



Buckinghamshire County Council

Report

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Decision to be taken on or after 13 December 2001

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Title Building Capacity Grant – Buckinghamshire County Council Bid

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Electoral Divisions Affected All

Summary

This report seeks approval by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care of proposals to utilise funds available from central government via the Building Capacity Grant.

Recommendation

That the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care endorse the report to be submitted to the Department of Health.

A. The decision required, and why it is needed

The Government in its recent publication **Building Capacity and Partnership in Care An Agreement between the statutory and independent social care, health care and housing sectors**, recognised that the successful operation of these partnerships would depend on an adequate level of resourcing to achieve the right level of service. The Government has therefore made a sum of money available to Local Authorities to facilitate this. Subject to our proposals being acceptable, to Government. The sum available to Buckinghamshire is £713,000. This report outline of the proposals developed with our partners. The timescale to produce the proposals for use of these funds was extremely tight and it has been necessary to submit draft proposals to government, subject to approval by the Cabinet member. The receipt of these funds impacts on the Councils delivery of service and relationship with partner agencies.

B. Resource implications

As the proposals outlined are specifically in relation to additional funding from this grant then there are no resource implications for our current budget. It is anticipated that this grant will be available over the next two years. If no further funding from Government is forthcoming the schemes will cease at the end of this period or be funded through redirecting resources following reprioritisation of existing services.

C. Other implications

The development of services from this grant should improve services for our users, reduce delayed discharges from hospital and reduce emergency admissions to hospital. It will provide an opportunity to develop different models of working to evidence what works and is effective in achieving this.

D. Feedback from consultation and Local Member views

Due to the extremely tight timeframe and the strict conditions for receiving the grant it has not been possible to consult with users and all Members and stakeholders although the Cabinet Member has been consulted in developing the proposals. The report has been compiled with contributions from a number of agencies.

E. Communication issues

Partner agencies are involved in the compilation of the report and will be involved in the implementation of the proposals.

Background Papers

Building Capacity and Partnership in Care An Agreement between the statutory and independent social care, health care and housing sectors. October 2001.

Copies may be obtained from the Contact Officer

Decision Taken:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Decision Not Taken:

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Reason: _____

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper which you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Head of Policy Support by 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 12 December 2001. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382966), Fax (to 01296 383441), or e-mail to cabinet@buckscc.gov.uk