



Individual Executive Decision Notice Cabinet (Resources) Panel

Report title	NHS Digital Social Care Programme – Grant Agreement	
Decision designation	RED	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Leach, Cabinet Member for Adults	
Wards affected	(All Wards);	
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Report to has been considered by	Adults Leadership Team	9 June 2020

Summary

In line with the Cabinet decision on 19th February 2020, the Cabinet Member for Adults in consultation with the Director of Adult Services was given delegated authority in relation to the delivery of the grant agreement with the NHS Digital.

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

That the Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Director of Adult Services.

1. Agree the expenditure of the grant monies in line with the allocation set out in the Cabinet report.
2. Approve the Council entering into agreement with Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) to provide funds to enable the CSU to deliver the services set out in that agreement.

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 19 February, Cabinet agreed to accept a grant as part of the NHS Digital's Social Care Pathfinder programme and to delegate authority to spend the grant to the to Cabinet Member for Adults, in consultation with the Director of Adult Services.
- 1.2 The funds from the grant were awarded to continue to support the continued development of predictive analytics.
- 1.3 A commercial agreement has been agreed between the City of Wolverhampton Council and the CSU. The agreement sets out services to be provided by the CSU, the costs of these services and how payment will be made.

2.0 Progress

- 2.1 The commercial agreement is now ready to be signed having been considered and approved by Legal Services.
- 2.2 Due to delays caused by the impact of Covid-19 on both the Council and the CSU, the drafting of the agreement has been delayed. Its signing is now urgent to ensure that funds can flow to the CSU and its sub-contracted supplier who has been undertaking work for the programme for several months without payment.

3.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 3.1 The only alternative to the commercial agreement would be to engage separately with the CSU and their supplier.
- 3.2 This option was considered but rejected. The CSU have a longstanding partnership with the supplier and their experience in this complex field of data management and processing offers a unique and advantageous arrangement.

4.0 Reasons for decision

- 4.1 By having a single agreement rather than two, it reduces the need to negotiate two agreements and the resources required for the monitoring thereof.

5.0 Financial implications

- 5.1 The total expenditure as outlined by the proposed commercial agreement is £168,000 and will be met from the approved budget of £344,000. Grant funding of £344,000 has been received from NHS Digital to support this project.

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6.0 Legal implications

- 6.1 The commercial agreement has been drawn up in consultation with Legal Services and provides legal framework for ensuring that the agreed services will be provided within an agreed timescale and price. Failure to do so will result in payments being withheld.
- 6.2 The agreement will be closely monitored by the Accountable Body set up to oversee the delivery of the grant agreement and funds will only be released when there is sufficient evidence that the agreed services have been delivered.

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7.0 Equalities implications

- 7.1 The development of the programme includes an equalities impact assessment and the impact of the programme will be analysed and regularly reported to the Programme Executive.
- 7.2 The NHS Digital grant funded programme will enable a better understanding of the health and social care needs of the diverse population of Wolverhampton and how these needs can be best met.

8.0 Climate change and environmental implications

- 8.1 No implications identified.

9.0 Health and Wellbeing Implications

- 9.1 This programme will demonstrate how data-driven technology has the potential to transform our health and care system, by helping to predict (detect) crisis and need much earlier. By improving the insight and knowledge available from the data we will be able to change how and where health and social care is delivered and offer new ways to avoid and delay the need for more intensive and long-term support.
- 9.2 In doing so it will positively support the delivery of better health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Wolverhampton and across the West Midlands.

10.0 Human resources implications

- 10.1 No implications identified.

11.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 11.1 No implications identified.

12.0 Covid Implications

- 12.1 The predicative analytical tool being developed offers the potential to provide insights into the current and future impact of Covid-19.

13.0 Schedule of background papers

13.1 Cabinet Report of the 19 February 2020, NHS Digital Social Care Programme

13.2 Commercial Agreement - Provision: AI Predictive Modelling and Data Services

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