

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING/ DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Pritchard, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	On or after 31st March 2017 (for single Member decision)	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2954
TITLE:	Capital Grant awarded for the purchase of a Drug and Alcohol Recovery House	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
None		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Developing Health and Independence successfully bid for £750,000 (“Capital Grant”) of national funding from Public Health England to buy the 11-bed house situated in Bath (“Property”) that it currently leases from Knightstone Housing. This Property is used to provide a safe and secure environment for B&NES residents with substance misuse issues who need a residential dry-house environment to enable them to overcome drug and alcohol dependence and maintain a sustained recovery.
- 1.2 B&NES Council was not eligible to bid for this funding - only drug and alcohol service providers were eligible to bid.
- 1.3 As Public Health England pay successful capital grant awards through local authorities, Developing Health and Independence needed to have the support of B&NES Council prior to submitting its bid. The B&NES Substance Misuse Commissioning Board supported the bid, as did this Council’s Director of Public Health, and its Finance Director.
- 1.4 B&NES Council has received the £750,000 (“Capital Grant”) in full. Developing Health and Independence has agreed the purchase price of the Property with Knightstone Housing and shall use the Capital Grant together with its own funds to purchase the Property. All on-going running costs for the Property will be met by Developing Health and Independence. No costs will be borne by B&NES Council.
- 1.5 A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between B&NES Council and Developing Health and Independence to safeguard the Property in perpetuity for B&NES residents. The purchase of the Property is progressing and Developing Health and Independence will require the Capital Grant to be

transferred to their solicitors, in sufficient time to enable Developing Health and Independence to purchase the Property.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is asked to;

- 2.1 Approve the full transfer of £750,000 Capital Grant (being the Capital Grant awarded by Public Health England and currently held in this Council's account) to Developing Health and Independence for the sole purpose of purchasing the 11-bed drug and alcohol recovery Property in Bath.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The Drug and Alcohol Recovery Property will be purchased by Developing Health and Independence using the £750,000 Capital Grant awarded by Public Health England, together with the additional balance purchase money being funded by Developing Health and Independence. All on-going running costs for the Property will be met by Developing Health and Independence. No costs will be borne by B&NES Council.
- 3.2 B&NES Council acknowledge that B&NES resources, including Officer time, have been used to support the bid for the Capital Grant, and the grant process itself. The bid for the Capital Grant is in support of B&NES Council priorities.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 There are no statutory Planning Authority consultations on the building as there will be no changes in how the Property will be used. Developing Health and Independence have been leasing and using the Property as a Drug and Alcohol Recovery House for several years. Consultation was carried out prior to this time.
- 4.2 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken for the purchase of the Property and no specific adverse impacts have been identified. Staff are present in the building 24/7 to support residents.
- 4.3 Due diligence has been undertaken by B&NES Council in relation to this project. No adverse impacts have been identified.
- 4.4 Developing Health and Independence has governance procedures in place to ensure the effective management of the Property; compliance with all statutory regulations; and good clinical governance.
- 4.5 House Residents consultation has been undertaken with no specific adverse impacts identified.
- 4.6 This project supports the vision of the B&NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to help people stay healthy; improve the quality of people's lives; and create fairer life chances.
- 4.7 The Property is centrally located in Bath, within walking distance of the drug and alcohol treatment centre in Walcot Street; dental and GP practices; pharmacies; shops; library; and has good public transport links, so residents health and

wellbeing needs can be met and they can build strong links with their local community.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 Developing Health and Independence successfully bid for £750,000 of Capital Grant funding from Public Health England. This Capital Grant funding is for the purchase of an 11-bed drug and alcohol recovery Property for B&NES residents who require residential support to overcome drug and alcohol dependence. The Property is currently leased by Developing Health and Independence from Knightstone Housing. Knightstone Housing had indicated that it wanted to sell the Property and the successful bid secures the long term future of this vital part of the B&NES substance misuse treatment system and guarantees its ongoing use for a highly successful and cost-effective community detoxification and dry-house facility, in perpetuity for B&NES residents. The funding bid was successful because of value for money and client outcomes.
- 5.2 The link between housing and recovery is well understood. Housing is a fundamental building block for those with housing needs who wish to overcome dependency and make a full and sustained recovery in the community. Additionally recovery provides a foundation from which people can enter and continue in education, training or employment and move on to secure housing and is a known factor in helping to avoid re-offending. Between 2011-15 119 clients were supported in the dry-house. 70% of clients exit the dry-house abstinent from drug/alcohol and successfully move on to independent living. Typical success rates for residential rehabilitation units range from 20-60%
- 5.3 The drug and alcohol dry house is a cost effective option saving B&NES Council and the Royal United Hospital approximately £150,000 per annum (cost approximately £180 per week per detoxification suite as opposed to £1,000+ per week in an in-patient facility, or £500 per night in RUH. A detoxification takes approximately 2-3 weeks for 25 people per year = £50,000 saving; plus analysis shows that the Royal United Hospital saved 100 bed days = £100,000). This does not take into account the savings to criminal justice, primary care, adult social care, housing and other statutory services.
- 5.4 A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between Developing Health and Independence and B&NES Council to safeguard the Property in perpetuity for B&NES residents who require residential support to overcome drug and alcohol dependence.

6 RATIONALE

- 6.1 Public Health England awarded Developing Health and Independence £750,000 Capital Grant funding conditional on it being used for the purchase of the Drug and Alcohol Recovery Property in Bath (as detailed by Developing Health and Independence in its bid) with the additional costs for the purchase of the Property being met by Developing Health and Independence.

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None. The Public Health England Capital Grant can be used only for the purchase of the Property as a Drug and Alcohol Recovery House as detailed in the Developing Health and Independence Bid.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 The business case for this project was submitted to the Divisional Directors Group for 14th February 2017 Meeting. Provisional approval was agreed.

8.2 This Council's Strategic Director of People and Communities; Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer; Section 151 Officer; and Director Integrated Health and Care Commissioning and Chair of the Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Board have had the opportunity to input into this report.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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