

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 JANUARY 2023

PUBLIC HEALTH RING FENCED GRANT AND PUBLIC HEALTH OUTCOMES

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) will receive an update on the Public Health Ring Fenced Grant (PHRFG) and the associated Public Health outcomes.
2. The update will include areas of work which HOSC members have expressed interest in, including promoting active lifestyles, targeting rising levels of obesity, sexual health services and prevalence of alcohol use.
3. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Wellbeing and the Director of Public Health have been invited to the meeting.

Background

4. As part of the HOSC's budget monitoring, the Committee receives information on the PHRG twice a year and was last updated at its meeting on 8 July 2022.
5. Members of HOSC will therefore be aware that the Public Health function nationally transferred to local authorities in 2013, and the Council receives an annual grant of approximately £30m.

Financial position

6. The PHRFG allocations for 2022/23 totalled £3.417 billion to local authorities. The value of the grant for the County Council totals £31,217,923, which was an increase of £853,016 from the 2021/22 value of £30,364,907. There has been no confirmed allocation for 2023/24 at the date of drafting this report.
7. The grant is ringfenced for use on Public Health functions, which may include public health challenges arising directly or indirectly from COVID-19. Details of the prescribed and non-prescribed functions that the grant can be used for were shared with HOSC in July 2022 and can be reviewed under 'Background Papers'.
8. The forecast outturn, as at the end of Quarter 2, for the PHRFG is provided in the financial update at Appendix A, and the current prediction is a forecast transfer from reserves of £2.969m which is a reduction compared with the original budgeted expectation of £3.765m.
9. Twice yearly updates on the PHRFG will continue to be provided to the HOSC.

Public Health Outcomes

10. An overview of the full range of Public Health Outcomes is provided in Appendix B, which is the latest Public Health Outcomes Framework for Worcestershire as at 19 December 2022. In addition, Appendix A provides a summary of performance and outcomes for most of the main local Public Health Services that are funded from the PHRFG.

Purpose of the Meeting

11. The HOSC is asked to:

- consider and comment on the information provided on the Public Health Ring-fenced Grant and Public Health outcomes;
- agree any comments to highlight to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and/or to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board at its meeting on 30 January 2023; and
- determine whether any further information or scrutiny on a particular topic is required.

Supporting Information

Appendix A – PHRFG and Public Health Outcomes (Period 6 Financial Update and Outcomes)

Appendix B – Public Health Outcomes Framework Summary At a Glance 19/12/22

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Democratic Governance and Scrutiny Manager) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Draft 2023/24 Budget discussed by Cabinet on 5 January 2023
[Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 5th January, 2023, 10.00 am - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
- [Agenda and Minutes of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8th July 2022](#)

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