

Cabinet (Resources) Panel

7 February 2017

Report title	Department of Health Housing and Technology Capital Fund 2016-2017	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Sandra Samuels Adults	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All	
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Report has been considered by	People Leadership Team	7 January 2017

Recommendation(s) for decision:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is recommended to:

Authorise utilisation of the awarded funding of £207,000 from Department of Health (DOH) (£110,000 within 2016/17 and £97,000 within 2017/18) in line with City of Wolverhampton Council accepted bid submission to DOH.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The report outlines the accepted bid submitted by City of Wolverhampton Council to the Department of Health (DOH) Housing and Technology capital fund to support people with Learning Disabilities and seeks to obtain authorisation to utilise the funds provided by DOH within the remainder of 2016/17 and throughout 2017/18.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 DOH announced a £25 million fund in September 2016 to support people with Learning Disabilities within a Housing and Technology environment.
- 2.2 A successful bid was submitted by the Council for £207,000 (split across 2016/17 and 2017/18) to enable the Council to accelerate some of the identified opportunities for increased independence and improved utilisation of technology, both within the individual support needs of service users and within the fabric of their accommodation.

3.0 Progress, options, discussion, etc.

- 3.1 There is a significant opportunity to increase the use of technology to support people with Learning Disabilities, both in terms of increasing their independence in their accommodation environment and within the community; historically there has been low usage of Telecare within Learning Disabilities services, but some good examples in specific projects, e.g. Church Street / Lorien Close.
- 3.2 Telecare is now a key strand of the Adult Disability Transformation project and learning from around the UK shows how technology can support outcomes for people with Learning Disabilities and support the delivery of cashable efficiencies.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 City of Wolverhampton Council has been awarded total funding of £207,000 of which £110,000 is to be spent fully within the remainder of 2016/17 and £97,000 to be utilised fully before 31 March 2018.
- 4.2 Telecare assessment, installation and maintenance and recurrent annual costs associated with this project will be provided within the existing Telecare service budget which is £600,000 for 2016/17.
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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.
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6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 The successful bid is aligned to the equalities requirements within the DOH guidance for applications, and is aligned to the equalities analysis within the Adult Disabilities Transformation project.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications associated with this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 For additional information the guidance for the capital fund can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/housing-and-technology-fund-for-people-with-learning-disabilities>