

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Date	15 December 2021
Present	Councillor Runciman

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### **38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Executive Member confirmed that she had no personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, nor any prejudicial or discloseable pecuniary interests, to declare in the business on the agenda.

### **39. MINUTES**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 09 December 2020 be approved by the Executive Member as a correct record and signed at a later date.

### **40. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

### **41. PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT ALLOCATION 2021-22**

The Executive Member considered a report that detailed the Local Authority Public Health Grant Allocation. The Director of Public Health outlined the report, noting that the majority of the allocated grant had been used to deliver mandatory services. The grant was ring-fenced and any additional funding, for domestic abuse, for example, was a one-off payment and further funding may not be available in future years.

The Officer also spoke about the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic and noted the importance of the accrued reserves in order to deal with unexpected emergencies. She also highlighted the future priorities within public health.

The Director of Public Health and the Finance Manager then responded to a number of questions from the Executive Member covering data regarding smoking in pregnancy, how best to manage the financial reserves, capacity within the public health team and support available for domestic abuse. It had been noted that following a number of reviews, the public health function in York had been regarded as highly effective.

The Chair recorded her thanks to the public health team.

Resolved: That the Chief Operating Officer be recommended to approve the following:

- a) That the update on delivery against agreed budget savings and priorities for investment of non-committed public health grant be agreed.
- b) That the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Executive Member and the Chief Finance Officer, be authorised to take all steps required to manage the public health reserve in accordance with the criteria for use of the public health grant.

Reason: To ensure that the criteria for the Public Health Grant Allocation is met.

Cllr C Runciman, Executive Member  
[The meeting started at 11.00 am and finished at 11.23 am].