

Decision Number: 22 (2017/18)

## Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

### The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

Subject: Sevenoaks District Better Care Grant

#### Details of Decision taken

To agree the guidelines and application form for the Sevenoaks District Better Care Grant.

#### Reason for Decision

The Government's Better Care Fund has been introduced to facilitate integration between health and care to improve the health of local populations and make more efficient use of resources. As part of the Better Care Fund, the Government has allocated £0.431 billion for Disabled Facilities Grants.

Sevenoaks District Council was awarded £976,757 for 2017/18 from the Better Care Fund for Disabled Facilities Grants and other initiatives. The Council spends this money by awarding grants to disabled people to enable or restore independent living for them and their families. However, in December 2017, the Council was awarded an additional £ 100K from the Better Care Fund, which it needs to spend before March 31 2018.

In addition to delivering the Disabled Facility Grants, the Council is setting up the Sevenoaks District Better Care Grant to offer funding to facilitate innovation in the way preventative and other projects help older people, those with long term conditions or disabilities stay well, manage their conditions better or recover from illness or injury.

Funding allocated to the Sevenoaks District Better Care Grant is £100K. This funding needs to be paid out before 31 March 2018, so Portfolio Holder agreement is sought so that the grants can be advertised as a matter of urgency.

#### All Documents considered:

- Sevenoaks District Better Care Grant guidelines and application form.
- 2017 Housing Assistance Policy.
- DoH/DCLG 2017-19 Integration and Better Care Fund Policy Framework.

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Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:

None

#### Financial implications

The total amount of grant funding offered will be £100K. The funding to be offered is externally funded.

Staff time for administering the fund will be provided through existing resources.

#### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

There are no legal implications from this decision.

#### Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

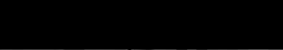
Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this paper directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.

Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The projects supported by this decision will make improvements to health and social care provision in the District and help make improvements to the homes and lives of older people, those with long term conditions and those with disabilities.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or		No mitigations required

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minimise the impacts identified above?		
Local Member(s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted		
Chief Officer for Environmental & Operational Services Chief Officer Communities & Business		
Details of any conflicts of interest a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker  None  b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict  None		
Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Housing & Health	
Signed by Portfolio Holder		
Date of Decision	12/1/18	
Record made by:		
Date of record:	15.01.18	

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