Equality Assessment

Equality Assessment of the potential impact of the recommendations of the Corporate Grants Programme Board for Mainstream Grant (MSG) funding for the Prevention, Health and Wellbeing (PHW) funding stream.

Responsible Directorate: Education Social Care and Wellbeing

Priorities/Objectives

The objective of this MSG funding stream is to bring about the outcome of improved health and wellbeing of vulnerable adults living in Tower Hamlets by contributing to services that:

- respond to health and wellbeing issues faced by the borough's vulnerable adult residents;
- have flexibility to meet new and emerging needs and respond to the multiple and complex needs of the target group;
- support service users to be healthy and independent;
- give service users genuine choice, control and dignity; and,
- keep vulnerable adults safe from abuse, harm or neglect.

	Approved Annual Budget	Corporate Programme Board Recommended Allocations
2013/14	£250,250 (including £8,250 contribution from Public Health)	£215,266*
2014/15	£275,000 (including £33,000 contribution from Public Health)	£335,500
2015/16	£266,750 (including £24,750 contribution from Public Health)	£232,625**
Total Funding	£792,000	£783,391

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*The 2013/14 allocation figure includes:

- Six months funding to cover ten MSG AHWB funded projects from 1st April 30th September 2013, at a cost of £112,391
- Six months MSG PHW funding (1st October 2013 31st March 2014) for seven projects previously funded under MSG AHWB (2013-13), at a cost of £38,000
- Three months funding for remaining 28 projects from 1st January 2014, at a cost of £64,875

**The 2015/16 allocation figure includes:

- Six months funding for seven projects previously funded by MSG AHWB (2013-13) to conclude 24-month agreements on 30th September 2015, at a cost of £38,000
- Nine months funding for remaining 28 projects to conclude 24-month agreements on 31st December 2015, at a cost of £194,625

Identified Need*

The Council recognises that Third Sector Organisations have a vital role to play within our community and make a key contribution to delivering our shared Community Plan. They have the ability to engage local people and help residents have a voice and influence the decisions that affect them.

The Council is working towards the Transforming Social Care programme that enables people to have control of their own health and social care.

According to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2011¹, there are around 242,000 people living in Tower Hamlets, 193,116 of whom are over the age of 20. Of these, it is known that 6,164 accessed Social Care services between September 2011 and September 2012, including²:

- 645 with a learning disability
- 878 with a Mental Health issue
- 4109 with a physical disability, frailty or sensory impairment
- 3,900 are over the age of 65
- At least 1,926 are from BME communities

The services offered under this MSG funding stream are viewed as preventative services, with the aim to improve the health and wellbeing of those who use the services to reduce the requirement for higher-need FACS-eligible Social Care packages

Impact Summary

Boroughwide there will be an increase from 11 services funded by the Adults Health and Wellbeing (AHWB) MSG funding stream (the previous name for MSG PHW) to 35, including27 not currently funded. This significant increase includes the following increase in available provisions:

- Six universal older people services, compared to two under the previous portfolio;
- 17 services for BME residents, compared to four;
- 6 of which are for Somali residents, compared to one;
- 7 of which are for Bangladeshi residents, compared to two;
- A service for Chinese/Vietnamese residents, not offered previously;
- 5 Mental Health services, compared to one;
- 6 women-only services, compared to none;
- A service for deaf residents and their carers, not offered previously

¹ JSNA summary document (<u>http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/idoc.ashx?docid=ce6538bb-2c04-4265-a7be-63702e8b95b7&version=1</u>)

²A Profile of the people who use Adult Social Care (<u>http://towernet/Intranet/idoc.ashx?docid=84690503-796c-476d-b0b3-35c971c5223a&version=-1</u>)

Equality Assessment

Target Groups	Impact - Positive	Reason(s)
	ß - Adverse	 Add a narrative to justify your claims around impacts and,
	0 = Neutral What impact will the proposal have on specific groups of service users or	 Describe the analysis and interpretation of evidence to support your conclusion as this will inform decision making
	staff?	
Race		There are a total of 17 recommended projects that target BME communities(a total of £141,000 per annum, averaging £8,294 per project per annum), compared to four under the previous funding arrangements(a total of £38,360 per annum, averaging £9,590 per project per annum). Two of these four have been recommended for funding this time round. Of the remaining two, one project for Blind and Partially Sighted (BPS) Bangladeshi residents closed midterm (in December 2011) and the other service - for Older Bangladeshi people – reapplied but was not recommended for funding.
		The new recommended portfolio includes services for groups not offered under the previous arrangements, including for older Chinese/Vietnamese residents and Somali/Bangladeshi women.
		In terms of coverage, of the 17 recommended projects mentioned above, six have specified they will offer a boroughwide service.
Disability		There are a total of ten recommended projects that target users with a disability, including Mental Health conditions(a total of £112,500 per annum, averaging £11,250 per project per annum), compared to five under the previous funding arrangements(a total of £79,760 per annum, averaging £15,952 per project per annum). Three of these five have been recommended for funding this time round, albeit at between 38 and 56% of the levels previously received. Of the remaining two, one project for Blind and Partially Sighted (BPS) Bangladeshi residents closed mid-term (in December 2011) and another service for BPS users did not reapply. Both were boroughwide services.
		The new recommended portfolio includes a service for deaf residents, not offered under the previous arrangements. There is also an increase in Mental Health provisions.
		In terms of coverage, of the 17 recommended projects mentioned above, ten have specified that they will provide a boroughwide service.
Gender		There are a total of six recommended projects that target women (a total of $\pounds 64,500$, averaging $\pounds 12,900$ per project per annum). The previous portfolio had none. There is no recommended provision for men only.
Gender		There is one LGBT specific project recommended for funding. The previous portfolio had none.
Reassignment Sexual Orientation		There is one LGBT specific project recommended for funding. The previous portfolio had none.
Religion or Belief	0	
Age		There are a total of 20 recommended projects that target older people, aged 50 and over(a total of £165,500 per annum, averaging£8,275 per project per annum), compared to five under the previous funding arrangements(a total of £125,695 per annum, averaging £25,159 per project per annum). Four of those five have been recommended for funding this time around, albeit at between 25 and 38% of the levels previously received. The fifth project reapplied but was not recommended for funding.
Marriage and Civil	0	they will run a boroughwide service. This group are able to access any of the projects funded by MSG PHW.
Partnerships.	0	This group are able to access any of the projects funded by MSG PHW.
Pregnancy and Maternity	0	
Other Socio-economic	0	This group are able to access any of the projects funded by MSG PHW.

	Carers				
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Impact Considerations

The above illustrates that no protected characteristic has been severely adversely affected by the changes in provision. Indeed, the overarching intention suggests a positive impact. However, until negotiations have been concluded with providers given the reduced funding proposed (between 17 and 83 per cent of requested values), there is significant risk that providers cannot operate within this funding envelope. This is particularly true of those organisations that have reapplied to run services previously delivered under MSG AHWB 2010-13 agreements, with proposed funding levels between 25 and 69% of that previously received. The impact of this may mean that some of the schemes may not be viable.

1. Overall summary of projects recommended for funding

Ref #	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Proposed Delivery
1	OP	Boroughwide
2	Housebound Vulnerable Adults, Predominantly OP	Boroughwide
3	OP Somali	Boroughwide
4	MH	Boroughwide
5	Somali MH (18-30)	Boroughwide
6	PD/LD	Boroughwide
7	OP Somali women	Boroughwide
8	OP	LAP6 - Bromley-by-Bow
		LAP6 - Mile End East
		LAP5 - Bow East
		LAP5 - Bow West
9	OP BME	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
10	MH	Boroughwide
11	OP BME	LAP1 - Bethnal Green North
		LAP2 - Bethnal Green South
12	BME with dementia	Boroughwide
13	Women	Boroughwide
14	Vulnerable adult migrants/refugees	Boroughwide
15	OP	LAP1 - Weavers
		LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town
		LAP1 - Bethnal Green North
		LAP2 - Bethnal Green South
		LAP3 - Whitechapel
		LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town
16	OP Vietnamese and Chinese	Boroughwide
17	OP (50+) with mild MH/LD	Boroughwide
18	Older People	LAP8 - Millwall
		LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town
19	Deaf	Boroughwide
20	Bangladeshi women	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Baglatown
		LAP3 - Whitechapel
		LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green
		LAP4 - Shadwell
		LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
21	LD/MH/PD	Boroughwide

22	OP BME Women (Bangladeshi	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown
	chiefly)	LAP3 - Whitechapel
		LAP4 - Shadwell
23	LGBT	Boroughwide
24	Young Bangladeshi adults	LAP4 - Shadwell
		LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
25	Blind or Partially Sighted (BPS)	Boroughwide
26	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP1 – Weavers
		LAP1 – Bethnal Green North
		LAP2 – Spitalfields and Banglatown
27	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown
	women	LAP3 - Whitechapel
28	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
		LAP4 - Shadwell
29	BME women (Chiefly Bangladeshi,	LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green
	Somali)	
30	OP BME	LAP4 - Shadwell
		LAP7 - Limehouse
31	OP	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
		LAP4 - Shadwell
32	OP	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury
		LAP7 - Limehouse
		LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town
		LAP8 - Millwall
33	OP and Young Adults	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown
34	OP Bangladeshi	LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town
35	LD	Boroughwide

Comments: Outputs for all projects are to be negotiated with providers as recommended funding levels are lower than requested.

2. Projects not recommended for funding that had received MSG AHWB funding in 2010-13.

Ref #	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Proposed Delivery
2	Bangladeshi OP	Boroughwide

3. Projects not recommended for funding who were not previously funded under MSG AHWB (2010-13)

Ref	Beneficiary Target Group	Geographic Area/s of Proposed Delivery
1	PD/LD	Boroughwide
3	OP Women	LAP7 - Limehouse
		LAP7 - East India and Lansbury
4	First time parents	LAP8 - Blackwall and Cubitt Town
		LAP8 - Millwall

5	OP	LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green
6	OP	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping LAP4 - Shadwell
7	Vulnerable Adults generally (inc PD/LD/PH)	
8	OP MH Bangladeshi women	LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP1 - Weavers LAP2 - Bethnal Green South
9	Marginalised bereaved including PD ex-service personnel	Boroughwide
10	OP	LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping
11	Older women (and younder Bangladeshi women)	LAP7 - Limehouse LAP8 - Millwall LAP4 - Shadwell LAP1 - Bethnal Green North
12	OP	LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP6 - Mile End East LAP6 - Bromley-by-Bow
13	PD Somali	LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town LAP2 - Bethnal Green South LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP4 - Shadwell
14	Women, young adults (18-24) and young mothers	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury LAP7 - Limehouse
15	OP Somali	Boroughwide
16	OP	Boroughwide
17	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury
18	PD/LD	Boroughwide
19	OP (50+) Bangladeshi, Somali	LAP7 - East India and Lansbury
20	OP	Boroughwide
21	OP BME	LAP1 - Mile End and Globe Town LAP1 - Bethnal Green North LAP2 - Bethnal Green South
22	BME	LAP2 - Spitalfields and Banglatown LAP3 - Whitechapel LAP3 - St Dunstan's and Stepney Green LAP4 - Shadwell LAP4 - St Katharine's and Wapping

BACKGROUND

- i) Applications received: 57
- ii)

for funding:35

Number of projects recommended

iii) Number of projects not recommended: 22