

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care – Wednesday 17th April 2017

Daytime Support Transition Grant Awards

Report by Benedict Leigh, Deputy Director Joint Commissioning

Introduction

1. The Daytime Support Transition Fund was open to applications from all community and voluntary organisations providing currently contracted daytime support services, to apply on behalf of these services. The aim of the funding is to enable these services to move to more self-sustaining models as their contracts end on 31st August 2017.
2. As per the agreed cross-party panel decision making process, the cross-party panel reviewed the applications and assessed them against the grant criteria as set out in the guidance. This process was supported by officer recommendations.
3. This paper sets out the final cross-party panel recommendations for allocation of the Transition Fund in 2017, for delegated decision by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

Background

4. 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.
5. Oxfordshire's voluntary sector delivers excellent support to many vulnerable people; and the majority do so without funding from Oxfordshire County Council.
6. Currently funded daytime support voluntary sector services' funding is guaranteed until end of August 2017, when their contracts end. 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.
7. Community and voluntary organisations providing currently funded 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.

8. The Sustainability and Innovation Funds will be open to all voluntary and community groups supporting people in Oxfordshire. These will be awarded in 2018, alongside additional transition support.

Our approach

9. We recognise the importance of supporting and enabling currently funded services to transition to more self-sustaining models. We are providing £550,000 in a Transition Fund for the next two years.
10. £300,000 is available for currently funded services for 1st September 2017 to 31st March 2018. Applicants were asked to outline how they would use the funding applied for to work towards becoming self-sustaining. It will be awarded in time for current funding ending; to start on 1st September 2017.
11. Alongside the Sustainability Fund, there will be £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.
12. Support has been and continues to be available to voluntary and community organisations, and communities and groups, through Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action. They have been supporting currently funded services to submit their applications, and will further support them to develop and action their sustainability plans throughout this transition period. This includes working with those services which currently rely on transport from the council, to identify alternatives.

Process

13. Applications to the fund were open from Wednesday 15th February to Wednesday 29th March 2017.
14. These applications were assessed by the cross-party panel against the criteria outlined in the guidance notes at Annex 1.
15. Applicants, along with their local county councillor, will be notified by e-mail of the Cabinet decision.
16. Applicants will be notified of the decision by the end of April/beginning of May 2017.
17. Funding arrangements will be made in May/June, to start on 1st September 2017, following the ending of current contracts on 31st August 2017.

18. This Transition Fund grant period ends on 31st March 2018. Organisations will be able to apply to the Sustainability, Innovation and Transition Funds in late 2017, for funding to start in 2018/19.

Criteria

19. The application process was open to all currently funded community and voluntary daytime support services, whose funding from us ends in August 2017. The aim of this funding is to support these services to continue to exist and flourish across Oxfordshire. The following criteria were set out alongside the application form (see Annex 1).
20. These daytime support services support people to live well in their local communities. They need to offer **what people have told us they need** from daytime support. In the case of these services, this is mostly: social contact; getting out of the house; maintaining independence; seeing friends; having a meal.
21. They also need to be **rooted in local communities**; this means well-used; connected to and supported by local organisations, people and businesses; linked to other local support and opportunities; and supported by volunteers.
22. We will prioritise the transition grant funding at supporting those services which require this financial support to enable them to transition to increased self-sustainability as their contracts end.
23. We will judge applications according to both:
1. The **need for the service**, including
 - Increased risk of multiple deprivations, with reduced alternative opportunities for daytime support.
 - Increased risk of loneliness and isolation, with increased need for daytime support.
 2. The **need for our financial support**, including:
 - The service is providing support in an area/to people at risk of multiple deprivations, and is unable to become self-sustaining through combinations such as increasing charges and fundraising.
 - The service is already good value for money, largely volunteer-run and raises significant income through fundraising, but there are critical expenses which it cannot cover without this transition funding as their contracts end.
 - The service is provided by a community/voluntary organisation which cannot reasonably rely on its own resources to support its transition to a more self-sustaining model.

Assessment of applications

24. Of the 47 currently contracted community and voluntary daytime support services, there were applications on behalf of 41 services (including one merger within Age UK services).
25. There were 6 services which did not bid. These were as follows:
 - a. Alzheimer's Day Support in Abingdon, provided by the Alzheimer's Society
 - b. Bampton Bush Day Centre (independent)
 - c. Fielding Lunch Club (independent)
 - d. Lake House (Adderbury, Banbury), provided by the Order of St John Care Trust
 - e. Open Access self-help group, provided by Leonard Cheshire
 - f. Tryard Disability Group, provided by Leonard Cheshire
26. The information provided in the application for Marston Court day centre – provided by Order of St John Care Trust – was not sufficient to evaluate this bid. Further information has been requested.
27. Having carefully assessed all the bids received against the established criteria, the cross-party panel are recommending the following. Details of the cross-party panel recommendations are set out in Annex 2.
 - (a) To approve the requested funding the following bids:
 - (1) Age UK services
 - (2) Bromsgrove Day Centre
 - (3) Charlbury Day Centre
 - (4) Chinnor Day Centre
 - (5) Cluster Care Group
 - (6) Daybreak services
 - (7) Hook Norton Day Centre
 - (8) RVS Cornhill
 - (9) Stonesfield Lunch Club
 - (10) Thursday Club Deddington
 - (11) Volunteer Link Up
 - (12) Watlington Age Concern Day Centre
 - (13) Watlington Age Concern Drop In
 - (14) Wychwoods Day Centre
 - (b) To approve the requested funding the following bids, subject to conditions (these are specified in the cross-party recommendations – annex 2).
 - (1) Carterton Day Centre

- (2) Chalgrove Day Centre
 - (3) Eynsham Day Centre
 - (4) Grove Day Centre
 - (5) October Club
 - (6) RVS West Way
 - (7) St Mary's Thursday Club Bloxham
- (c) To approve the recommended funding amount for the following bids (the proportion of the requested funding amount recommended to award is specified in the cross party recommendations – annex 2).
- (1) Chinese Day Centre
 - (2) Happy Place
 - (3) Highlands, Age Concern Chipping Norton
- (d) To approve the recommended funding amount for the following bids, subject to conditions (the conditions and the proportion of the requested funding amount recommended to award is specified in the cross party recommendations – annex 2).
- (1) Goring Lunch Club
 - (2) Hanborough & District Day Centre
 - (3) Thame & District Day Centre
- (e) To decline for funding the following bids:
- (1) Cholsey Day Centre
28. The conditions in most cases relate to:
- (a) A requirement to further develop transport plans, and in some cases to provide written confirmation that the service will ensure that it remains inclusive and everyone currently using the service will be supported with their transport needs, to enable them to continue to attend.
 - (b) A requirement to further develop sustainability plans, in most cases with a requirement to work with Oxfordshire Community Voluntary Action.
29. The cross-party panel recommended that as a condition of funding, all services are required to provide sustainability plans in November 2017. This will entail providing evidence of how the service is putting its sustainability plan into action, and the service's action plan for moving towards further self-sustainability by the end of the grant funding period.

Financial and Staff Implications

30. This table summarises the funding requests and cross-party panel funding recommendations and the total financial impact.

Name Of Service	Name of Organisation	OCC 2016	Requested (7 months)	Recommend (7 months)	Full year effect
Anchor Court	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 16,000			
Bluebells	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 63,529			
Burford Lunch Club	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 9,390			

Kidlington Area Day Centre	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 28,518			
Kingsmoor Day Centre	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 38,113			
Nettlebed	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 13,500			
Oakwood Centre	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 31,878			
Share Care Day Centre	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 50,304			
St Francis Court	Age UK Oxfordshire	£ 17,167			
	<i>Age UK Total</i>	<i>£ 268,399</i>	<i>£ 98,000</i>	<i>£ 98,000</i>	<i>£ 168,000</i>
Day Support in Abingdon	The Alzheimers Society	£ 40,100	DNB	£ -	£ -
Bampton Bush Day Centre	Bampton Bush Day Centre	£ 3,768	DNB	£ -	£ -
Berinsfield Voluntary Day Centre	Berinsfield Voluntary Day Centre	£ 24,682	£ 14,500	£ 10,106	£ 17,325
Bromsgrove Day Centre	Bromsgrove Day Centre	£ 14,240	£ 6,800	£ 6,800	£ 11,657
Carterton day centre	Carterton Day Centre	£ 20,000	£ 9,500	£ 9,500	£ 16,286
Chalgrove Day Centre	Chalgrove Day Centre	£ 18,133	£ 8,000	£ 8,000	£ 13,714
Charlbury Day Centre	Charlbury Day Centre	£ 6,416	£ 3,742	£ 3,742	£ 6,415
Chinnor Day Centre	Chinnor Day Centre	£ 19,000	£ 8,000	£ 8,000	£ 13,714
Cholsey Day Centre	Cholsey Day Centre	£ 19,000	£ 11,083	£ -	£ -
Cluster Care Group	Cluster Care Group	£ 9,161	£ 4,500	£ 4,500	£ 7,714
Lilacs, The	Daybreak Oxford	£ 48,073			
Limes, The	Daybreak Oxford	£ 27,231			
Rosewood	Daybreak Oxford	£ 87,252			
	<i>Daybreak Total</i>	<i>£ 162,556</i>	<i>£ 50,000</i>	<i>£ 50,000</i>	<i>£ 85,714</i>
Eynsham Day Centre	Eynsham Day Centre	£ 9,000	£ 2,625	£ 2,625	£ 4,500
Fielding Lunch Club	Fielding Lunch Club	£ 3,500	DNB		
Goring & District Community Centre	Goring & District Community Centre	£ 9,300	£ 5,425	£ 2,900	£ 4,971
Grove Day Centre for the Elderly	Grove Day Centre for the Elderly	14,500	£ 7,000	£ 7,000	£ 12,000
Hanborough & District Day Centre	Hanborough & District Day Centre	£ 9,000	£ 7,000	£ 6,378	£ 10,934
Highlands Day Centre	Highlands Day Centre	£ 31,000	£ 10,000	£ 5,000	£8,571
Hook Norton Day Centre	Hook Norton Day Care Group	£ 7,500	£2,625	£2,625	£4,500
Tryard Disability Group	Leonard Cheshire Disability	£ 9,627	DNB	£ -	£ -
Open Access self-help group	Leonard Cheshire Disability	£ 6,375	DNB	£ -	£ -
October Club	October Club	£ 27,833	£ 14,000	£ 14,000	£ 24,000
Lake House	Order of St John Care Trust	£ 86,000	DNB	£ -	£ -
Marston Court	Order of St John Care Trust	£ 49,000	£ 29,341	Further information requested	Further information requested
Chinese Community Day Centre	Oxfordshire Chinese Community	£ 12,800	£ 9,778	£ 7,978	£ 13,677
Happy Place Day Centre	Oxfordshire Older Chinese Community	£ 6,000	£ 6,000	£ 3,300	£ 5,657
Cornhill	RVS	£ 7,733	£ 2,625	£ 2,625	£ 4,500
West Way Day Centre (Field House)	RVS	£ 15,500	£ 5,466	£5,466	£9,370
	<i>RVS</i>	<i>£23,233</i>	<i>£8,091</i>	<i>£8,091</i>	<i>£13,870</i>
St Mary's Thursday Club Bloxham	St Mary's Thursday Club Bloxham	£ 8,808	£ 4,786	£ 4,786	£ 8,205

Stonesfield Lunch Club	Stonesfield Lunch Club	£ 8,219	£ 2,906	£ 2,906	£ 4,982
Thame & District Day Centre	Thame & District Day Centre	£ 30,125	£ 20,000	£ 12,500	£ 21,429
The Thursday Social Club	Watlington & District Day Centre	£ 9,740	£ 2,500	£ 2,500	£ 4,286
Watlington & District Age Concern Drop In	Watlington & District Age Concern Drop In	£ 6,300	£ 1,500	£ 1,500	£ 2,571
Windmill Thursday Club (also Deddington Day Centre)	Windmill Thursday Club	£ 11,145	£ 5,000	£ 5,000	£ 8,571
The Wychwoods Day Centre	Wychwoods Day Centre Ltd, The	£ 10,850	£ 3,390	£ 3,390	£ 5,811
Volunteer Transport & Befriending Service	Volunteer Link Up	£ 31,000	£ 14,625	£ 14,625	£25,071
		£1,026,310	£370,717	£305,752	£524,145

Equalities Implications

31. Equality and inclusion implications have been considered; services were asked to demonstrate how they meet the 'need' criteria, which included consideration of impact. This has been taken into account in the cross-party panel's recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

32. **The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care is RECOMMENDED to:**
- (a) **Endorse the process followed and the criteria set out in the report for the determination of grants**
 - (b) **Approve for funding the bids listed under 26 (a) above**
 - (c) **Approve for funding the bids listed under 26 (b) above, subject to conditions as set out in the cross-party panel recommendations (Annex 2).**
 - (d) **Approve the recommended funding amount for the bids listed under 26 (c) above**
 - (e) **Approve the recommended funding amount for the bids listed under 26 (d) above, subject to conditions as set out in the cross-party panel recommendations (Annex 2)**
 - (f) **Decline for funding the bid listed under 26 (e) above**
 - (g) **Require all services to provide sustainability plans in November 2017, as a condition of funding (as set out under 28 above)**

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Background papers: Transition Fund Application Forms

Appendix 1: Transition Fund Guidance & Application Form

Appendix 2: Cross-party panel recommendations