

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	24 JANUARY 2022	11
FULLY FUNDED REVENUE BUDGET INCREASE - CHANGING FUTURES: CHANGING SYSTEMS TO SUPPORT ADULTS EXPERIENCING MULTIPLE DISADVANTAGE			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The report details a request from the Environment, Health and Housing Committee, held on 4 January 2022, for approval of a funding award under the Lancashire Changing Futures Programme to enable the appointment of a Changing Futures Housing Services Officer post within the Housing Services Team and approval of a virement from Homeless Reduction Act initiatives (5270/46712) to supplement additional employee costs.

The Changing Futures programme was announced by MHCLG in December 2020 and local authority areas were invited to submit an expression of interest for the funding. Changing Futures is focussed on improving outcomes for people facing multiple disadvantages. It arose from examples of local partnerships to support vulnerable people in communities during the Covid 19 pandemic. The programme is a significant cross-cutting challenge and collaboration between local partners, government departments, the NHS, the voluntary and community sector and those with lived experience to co-ordinate a better system-wide response to address multiple disadvantage.

The bid to the Changing Futures Fund for Lancashire was led by Blackburn with Darwen Council on behalf of the whole county (including Blackpool). The EOI proved sound, and a formal bid was invited, and a team involving partners from across Lancashire, submitted an ambitious plan, which has now been approved, awarding Lancashire £6.5m in July 2021. The target cohort the programme is to support is Lancashire adults, experiencing 3 or more multiple complex needs indicators, for example mental health issues, substance misuse and history of failed tenancies. The project projects that approximately 1,382 individuals will be supported over the life to the programme across Lancashire. The scheme was supported by the EHH committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to:

1. Approve a fully funded revenue budget increase to enable the appointment of a Changing Futures Housing Services Officer post within the Housing Services Team for 25 months, totalling £62,500, funded by monies to be received as part of the Lancashire Changing Futures Programme (21/22 £5,913 22/23 £40,000 and 23/24 £26,587).
2. Approve a virement from Homeless Reduction Act Grant initiatives (5270/46712) for 21/22 £6,462 and 22/23 £4,965, to supplement additional employee costs.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

It was RESOLVED:

1. To note the contents of the report and the intention that the Lancashire Changing Futures Programme will aim to support 1,382 multiple disadvantaged individuals across Lancashire across the life of the project;
2. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase to enable the appointment of a Changing Futures Housing Services Officer post within the Housing Services Team for 25 months totalling £62,500 funded by monies to be received as part of the Lancashire Changing Futures Programme (21/22 £5,913, 22/23 £40,000 and 23/24 £26,587); and
3. To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval of a virement from Homeless Reduction Act Grant initiatives (5270/46712) for 21/22 £6,462 and 22/23 £4,965, to supplement additional employee costs.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	
Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	
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REPORT

1. At the 2019 Spending Review, the government announced a new Shared Outcomes Fund to test innovative ways of bringing together the public sector to address cross-cutting issues and drive the modernisation of public services. £46m of this fund has been committed for the 'Changing Futures Programme' (CFP) to improve the way that systems and services work to support individuals experiencing multiple disadvantage – including a combination of homelessness, substance misuse, mental health issues, domestic abuse and contact with the criminal justice system.
2. The Changing Futures programme was announced by MHCLG in December 2020 and local authority areas were invited to submit an Expression of Interest for the funding. Changing Futures is focussed on improving outcomes for people facing multiple dis-advantage. It arose from examples of local partnerships to support vulnerable people in communities during the pandemic.
3. The EOI bid to the Changing Futures Fund was led by Blackburn with Darwen Council on behalf of the whole county (including Blackpool). The EOI proved sound, and a formal bid was invited, and a team involving partners from across Lancashire, submitted an ambitious plan, which has now been approved awarding Lancashire £6.5m in July 2021.
4. The target cohort the programme is to support is Lancashire adults, experiencing 3 or more multiple complex needs indicators, for example mental health issues, substance misuse and history of failed tenancies. The project projects that approximately 1,382 individuals will be supported over the life to the programme.
5. The delivery model for the project is based around an integrated model of Enhanced Service Hubs with lived-experience navigators supporting engagement and delivery. Navigators will advocate on behalf of individuals experiencing multiple disadvantage and connect them with the service hub provision. This model includes accessing Enhanced Service Hub support. This is existing provision from Statutory Agencies, enhanced with additional resources as part of the bid.
6. As part of the Enhanced Service Hub for Locality 1, 'Fylde Coast', there are to be appointed three 'Housing Support Workers' within each of the Fylde Coast Local Authorities. Fylde Council has been awarded £62,500 to appoint a Housing Services Officer as a part of this pan-Lancashire funding bid for a 25-month period as part of the enhanced service hub support offer.

7. Table 1 below details the project costings. The Housing Services officer role is a post within the Housing Service that has been to Job Evaluation Panel and been awarded Scale 6. To appoint an additional Housing Services Officer a virement to supplement funding of the post is proposed from Housing Reduction Act Initiatives 21/22 and 23/24.

Table 1 – Changing Future project costings	21/22	22/23	23/24	Total
Housing Services Officer (Changing Futures Programme)	5,772	35,616	£30,847	£72,234
Essential car allowance	141	846	705	£1,692
Changing Futures funding	5,913	30,000	26,587	£62,500
Annual shortfall	0	-6,462	-4,965	-£11,427
Virement to supplement funding of posts Homeless Reduction Act Initiatives 5270/46712	0	£6,462	£4,965	£11,427

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The report recommends approval of a fully funded revenue budget increase totalling £62,500 funded by monies to be received as part of the Lancashire Changing Futures Programme (2021/22 £5,913, 2022/23 £40,000 and 23/24 £26,587); and, To authorise a revenue budget virement from Homeless Reduction Act Grant initiatives (5270/46712) for 2021/22 - £6,462 and 2022/23 - £4,695 to supplement the additional employee costs as detailed within the report.
Legal	None arising directly from this report.
Community Safety	None arising directly from this report.
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising directly from this report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising directly from this report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising directly from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Changing Futures: changing systems to support adults experiencing disadvantage	Dec 2020	ications/changing-futures-changing-systems-for-adults-experiencing-multiple-disadvantage" https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changing-futures-changing-systems-for-adults-experiencing-multiple-disadvantage
Everyone In – Keep rough sleepers safe and off the streets during coronavirus	June 2020	£105 million to keep rough sleepers safe and off the streets during coronavirus pandemic - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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