

WIRRAL COUNCIL

Cabinet

13th July 2015

SUBJECT:	Public Health Outcomes Funding (PHOF)
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	Director of Public Health
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Public Health
KEY DECISION?	Yes

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 In June 2013, a non-recurrent underspend was identified within the public health grant for 2013-15. With the support of the Portfolio Holder it was suggested that consideration be given to seeing how the underspend could be used to benefit the local population through investing in other areas across the Council, thereby enabling them to contribute further to the delivery of public health outcomes as defined by the national Public Health Outcomes Framework.
- 1.2 As a result, all strategic directorates were invited to submit proposals for non-recurrent spend which would then be assessed for their public health impact and prioritised for investment.
- 1.3 In total 39 proposals with a total value of £3.57m across 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years were assessed as having relevant public health outcomes. These projects were reviewed and updated in July 2014 when it was reported to Cabinet that some projects would have reduced commitments through the realisation of efficiencies and rephasing. The revised budget for revenue projects was £2.5m.
- 1.4 It was agreed that all the projects would provide evaluations at the end of the project period and this report includes links to those evaluations.
- 1.5 Cabinet approved a budget reserve of £500,000 which would be allocated against public health innovation, once the evaluation of Public Health Outcomes Framework projects had been concluded. This paper makes recommendations in relation to this funding. The recommendations are made in the context of a recent announcement of a significant cut in the public health grant during this financial year. While the detail of the cut has not yet been finalised, application of the national proportion of the cut (7.4% of the total national public health grant) would mean a loss to Wirral of around £2.3 million. However there is a risk that the cut could be greater than this.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 The Public Health Outcomes Fund has been running for just under two years. As part of the investment 39 schemes were invested in to a value of £3,572,483. A further review was undertaken in May 2015 where it was agreed that 5 projects would be funded via capital and 2 projects would stop. This gave a revised budget allocation over the 2 financial years of £2,535,583 (see Appendix 1).
- 2.2 An evaluation report has been made available for the majority of projects and these are available in Appendix 1, which identifies the projects, the grant made available to them, an evaluation report link (where available), and the proposed decision.
- 2.3 The 34 schemes identified in the appendix break down into a number of categories:
 - 2.3.1 Completed projects (14 projects)
 - 2.3.2 Projects not due to complete until March 2016 (2 projects)
 - 2.3.3 Projects with carry forward requested (5 projects)
 - 2.3.4 Projects that have now been picked up through mainstream funding (8 projects)
 - 2.3.5 Projects recommended for further funding (5 projects)
- 2.4 There is a further £500k available for PH innovation as outlined and agreed in the January 2015 Cabinet paper. Existing reserve funding that was identified for innovation and transformation in public health during 2015/16 will not now be available as a result of the cut, in-year, of the public health grant. However, it is proposed that a proportion of this £500,000 budget reserve for public health innovation be maintained, so that we can still support the innovative schemes identified in 2.1.5, and retain a small amount of funding to support public health related aspects of the delivery of the next Council plan.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 It has been announced nationally that the public health grant has been cut in-year. There is a risk that savings over and above those that have been estimated will be required. This risk will be closely monitored and action identified to manage it depending on the level of reduction.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The options for each project were considered against the categories outlined in section 2.3

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Each project engaged appropriately with the relevant stakeholders

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

6.1 There are no outstanding previously approved actions

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 A number of projects were delivered through working with voluntary, community and faith groups.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 The financial costs for each approved project approved by the Public Health Outcomes Fund as at the end of March 2015 are shown in Appendix 1.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 As an overall initiative there are no legal implications other than the Councils' requirement to demonstrate spend from the Public Health ring-fenced grant is against public health-related activity. Any legal implications relating to specific proposals have been the responsibility of the project lead to respond appropriately.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

((a) Yes and impact review has been sent to the Equality and Diversity Co-ordinator.

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/public-health>

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Any implications identified linked directly to a proposal has been progressed appropriately by the project lead.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are none arising directly from this report. Those that are linked directly to a proposal will be progressed appropriately by the project lead.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve an investment of £240,000 of the Public Health Innovation reserve in the following projects:

Project CYP3: The G.I.R.L.S Project

Project CYP7: Connect for Wellbeing

Project DASS3: The Breeze Long Term Conditions Programme

Project R&E4: Forest Schools

Project S&R1: Cycle Wirral

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 These projects have been very successful during the period they have been running and it is believed that they could deliver further benefit if enabled to run for a further 12 months. All investments will have to be reviewed depending on the impact of the in-year public health budget cuts.

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APPENDICES

These documents are available to view via the Council's Web Library which can be accessed through the following link:

<http://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?bcr=1&sch=doc>

CYP 2 – Report

CYP 2 – App 1

CYP 3 – Report

CYP 5 – Report

CYP 7 – Report

DASS 1 – Report

DASS 3 – Report

NE 1 – Report

NE 2 – West Wirral Report

NE 2 – Wirral South Report

NE 2 – Birkenhead Report

NE 2 – Wallasey Report

RE 1 – Report

RE 2 – Report

RE 4 – Report

RE5 – Report

RE12/13 – Report

RE 14 - Report

RE 16 - Report

S&R 1 – Report

S&R 3 – Report

UIS 1 - Report

UIS 2 - Report

UIS 3 - Report

UIS 4 - Report

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

BRIEFING NOTES HISTORY

Briefing Note	Date

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Public Health Outcomes Funding	10th October 2013
Cabinet – Revenue Monitoring 2014/15 Month 2 (May 14)	7th July 2014
Cabinet – Public Health Investments 2015/16	15th January 2015