

**REPORT TO:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**DATE:** 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director Communities

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** Approval of the draft Better Care Fund Submission 2014

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To request that the Board approve the final draft Better Care Fund for submission to the Local Government Association and NHS England by 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board**

- i) note the content of the report**
- ii) approve the final draft Better Care Fund submission (Appendix 1)**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Members of the Board will recall that the initial draft Better Care Fund was submitted to the Local Government Association (LGA) and NHS England on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014, following approval by the Board.

3.2 After receiving the submissions, NHS England and the LGA re-issued new guidance and new templates, changing the some of the focus of the plan. For example, the payment for performance is now purely focussed on non-elective admissions, instead of across health and social care performance metrics.

3.3 The final re-submission of the Better Care Fund is due on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 no later than 12 noon.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nationally, the Public Health White Paper and the Care Act both emphasise more preventative services that are focussed on delivering the best outcomes for local people. Locally, the Integrated Commissioning Framework sets out formally the joint arrangements for Commissioning. The joint Health and Wellbeing

Strategy includes shared priorities based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and local consultation.

## 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Undertaking the recommendations within this report will ensure that the new pooled budget funding is accessible so that outcomes for people living within Halton can be improved further.

5.2 The breakdown of the financial overview for the Better Care Fund is described in the table below.

Summary	Better Care Fund 2015/16 £'000s
Expenditure on new projects	2,717
Contingency	518
Expenditure on existing projects	38,171
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,406</b>

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

### 6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Effective arrangements for children's transition services will need to be in place.

### 6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

Any long-term integration arrangements will need to focus upon staffing issues.

### 6.3 A Healthy Halton

Developing integration further between Halton Borough Council and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group will have a direct impact on improving the health of people living in Halton. The plan that is developed will be linked to the priorities identified in the Integrated Commissioning Framework.

### 6.4 A Safer Halton

None identified.

### 6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Halton Borough Council and the NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group may be at risk of losing funding if certain criteria/conditions described in this report are not met. To avoid this, it is vital that we work together to produce the “Plan” in line with the guidance that has been issued.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.