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**MENTAL HEALTH CAPITAL GRANT**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Veronica Copeland,  
Adult Social Care and Housing Portfolio**

**Responsible Director - Murray Rose, Director of People**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To request Cabinet's agreement for the release of funds from the Mental Health Capital Grant.
2. To seek approval to spend the allocation of Mental Health Capital Grant on a range of projects to support people with a mental health problem to retain and develop their independence.

**Summary**

3. The Mental Health Capital Grant was allocated to support local authorities to make the planned strategic shift to supporting people with mental health problems within their own communities and further develop individual choice in line with the wider personalisation agenda.
4. Organisations were invited to bid and were assessed against the capital grant criteria.
5. Completed bids were returned from providers and, following evaluation, are recommended for approval.
6. Each project is subject to a signed agreement between the provider and the Local Authority which sets out terms and conditions of the grant, including repayment by the provider if the work is not carried out.
7. These are one-off capital grant allocations and will have no future revenue implications for the Local Authority.

## **Recommendation**

8. It is recommended that Cabinet:-
- (a) Approves the release of £51,000 from the Mental Health Capital Grant.
  - (b) Approves the spending of the grant on the schemes set out in paragraph 19 to support local service development.

## **Reasons**

9. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons:-
- (a) The process has been in line with the capital grants guidance.
  - (b) These are one off capital grant allocations and will have no future revenue implications for the Local Authority.
  - (c) The projects identified will address the outcomes for people with a mental health problem identified in the national mental health strategy.

**Murray Rose**  
**Director of People**

## **Background Papers**

“No Health without Mental Health” – HM Government 2011  
The National Dementia Strategy, “Living Well with Dementia” DoH 2009

Mark Humble, Extension 2856

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to address health and wellbeing for the residents of Darlington and specifically for service users and family carers who use specialist mental health services.
Carbon Impact	There are no carbon impact implications in this report.
Diversity	The provision of support is targeted at vulnerable local people with assessed needs.
Wards Affected	This report impacts on residents with a mental health problem within all wards of Darlington.
Groups Affected	This report impacts on adults and older people with a mental health problem, their family and their carers.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend any changes to the Council's Budget or Policy Framework.
Key Decision	This is not a Key Decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an Urgent Decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	This links to theme 3 'Healthy Darlington' specifically addressing health inequalities to narrow the gaps in health and wellbeing.
Efficiency	This report does not identify the potential for specific efficiency savings. However, efficiencies may be gained through effective interventions being accessible.

## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

10. The model of support for adults and older people with a mental health problem has, over the years, gradually moved away from support in institutions dominated by the medical model to supporting people within their own communities supported through the social model. The Mental Health Capital Grant was a key component of the National Framework for Mental Health, which has now been subsumed by the new Mental Health Strategy "No health without mental health" and has been allocated to support local authorities make this strategic shift.
11. For a number of years the Local Authority has received an annual Mental Health Capital Grant allocation of approximately £83k. There is currently £51k of the grant available.
12. This round of seeking proposals is linked to the current local implementation plan to deliver the national mental health strategy.

13. The Grant can be rolled over year on year, however, if the proposed spend is agreed there will be nothing left in the budget.
14. The criteria used asked for projects that were new and innovative and:-
  - (a) The money is for one off capital expenditure and is not for replacement of capital funding available from elsewhere.
  - (b) Bids were considered for work in Darlington and are of benefit to people with a mental health problem who live in Darlington.
  - (c) The grant is available to organisations and agencies currently working with or providing support to people with a mental health problem in Darlington.
  - (d) There was no upper funding limit, however the total funding pot was limited to £51,000 and the Council would want to support a number of applications. This can be for the total cost or as a contribution to a larger project.
  - (e) Organisations may submit bids for funding for more than one project but each one must be on a separate application form and will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria.
  - (f) Each project was required to show how it would meet at least one of these outcomes:-
    - (i) More people will have good mental health;
    - (ii) More people with mental health problems will recover;
    - (iii) More people with mental health problems will have better physical health;
    - (iv) More people will have a positive experience of care and support;
    - (v) Fewer people will suffer avoidable harm;
    - (vi) Fewer people will suffer stigma and discrimination.
15. An administrative error in the tendering process was identified at the start of August 2014 and all organisations which had submitted bids were asked to resubmit through the NEPO Portal. In addition, organisations which had viewed the invitation to tender but not submitted a tender were advised that the application process had been reopened for a limited period.
16. In total, 13 completed bids were returned from 11 organisations. Four of the bids were not evaluated as they did not meet the core bid criteria. Three of the bids related to a service based in another Council area and one failed to identify any capital requirement.
17. The nine remaining bids were evaluated using a scoring system based on a maximum of 30 points. Of the remaining nine bids two were evaluated at 14 points and 20 points, they too were discarded. One bid scored 24 points however was linked to an existing service that the provider will not be proving post January 2015, this too was discounted.
18. Of the remaining bids one was a significant request for almost all of the capital allocation. This bid was allocated 23 points, however three bids received 24 points.

If these three bids are supported then the full capital amount from provider (4) see para 18 could not be allocated.

19. A key part of the procurement was to support a range of capital projects and as a consequence those bids that scored between 22 and 24 points have been considered for allocation.

20. Following evaluation, the following is recommended for approval:-

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Project(s)</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>Grant requested</b>	<b>Grant Allocation</b>
1	Capital investment in three rooms to support people who are homeless and have a mental health problem	£48,000	£11,500	£11,500
2	ICT Project to support access to independence and recovery	£21,673	£7,876	£7,876
3	Refurbishment of lift	£46,000	£40,000	£18,988
4	Dementia support activity materials	£1,262.20	£1,262.20	£1,262.20
5	Art and ICT Project	£10,674	£9,949	£9,949
6	Meaningful Activity programme materials	£1425	£1425	£1,425

21. Each project is subject to a signed agreement between the provider and the Local Authority which sets out terms and conditions of the grant, including repayment by the provider if the work is not carried out.

## **Outcome of Consultation**

22. No formal consultation has taken place, however, all recommended projects are in line with the outcomes identified through national consultation on the wider strategy.

## **Legal Implications**

23. There are no direct legal implications to the allocation of the Grant

## **Procurement Advice**

24. Procurement officers advised that an administrative error in the original invitation to tender may have led to some bids not being properly considered and so proposed that the invitation to tender be reopened for a limited period, and that all actual and prospective bidders be contacted and made aware of the need to resubmit their tenders. This did not impact on the final evaluation of the tenders and the decisions to recommend schemes to Cabinet.

## **Consultation**

25. No direct consultation was undertaken in relation to the allocation of the grant.