

Report of.	Record of	Date
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing)	Executive Member Decision	21 September 2021

Is this report confidential?	No
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Is this decision key?	No
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Revenue Budget - Central Lancs Enhanced COVID Support

Purpose of the Report

1. The Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing is asked to approve creation of a new revenue budget of £80,000.
2. Creation of this budget, and acceptance of a grant from the Integrated Care Partnership will enable delivery of a population health management project, offering enhanced COVID support across the borough.

Recommendations

3. Approval of a new £80,000 revenue budget, for the purpose of delivering South Ribble's element of a Central Lancs Enhanced COVID Support project.

Reasons for recommendations

4. The Integrated Care Partnership has allocated grant funding across Chorley, Preston and South Ribble, to offer support to those who are particularly susceptible to the impact of COVID.
5. This funding enables the provision of targeted contact with residents whose circumstances such as health conditions and social isolation place them at higher risk of needing acute medical care.

Other options considered and rejected

6. No other options considered; the grant funding offered will benefit vulnerable members of our community.

Corporate priorities

7. The report relates to the following corporate priorities:

An exemplary council	Thriving communities
A fair local economy that works for everyone	Good homes, green spaces, healthy places

Background to the report

8. South Ribble Together has been operating throughout the pandemic; a multi-agency approach to supporting residents who are in need of help as a result of COVID. This grant funding directly complements the work which has been ongoing between SRBC and key partners over the last 18 months.

Proposed budget

9. In line with the Council's financial procedure rules, Executive Member approval must be given for creation of new revenue budgets. The budget requested in this report is solely for grant funding from the Integrated Care Partnership.

10. This funding will be used in 4 key areas:

- Additional capacity to proactively engage with vulnerable and at-risk residents to determine needs and link to local support through the South Ribble Together hub.
- Provision of funding to VCFS groups to offer re-socialisation opportunities, addressing gaps in existing provision.
- Digital training and equipment in local community groups to build confidence and capacity in supporting residents
- Establishment of a data hub to provide intelligence oversight, capture performance metrics, and track outputs, such as life expectancy, deprivation, and causal factors along with case studies to evidence impact.

Climate change and air quality

11. The work noted in this report does not impact the climate change and sustainability targets of the Council's Green Agenda and all environmental considerations are in place.

Equality and diversity

12. Use of this funding will have a positive impact on some of the most vulnerable residents in our community. There are no negative impacts on any of the groups protected under the Equality Act.

Risk

13. Use of this funding will potentially offer additional support to vulnerable residents and reduce the risk of health deterioration and / or hospitalisation.

Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

14. The creation of a budget of £80k is required to have EMD approval under the financial procedure rules. This budget is fully funded from Integrated Care Partnership income.

Comments of the Monitoring Officer


15. There are no issues of concern from a legal perspective

Background documents

There are no background papers to this report.

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Following careful consideration and assessment of the contents of this report, I approve the recommendation(s) contained within this report in accordance with my delegated power to make executive decisions.

Signed:	
	<i>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing)</i>
Date:	22.9.2021
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