

Supplementary Item

1. Recommendation

The Executive are requested to recommend to Council that the sum of £3.1m is set aside as an earmarked reserve which relates to the continuation of various joint schemes and pump priming investment as detailed below.

2. Background

The Better Care Fund (BCF) was established for 2015/16 with an overall budget of £20.837m with the purpose of promoting increased levels of health and social care integration. 2015/16 represented a step change in the fund with significant additional investment from health into the pool with key objectives of the fund to reduce emergency admissions to hospital and admissions to care homes through the development of community based schemes. A number of high level schemes were agreed to ensure the delivery of the national conditions including the greater integration of services, development of additional capacity out of hospital, protection of Social Care and improved data sharing.

The jointly developed schemes focus on the longer term strategic aims of the Better Care Fund for 2015/16. There has been positive co-operation between Health and Social Care to progress the schemes in 2015/16, delivering many objectives including the development of additional capacity in dementia services; joint working between the CCG and the London Borough of Bromley in increasing capacity in rehabilitation services and the expansion of the medical response team; additional support into care homes; the development of a joint carers strategy; the continued development of an integrated care record across Bromley, including investment in the multi-agency viewer for the London Borough of Bromley and joint investment to ensure services are resilient through the winter period.

An ambitious programme had been set by all parties to deliver the objectives of the Better Care Fund for 2015/16 and much has been achieved. This was the first year of the full BCF funding and given the scale of ambition, an element of the budget will require re-profiling into 16/17 to ensure that the objectives are delivered. It is requested that a one-off sum of £3.1m is set aside from the Better Care Fund to a [new Council](#) earmarked reserve in order to allow for the continuation of agreed joint schemes and also to be used as pump priming investment for more cost effective models of delivery across Health and Social care in Bromley. This will no longer be part of the Better Care Fund and will be part of a formal agreement with Bromley CCG under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006.