

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD (BETTER CARE FUND) SUB-COMMITTEE

Meeting: 19 May 2021

At: 9.30 am

PRESENT

Councillor Tom McGee (Stockport Council), Sue Carroll (Healthwatch Stockport), Mark Fitton (Director of Adult Social Care, Stockport Council) and Paul Graham (Strategic Financial Advisor, Stockport Council).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair, it was:-

RESOLVED – That Councillor Tom McGee be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee for the duration of the meeting.

Councillor Tom McGee in the Chair

2. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 26 January 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

4. BETTER CARE FUND YEAR END RETURN 2020/21

A representative of the Corporate Director (Corporate and Support Services), Stockport Council submitted a joint report with the Chief Finance Officer, Stockport Clinical Commissioning Group (copies of which had been circulated) regarding the Better Care Fund (BCF) End of Year Return 2020/21 and provided an update on the financial performance of the BCF as at 31 March 2021 (Quarter 4).

In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, NHSE/I had agreed that formal BCF plans did not to be submitted or assured in 2020/21. However Health and Wellbeing Boards were still required to approve plans locally and prioritise continuity of provision, social care capacity and system resilience and with local agreement roll forward schemes from 2019/20 where appropriate. This was the approach taken by the Stockport system which was approved by the Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 26 January 2021.

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In addition systems were required to submit an end of year return confirming that the national conditions had been met, total funding sources and a breakdown of agreed spending on social care from the Clinical Commissioning Group's minimum contribution.

RESOLVED – (1) That the 2020/21 Better Care Fund End of Year Return be approved.

(2) That the financial performance of the Better Care Fund as at 31 March 2021 be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.40 am