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Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Date	13 July 2022
Present	Councillor Runciman (Executive Member)
Officers Present	Fiona Phillips, Assistant Director Public Health Peter Roderick, Public Health Consultant

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**1. Declarations Of Interest (10:01 am)**

The Executive Member was asked to declare at this point in the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests that she might have in the business on the agenda, if she had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.

None were declared.

**2. Minutes (10:02 am)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the previous meetings held at 10 am on 15 December 2022 and 11 am on 15 December 2022, be approved and signed as a correct record by the Executive Member.

**3. Public Participation (10:02 am)**

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

**4. Allocation Of Underspend From Public Health Grant (10:02 am)**

The Executive Member considered a report that gave an overview of how the underspend against the Public Health Grant would be allocated to address public health priorities in the City.

The Assistant Director of Public Health was in attendance to present the report and outlined the proposals as well as the reasons for the underspend. The following was highlighted:

- The Changing Habits additional funding took the project to June 2024, when an impact review should take place.
- Energy drinks were of special concern regarding the diet and nutrition of school pupils.
- The suicide prevention training programme for frontline workers, Assist Safetalk, would be funded for the next 3 years.

The Executive Member noted the Equalities Impact Assessment. Officers responded to questions from the Executive Member as follows:

- Anecdotally, during the pandemic, isolation had been a factor in post-natal depression.
- There was evidence that children's vocabulary at age three or four was a predictor for achievement at GCSE. A child who had the ability to communicate would cope better and have better outcomes.
- The numbers of women in York who smoked during pregnancy had dropped from 10 to 8%, this had been sustained during the pandemic.

Resolved:

That approval be given to the recommended allocation of budget.

Reason: The recommended areas of funding are based on current public health priorities according to the JSNA and the public health work programme, and are aimed at addressing inequalities in the City.

**5. Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment And Recovery Grant And Local Combatting Drugs Partnership (10:16 am)**

The Executive Member considered a report that gave an overview of the allocation of resources from the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant over 2022/23 and it's outline intentions for 2023/24 and 2024/24.

The Public Health Consultant was in attendance to present the report and he confirmed that:

- This was a 10 year strategy.
- There would be an increase in the numbers treated from 1,000 to 1,200 annually.
- There were national shortages of specialist workers in the field.
- The Health and Well being Board (HWBB) had pledged to review Drug and Alcohol Related Deaths in Year 1.
- Many local networks had been formed to support recovery and lead to long term abstinence.

The Executive Member was also informed that:

- The Recovery Grant would be on top of the Public Health budget.
- Key organisations involved were North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Changing Lives, York Drug and Alcohol Service, York Mind and Lived Experience representatives.
- Officers would develop a framework to update the Executive Member on a regular basis.

Resolved:

- i. That the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant plan be approved.

Reason: The plans have been written in partnership with several key organisations and with guidance from regional Office for Health Improvement and Disparities leads. These plans will support the needs of individuals requiring treatment and recovery services being met.

- ii. That a York Combatting Drugs Partnership be established.

Reason: To enhance partnership working around the Drugs and Alcohol agenda in York, in line with the national 10 year Drugs Strategy

Cllr C Runciman, Executive Member  
[The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 10.29 am].