

## **Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care – Tuesday 19 September 2017**

### **Daytime Support Grant Awards**

### **Report by Director for Adult Services**

#### **Introduction**

1. Daytime support is an important part of the lives of many people. It provides vital links to the community that help people to live independent and fulfilling lives. As demand for social care grows and government funding reduces, we need to make sure that daytime support is fit for the future and sustainable over the longer term. Following the decisions made at Cabinet in January and full council in February 2017, we are now implementing a new, flexible countywide system of daytime support in Oxfordshire.
2. This paper sets out the proposed approach to the awarding of the daytime support grant funding in 2017-18 and 2018-19, for delegated decision. This relates to the following daytime support grant funds, which will support the continuation and development of community and voluntary sector provided daytime support: 2017-18 Innovation Fund; the 2018-19 Sustainability Fund; the 2018-19 Transition Fund; the 2018-19 Innovation Fund.

#### **Background**

3. We want to support people to live well in their local community, taking part in a range of locally available opportunities. We aim to reduce loneliness and social isolation by supporting individuals and communities to support each other.
4. Oxfordshire's voluntary sector delivers excellent support to many vulnerable people; and the majority do so without funding from Oxfordshire County Council.
5. Daytime support voluntary sector services' contracts ended on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. We want as many of the voluntary sector providers partly funded by us to continue as possible, but recognise that this is a decision for individual organisations.
6. Community and voluntary organisations contracted to provide daytime support have therefore been eligible to apply to the **Transition Fund** for transition funding, to enable them to transition to more self-sustaining

models as their contracts end. We are delighted that the majority of these services have decided to continue, and have applied for and been awarded Transition Grant funding.

7. The **Sustainability Fund**, £250,000 per year, will provide grants to enable the ongoing delivery of daytime support services in areas of high need. We anticipate that in the longer-term, in most cases three-year grants will be awarded up to the value of £10,000. This fund will be open to all voluntary and community groups supporting people in Oxfordshire, and grants will be awarded in 2018.
8. The **Innovation Fund**, £100,000 per year, will provide one-off grant funding to establish self-sustaining projects to fill gaps in services. We anticipate that in most cases one-year grants will be awarded, to set up self-sustaining initiatives. This fund will be open to all voluntary and community groups supporting people in Oxfordshire, and grants will be awarded in 2018. In 2017/18, this funding will be used to address direct gaps resulting from the changes. For example, to develop new initiatives in areas without community and voluntary sector run daytime support.
9. Alongside these funds, there will be a further £250,000 available in the **Transition Fund** for 2018/19. This will enable the awarding of some additional support to those services which have become more self-sustaining in 2017/18, but require some further support before they can be fully self-sustaining.
10. Support has been and continues to be available to voluntary and community organisations, and communities and groups, through Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action.

## **Process & criteria**

### **Innovation Fund 2017-18**

11. This financial year the Innovation Fund will be used to address direct gaps resulting from the changes. For example, to develop new initiatives in areas without community and voluntary sector run daytime support.
12. The key gaps arising are being mapped primarily by the Community Information Network, who are working with people who are directly affected by the changes to daytime support across the county. They are supporting people to understand the options available to them – primarily local community and voluntary sector provided daytime support opportunities – and to decide what works for them. They therefore have in-depth knowledge about what daytime support opportunities are available in local communities across Oxfordshire, where there is remaining need from people who have recently been attending services which are closing, and so where the greatest gaps are.

13. We anticipate that these gaps will primarily be in areas where Health and Wellbeing centres are closing, and where, because of the existence of these services, there is limited alternative community and voluntary sector daytime support provision targeted at people who have lower-level needs. The types of support which are therefore likely to be needed, are similar in nature to those services which have been awarded 2017-18 Transition Grant funding.
14. We plan to invite community and voluntary sector organisations to submit costed proposals, which set out how they would quickly establish provision in areas where key gaps have been identified.
15. This funding will apply to end of March 2018, to align with the current Transition Grant period.
16. We plan to follow the same process as for 2017-18 Transition Grant funding. Applicants will demonstrate in their proposals how they meet the criteria, the same as those for the Transition Fund (as set out in Annex 1 - Daytime Support Transition Fund - Guidance and Application Form). Officers will review applications according to the criteria and make recommendations. The cross-party panel will review the applications against the criteria, alongside the officer recommendations, and make recommendations which will be taken forward for delegated decision in autumn 2017.

### **Innovation Fund 2018-19**

17. The Innovation Fund will provide one-off grant funding to support the establishment of self-sustaining initiatives. This funding starts in April 2018.
18. As previously agreed, the criteria for the fund will be co-produced with a range of representatives. This will take place in autumn 2017.
19. Applications to the fund will open in late 2017. Applicants will be required to provide a robust business case, setting out how the initiative will meet gaps which have been identified by people using services, and how the initiative will be self-sustaining.
20. We plan to review, assess and decide on applications with the involvement of people who use services, with final decisions in place by end of March 2017.

### **Sustainability Fund 2018-19 and Transition Fund 2018-19**

21. The £250,000 Sustainability Fund will provide grants to enable the ongoing delivery of daytime support services in areas of high need. This fund will be open to all voluntary and community groups supporting people in Oxfordshire. We anticipate that in the longer-term, in most cases three-year grants will be awarded up to the value of £10,000.

22. The Daytime Support Transition Fund in 2017-18 was open to applications from all community and voluntary organisations providing daytime support services, whose contracts ended on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The aim of this funding is to enable these services to move to more self-sustaining models as their contracts end. There was £300,000 available in 2017-18 (September 2017 to March 2018) and a further £250,000 in 2018-19.
23. The approach to allocating this funding needs to support existing services to continue their progress towards increased self-sustainability, in preparation for the ongoing model of daytime support funding from 2019-20 (£100k Innovation Fund; £250k Sustainability Fund).
24. We plan to invite applications to the Sustainability Fund from all community and voluntary sector daytime support services, using the same overarching criteria as for the Transition Fund (as set out in Annex 1 - Daytime Support Transition Fund - Guidance and Application Form).
25. We propose the Sustainability Fund (£250,000) is allocated as:
  - (a) Small Grants of in most cases between £1k and £5k, to support local, community-based daytime support provision which meets what people need (as identified during the review of daytime support and reflected in the Transition Fund criteria - as set out in Annex 1 - Daytime Support Transition Fund - Guidance and Application Form).
  - (b) Medium Grants, of in most cases between £5k and £15k, to support community-based daytime support provision which meets moderate needs within local communities and provide higher levels and amounts of support. To qualify for this funding, in addition to meeting the main criteria, services will need to demonstrate how they: support people with moderate needs, for example people with moderate dementia; offer increased and maximised capacity including offering services to people from other communities; ensure comprehensive transport arrangements for everyone who wishes to attend the service.
26. We propose the additional Transition Fund (£250,000) is allocated as:
  - (a) One-off funding, for measures which will enable applicants to increase the self-sustainability of services so they are able to become fully independent or to continue with reduced levels of grant funding.
27. Applicants will be invited to apply to these Funds in autumn 2017. Applications will need to be submitted by 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017, to enable decisions to be taken in early 2018.
28. We plan to follow the same decision-making process as has been used for Transition Grant funding in 2017-18; applications would be reviewed and assessed against the criteria by a cross-party panel, for delegated decision.

## Financial and Staff Implications

29. The financial and staff implications of the agreed approach to daytime support grant funding were set out in the papers accompanying the Cabinet decision on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
30. The Daytime Support Grant Funds are summarised below:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>17/18</b>	<b>18/19</b>	<b>19/20</b>
Sustainability Fund (Voluntary Sector funding)	-	£0.250m	£0.250m
Innovation Fund (Voluntary Sector Funding)	£0.100m	£0.100m	£0.100m
Transition Fund	£0.300m	£0.250m	-

## Equalities Implications

31. Equality and inclusion implications have been considered. The proposal to offer grants to community and voluntary sector services is only thought to confer a benefit on those with a protected characteristic and there is no adverse impact on those individuals.
32. All criteria for grant funding will require services to demonstrate how they meet the 'need' criteria, which includes consideration of impact. This will also be taken into account in the decision processes.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

33. **The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care is RECOMMENDED to:**
- (a) approve the criteria set out in Annex 1 for the Sustainability Fund; Transition Fund; and Innovation Fund for the period 2017-18; and**
  - (b) note and approve the proposed process for awarding grants under the Innovation Fund 2018-19 onwards**

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