

**Decision Maker:** Executive

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**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**Title:** BETTER CARE FUND – LOCAL PLAN 2016/17

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 On the 21<sup>st</sup> April the attached report went to the Health and Wellbeing Board asking the board to formally sign off on Bromley's Local Plan for the Better Care Fund. The Health and Wellbeing Board's authorisation and the Chairman's signature on the plan is a formal requirement by NHS England and one of the main annual functions of the Board.
- 1.2 The Board noted that the Plan was an ongoing challenge with respect to aligning the priorities of both the Local Authority and Bromley Clinical Commissioning Group, but that significant progress had been made in the development of an integration plan for 2017. The Board resolved **"that the BCF Local Plan for 2016/17 be noted, and agreement and consent was given by the Board for the plan to be submitted to NHS England."** For completeness and in line with our local governance the final Local Plan is presented to Executive for their agreement.
- 1.3 The full Local Plan is attached for Executive. However, in summary the Better Care Fund resource is not new monies, but is mainly created largely from CCG baselines. The fund, which this year stands at £21.611m, puts a requirement upon Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and Local Authorities (LA) to pool budgets. Commissioners are then expected to use the pooled fund to integrate and join up services for the benefits of local residents using health and care services.
- 1.4 The guidance recommends that Local Authorities and CCGs should be mindful in developing their plans that they will be required to produce a whole system integration plan for 2017. The Government considers the Better Care Fund to be a key tool in driving forward the agenda for integration of health and social care services and sets a number of national conditions against the fund.

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**2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**2.1 That Executive note:**

- i) The report to HWB and the Board's decision to approve Bromley's Local Plan**
- ii) The Local Plan submission to NHS England for 2016/17**