

East Lothian Integration Joint Board



REPORT TO: East Lothian Integration Joint Board

MEETING DATE: 26 April 2018

BY: Chief Officer

SUBJECT: Review of HSCP Community Grant Funding and resulting proposal for the future funding of the East Lothian Community Care Forum (ELCCF)

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek agreement from the Integration Joint Board on a proposed way forward for 2018/19 for the commissioning of work from the ELCCF.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The IJB is asked to agree the proposed arrangements for funding of ELCCF in 2018/19.
- 2.2 The IJB is asked to agree that ELCCF be directed to support three independent evaluations of three distinct projects planned for 2018/19 along with establishing a service user consultation forum by July 2018 and ensuring service user input in other existing groups.
- 2.3 The IJB is asked to agree that this commissioning arrangement with ELCCF for 2018/19 be funded with a 50% reduction in their existing grant.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The IJB asked East Lothian Council to review community grants in 2017/18. The work was overseen by the Health and Social Care Procurement Board. The Board set the following aims in the work:
- that East Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership is obtaining Best Value¹ from services it commissions

¹ An approach to ensure a balance between cost and quality considerations in service provision across all public services.

- That the provision of services is equitable across different client groups
 - That services are in line with the East Lothian IJB Directions and;
 - That services deliver on the priorities of the IJB Strategic Plan 2016-19
- 3.2 All reviews used a Best Value review template to ensure they were robust and fair in their conclusions. In completing the template, views and opinions were sought from service providers as well as service users and carers where appropriate.
- 3.3 All provider organisations were informed of the review in September 2017. A further letter in early February informed them of the intention to take the review recommendations to the IJB on 22nd February. The letter also committed to inform them of the IJB's decision within 7 days of the meeting. Due to process issues the discussion about review findings was moved to the March IJB meeting.
- 3.4 Where the review showed an organisation to be providing Best Value and demonstrating Strategic Fit a further period of funding of no more than 12 months was proposed. Where an organisation had not evidenced Best Value and/or Strategic Fit then these organisations were proposed for de-commissioning. ELCCF did not demonstrate Best value and was therefore one of those organisations proposed for de-commissioning. The evidence of the review of ELCCF and other organisations was presented to the IJB members at a briefing prior to the March IJB meeting.
- 3.5 At the IJB meeting in March agreement was not reached about the future of ELCCF and it was agreed to carry forward discussion to the April IJB meeting. Several meetings have since taken place leading to the following proposal.
- 3.6 ELCCF is to continue to be funded and to be directed to focus on independent service users input to three projects throughout 2018 /19 which are:
- Primary Care Access in Musselburgh
 - Extra Care Housing
 - Community Review

The ELCCF will provide independent service user evaluation of the above three projects.

- 3.7 ELCCF to also establish a Service User Consultation Forum by July 2018 that can provide input to policy and strategic development. This should include regular service user input to existing groups as well as additional pieces of work that may emerge from ELCCF engagement that ELCCF can propose to the Partnership.

- 3.8 This work should be funded at 50% of the current funding allocation of £53,000 therefore new funding to be £26,500.
- 3.9 In line with plans for all commissioned community provision there will, in the near future, potentially be a three to five year Service Level Agreement in place for community services. The ELCCF would be eligible for such a length of SLA subject to a review of performance in 2018/19 and any decision on continued commissioning which will take account of the findings of the planned review of all community services now underway.

4 ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 Meetings to discuss this proposal have involved key officers and elected members and have included discussions with ELCCF.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This review of community commissioned provision ensures that current commissioning arrangements are adhering to current strategic priorities as outlined in the current Strategic Plan and complying with the duty to ensure Best Value.

6 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The subject of this report has been through the Integrated Impact Assessment process (as part of the wider community review report) and no negative impacts have been identified as a result of alternative measures having been put in place.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Financial – this proposal represents a 50% reduction in the current funding provided to ELCCF which represents a saving to the Partnership of £26,500.
- 7.2 Personnel – There may well be implications for the staff team within the ELCCF as a result of this proposed reduction in funding.
- 7.3 Other – none.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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