts have an end/review date of 31 March 2019 (Appendix III).

The guidelines associated with the Grant require Authorities to ensure that Grant Funding is both tenure and age neutral in nature. Demand for older people housing-based support has declined with the allowable 10% contract variation already being implemented in the main older person contract. During 2017/18, the main older person contract will end, the provider having given notice to terminate the contract.

Support to older people will then be available through the place-based model and the Gateway. This is a generic floating support service and an analysis of the outcomes delivered by the generic services demonstrates that support is provided to all the support categorisations and therefore all the protected characteristics. The transition arrangements will be managed through the Gateway who will ensure that all people currently being supported have their needs re-assessed and are then referred to the appropriate service delivery that will meet their needs.

In 2016/17, two important pilot initiatives were developed – Homeless and well-being support and social inclusion support, both within the place-based initiatives. Whilst the initiatives did not get fully underway until September/October 2016, there has been a significant increase in the numbers of people supported within the overall static grant funding, with an associated increase in the outcome being achieved. (Appendix IV). Access for older people will now be predominately through our Gateway service with its associated support workers in the place-based teams.

There have been situations identified recently in which the needs of younger people and care leavers have not been fully met by the SP programme. It is important that positive action is taken

to ensure that this vulnerable and protected characteristic is supported appropriately. A designated resource is assigned in the spendplan.

4. REASONS:

The majority of contracts run until March 2019; funding levels remain unchanged; and the place-based initiative is making a very positive contribution to those requiring support in the communities. This new way of working allows support to be provided based on need and not be associated purely with where a person lives. Monmouthshire's demographics have made older people a priority need, however, the support needs for this category have changed over time and decreased. Closer working across the Adult and Younger Person services has identified that further, targeted support is needed for younger people including young care leavers.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The 2017/18 spendplan outlines an overspend situation. However, over recent years there has always become a need to allocate grant under-utilisations in the last quarter of the year. Consultation within the Directorate has determined that it is appropriate to make the assumption that a similar under-utilisation will occur in 2017/18.

6. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING)

The level of SPPG funding in 2017/18 is likely to remain the same as previously. However there are two significant developments in the services. Firstly, notice has been served on the main older persons' contract and this provides an opportunity to move towards the SP guidelines in which services should be tenure and age neutral. The pilot place-based initiatives, which will be reviewed this year, appear well able to provide access to appropriate support for older people. Secondly, the needs of younger people and care leavers have been provided with an additional support resource and this addresses a weakness in the provision.

7. CONSULTEES:

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

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