

<b>Title: Improved Better Care Fund – 2017/18 to 2019/20</b>	
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All Wards
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<b>Cabinet lead: Cllr Helen Holland</b>	<b>Director lead: Terry Dafter</b>
<b>Proposal origin:</b> <i>Other</i>	
<b>Decision maker: Cabinet Member</b> <b>Decision forum:</b> <i>Cabinet</i>	
<b>Timescales:</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To set out the proposed spending plans associated with the Improved Better Care Fund in the current year and following two years and approve the drawdown of the supplementary funding associated with the Improved Better Care Fund	
<b>Evidence Base:</b> The Improved Better Care Fund was announced in the 2015 spending review recognising the acute financial pressures that Adult Social Care face and the impact these pressures have on the health system. The new funding was to be phased in over three years commencing 2017/18 but in recognition of the severity of the problems faced by Adult Social Care supplementary funding was announced in March 2017 that front loaded funding and at the same time allowed councils to raise funding via the Social Care precept to the council tax. Year 1 ( 2017/18) of the proposed investment has already been to the Health and Well-being Board in August 2017.	
<b>Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:</b> To delegate authority to the Director – Adult Social Care to draw down funds associated with the supplementary funding for the Improved Better Care Fund for the period 2017/18 to 2019/20 to support proposed expenditure as set out in Appendix 1.	

<b>Revenue Cost: £</b>	<b>Source of Revenue Funding:</b> Improved Better Care Fund
<b>Capital Cost: £</b>	<b>Source of Capital Funding:</b> e.g. grant/ prudential borrowing etc.
<b>One off cost</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ongoing cost</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Saving Proposal</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Income generation proposal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Finance Advice:</b> The Better Care Fund is an important funding component that supports Health and Social Care integration with the ambition to support the individual who needs health and social care support in a joined up way. The introduction of the improved better care fund and the ability to raise additional revenue funding through the social care precept recognises that Adult Social Care needs additional funding to meet demand for services and at the same time attempts to deal with the market problems as provider failure is a significant risk. The investment proposed by the Better Lives Programme based on the Improved Better Care Fund sets out the Bristol City Council ambition to implement the three tier model and at the same deal with the twin challenges of demand management and acute supplier problems.	
<b>Finance Business Partner:</b> Neil Sinclair, Interim Finance Business Partner	

<b>Corporate Strategy alignment:</b> This is part of the council's overarching budget which is underpinned by the Corporate Strategy.
<b>Legal Advice:</b> If goods works or services are purchased as part of the programme, and the value of the purchases is over the relevant thresholds, this will be low risk provided the Council complies with its own procurement rules and/or the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, depending on which applies.  Further, the funding must be spent solely on the specified purposes and in accordance with any grant conditions imposed.
<b>Legal Team Leader:</b> Sinead Willis, Team Leader Commercial and Governance Team
<b>Implications on ICT:</b> N/A

<b>ICT Team Leader: N/A</b>
<b>City Benefits:</b> It is a statutory duty to set a legal budget.
<b>Consultation Details: N/A</b>

<b>DLT Sign-off</b>	Terry Dafter	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>SLT Sign-off</b>		15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Cabinet Member sign-off</b>	Helen Holland	[date]
<b>For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off</b>	[name]	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal Details of iBCF and proposed plans 2017/18 to 2019/20	<b>YES</b>
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