

Health and Wellbeing Board

24th April 2017

Public Health Transformation Funded services

1. Purpose

To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Public Health Transformation Funded services covering the period 2014/15 – 2016/17 and inform the Board that the investments are under review in light of the proposed financial savings to public health core services as part of the Council's 4 year plan. The review process is designed to understand where the best outcomes from public health investments can be made and contribute information to understand any cumulative impact on public health outcomes as a result of partner organisation's commissioning intentions and investment plans.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the investments made from the Public Health Grant across the various Council Directorates and commits to supporting the review process

3. Report detail

Walsall Council has a statutory duty to achieve population level improvements in public health (Health and Social Care Act (2012)). To achieve the statutory duty the Council receives a ring fenced Public Health Grant from Department of Health (DH) via Public Health England (PHE). Walsall's Grant for 2016/17 is £18,577,000.

The Public Health Transformation Fund was established in 2014/15 with an initial fund of £1.0 million rising to £2.3 million in 2015/16. The fund was created by disinvesting in existing public health commissioned services, making the savings by re-commissioning and remodelling services, and investing in council services that can be transformed to deliver improved public health outcomes.

The applications for investment are made to a panel chaired by the Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing and including finance representation who consider the proposals to ensure that investment are in line with JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy recommendations and consistent with Public Health England guidance on use of the Public Health Grant.

The aim of the fund was twofold;

- a) To embed the public health functions across the range of Council services in recognition of the contribution that many existing services make to improving the public health of individuals who live and work in Walsall whilst seeking to influence and transform those services to deliver improved health and wellbeing outcomes.

- b) To support Council directorates achieve their savings targets by replacing the Council directorate's investments with an investment from the Public Health Grant.

The services fall within two categories

- Council delivered services e.g. sports and leisure, sustainable travel, air quality monitoring, health at work, early intervention family work and Children Centres
- Services commissioned with external agencies e.g. Rethink adult mental health support, Advocacy Matters adult advocacy services, drug and alcohol residential rehabilitation placements (various providers), Accord Housing domestic abuse emergency accommodation provision and Walsall Healthcare Trust Teenage Pregnancy services

The intention of the Transformation Fund investments is to work alongside the services to “transform” elements of how they are delivered to optimise the public health outcomes. There is a requirement to meet the conditions of the Public Health Grant, which requires the annual statement of assurance to be signed by the Council Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Director of Public Health, with the potential for claw back arrangements if the conditions are not met.

4. Investments:

The following tables display the Transformation Fund as a proportion of all public health investments and the detail of the services investments, ranging across services covering aspects of environmental and regulatory services, universal services and services targeted at vulnerable groups.

Table 1 Transformation Fund Investment (2014/15 –2016/17)

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Recurrent Investment	£1M	£2.3M	£2.2M
Non-recurrent Investment to pump prime invest to save programmes of work	-	£0.025M	£0.06M
% PH allocation	6.3%	12.4%	12.3%

Table 2 Public Health Transformation Fund (£1 Million) recurrent investment across council areas Phase 1 (2014/15 – 2016/17)

Directorate		£(K)
Adult social care and Inclusion	Domestic abuse: Commissioned domestic abuse emergency accommodation service.	275.4
Children's	Parenting: Redesign and expansion of commissioning and delivery of parenting training	150

	Youth Justice: specialist drug and alcohol worker	35
Neighbourhoods	Sports Development: Integration with other Public Health commissions to improve delivery of PH outcomes through increasing participation in physical activity and improved wellbeing.	100
	Physical activity and wellbeing: Community Allotments and Ranger Service - Integration with other Public Health commissions to improve delivery of PH outcomes through increasing participation in physical activity and improved wellbeing	329.5
	Sustainable travel: Delivery of A*STARs programme – a partnership programme established jointly by Public Health and the Road Safety and Sustainable Travel team Integration with other Public Health commissions to improve delivery of PH outcomes through increasing participation in physical activity and improved wellbeing	110.1
Total		1,000

Transformation fund 2015/16 – 2016/17)

The Transformation Fund was increased in 2015/16 and proposals requesting investments were received from a number of Council service areas.

Table 3 lists the additional investments approved by the panel.

Table 3: Public Health Transformation Fund (£1.3 Million) recurrent investment across council areas Phase two (2015/16)

Title	Service Area	£(K)
Teenage Pregnancy	IYPSS	137.3
Early Intervention/Children's Centres	Early Intervention and Family Support	350
Air Quality and Respiratory Health	Pollution Control	99.8
Healthy Takeaway Awards, Workplace Health and Safety, Tobacco Control	Environmental Health	284
Sports development	Sports and Leisure Services	45
Health and work	Regeneration, Employment and Skills	21.2
Community allotments/rangers	Green Spaces	48.3
Drugs and alcohol rehabilitation	Social Care and	74

placements	Inclusion	
Rethink mental health support services	Social Care and Inclusion	96.53
Advocacy Matters older People's advocacy	Social Care and Inclusion	67.68
Parks and Playgrounds	Green Spaces	83
TOTAL		1,306.8

A public health Transformation Fund review meeting was held on the 13th September 2016 where £141,800 savings were identified to contribute to the Council savings proposals for 2017/18. The annual monitoring of the investments was completed in March 2017 where it was found not all projects are optimising the opportunities to deliver public health outcomes.

The value for money of all the Transformation Fund investments are being scrutinised in the context of the Council 4 year budget planning, Public Health in year treasury Grant cuts of £1.1M in 2015/16, £0.430M in 2016/17 and a £0.458M in 2017/18 and the proposed public health team's £3,587,152 contribution to the council savings over the next 3 years.

The performances of all these services are jointly monitored between council and public health managers against the specification and service objectives. All investments will be jointly reviewed over the next 6 months to inform the next phase of consultation and the planning the commissioning and investment plans for 2018/19.

The priority and sustainability of these investments, in comparison to other public health commissioned services, will be decided by the Director of Public Health and the Council Health portfolio holder in consultation with other council directors and Health and Wellbeing Board partners.

5. Health and Wellbeing Priorities:

The services funded by the Transformation Fund contribute to achieving the Marmot objectives in delivering the Health and Wellbeing Board's priorities to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Walsall.

Background papers

None

Author

Adrian Roche
Head of Social Inclusion
Adrian.roche@walsall.gov.uk
Tel.01922 653746