

CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION	PART 1 (to be completed by the person seeking consent)										
Proposed Decision Maker (please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)	Date for Decision										
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care and Health - Councillor Golby	11/11/21										
Title: Better Care Fund Plan 2021/22											
<p>Summary of matter</p> <p>Earlier in the year, Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) were advised that Better Care Fund (BCF) policy and planning requirements would be published and that similar to previous years prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, HWBs would be required to submit their BCF Plans to NHS England for approval.</p> <p>The Better Care Fund 2021/22 Planning Requirements published on the 30th September 2021, set out the template for Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) to submit their annual plans for approval. The national conditions and expectations remain broadly the same as 2020-21.</p> <p>For 2021-22, BCF plans consist of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A narrative plan 2. A completed BCF planning template, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Planned expenditure from BCF sources. – Confirmation that national conditions of the fund are met, as well as specific conditions attached to individual funding streams. – Ambitions and plans for performance against BCF national metrics. – Any additional contributions to BCF section 75 agreements. <p>The NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) minimum contribution - The contribution to social care from the CCG via the BCF has now been agreed and meets the minimum expectation. In 2021/22 for Warwickshire the minimum contribution is £14.455m. <i>*This contribution is included within the total minimum CCG contribution show in the table below.</i></p> <p>The policy framework for the Better Care Fund also includes significant additional funding made available to councils in order to protect adult social care. This Improved Better Care Funding (iBCF) is worth £14.688m to Warwickshire in 2021/22.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="287 1534 1109 1780"> <thead> <tr> <th>Funding Sources</th> <th>2021/22</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Disabled Facilities Grant</td> <td>£5,124,786</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minimum CCG Contribution *</td> <td>£40,490,953</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iBCF</td> <td>£14,688,367</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£60,304,106</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>For more information, please refer to the attached report, Narrative Plan Appendix 1) and Planning Template (Appendix 2).</p>		Funding Sources	2021/22	Disabled Facilities Grant	£5,124,786	Minimum CCG Contribution *	£40,490,953	iBCF	£14,688,367	Total	£60,304,106
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2021/22, consent from the Chair for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care and Health is requested to enable the Leader of the Council to make an Urgent Decision. The request for consent for an urgent decision is so that the Leader of the Council on behalf of Cabinet:

1. Approves the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan for 2021/22 including the plan for resources made available through the additional social care monies Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF), Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and Scheme Level Contributions, and confirms that the mandatory funding contributions and national conditions are met.
2. Approves the attached Narrative Plan (Appendix 1) and Planning Template (Appendix 2) outlining the BCF Plan for 2021/22, to be submitted to NHS England for assurance by the 16th November 2021 deadline, prior to approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 17th November 2021.
3. Notes that the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2021/22 has already been approved by: Warwickshire County Council's Corporate Board; NHS and social care partners on the Warwickshire Joint Commissioning Board; and Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group.
4. Following confirmation of approval of our BCF Plan from NHS England, and approval by Cabinet on the 25th January 2022, delegates authority to the Strategic Director People to enter the proposed section 75 NHS Act 2006 agreement, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Strategic Director Resources, with Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group for the delivery of the Better Care Fund Plan once completed.
5. Approves the County Council continuing as the pooled budget holder for the fund.

Reasons for urgency

The Better Care Fund (BCF) 2021/22 Planning Requirements were published on the 30th September 2021 and the deadline for submission of local area BCF plan to NHS England is the **16th November 2021**.

In the 7 weeks between the publication and submission dates a significant amount of work has been completed to ensure Warwickshire meets the nationally set deadline:

- the financial plan has been prepared with the confirmed minimum contributions,
- new metrics for Q3 and Q4 of this year have been developed by the CCG and agreed with the acute trusts,
- a narrative plan has been prepared,
- the planning template has been prepared, and
- our BCF plan has been approved by our local internal governance arrangements,

However due to the timing of planned Cabinet meetings, consent for an urgent is required to enable the Leader of the Council to approve the BCF Plan instead of Cabinet. This will enable the plan to be submitted on the 16th November 2021 and the Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the plan the following day. Without the Leader of the Council's approval we will not be able to submit our plan on the 16th.

Note: As this year's BCF plan is subject to assurance and moderation by NHS England, on receipt of approval of our plan in January 2022, our assured plan will then be taken to

Cabinet on the 25th January to confirm a Section 75 agreement with Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group can be entered into.

Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? *[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]*

No

PART 2 (to be completed by the person giving consent)

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Date consent is given 4th November 2021