

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF DECISION**

TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Date: May 2024	Ref No: 2232
Responsible Officer: Adrian Crook, Director of Adult Social Services and Community Commissioning	
Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):	
Key <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Freedom of Information Status: <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i> Yes	
Title/Subject matter: Creation of Commissioning Project Manager - Better Care Fund	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	No
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	No
(iv) Is the decision significant and/or does it meet the £100,000 threshold for recording?	
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No




Summary:



The better care fund is a pooled budget that seeks to improve integration and funds many of our integrated services.

The pooled fund contains a small budget for project and commissioning support and was previously used to fund a post in the Northern Care Alliance, following that post holder leaving it has been decided for Bury Council to utilise the budget and employ the project manager.

This paper requests to Create 1.0 x FTE Integrated Commissioning Officer Grade 14.

Wards affected: N/A**Consultations:** N/A**Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest:** N/A**Options considered:****Decision**

Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Executive Director – Health and Adult Care		18 June 2024
S151 Officer		26.6.24
Director of People and Inclusion		04.07.24
Members Consulted [see note 1 below]		

Cabinet Member		15 August 2024
Lead Member - HR		04.07.24
Opposition Spokesperson		

Notes

1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.

1. Background - The Better Care Fund

One of the most ambitious programmes ever introduced across the NHS and local government, the BCF encourages integration by requiring integrated care systems and local authorities to enter into pooled budget arrangements and agree an integrated spending plan.

Locally, the programme spans both the NHS and local government to join up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.

Launched in 2015, the programme established pooled budgets between the NHS and local authorities, aiming to reduce the barriers often created by separate funding streams. The pooled budget is a combination of contributions from the following areas:

- minimum allocation from integrated care systems (ICSs)
- disabled facilities grant – local authority grant
- social care funding (improved BCF) – local authority grant
- winter pressures grant funding £240 million – local authority grant.

In Bury this pooled budget has enabled us to deliver our integrated neighbourhood teams, our intermediate care services and our rapid response teams amongst many more services.

It has also been used to avoid deeper cuts to local authority services by protecting services that help people to live independently in the community and reduce their need for health care.

With Bury's better care funding spending programmes a small budget exists to employ project management support to aid the deliver and ongoing improvement of our services funded by the Better Care Fund.

These roles have been instrumental in the success of our intermediate care services and our neighbourhood teams. Here work continues to see intermediate care expanded and our neighbourhoods reach extend as more segments of the population are supported with proactive care.

Previously this budget was used to fund a post employed by one of our partners, the Northern Care Alliance. This post holder has now left and it is recommended that the post is now employed by Bury Council. This will ensure the post benefits solely the locality and reduces the risk of elements of post holders time be used to support wider initiatives in other areas of Greater Manchester or the Northern Care Alliance.

This paper seeks to create a commissioning officer/project manager at Grade 14.

Human Resources Implications

A moderated job description already exists and will be used for this post and the post will be advertised in line with normal council processes.

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Finance Implications

The cost of the post including oncosts is £60,681 before pay award 1/4/24. and is fully funded from the better care pooled budget, it is recurrent and creates no additional financial pressure for the council.

The cost centre is SSG9113.

Recommendation

Create 1.0 x FTE Integrated Commissioning Officer - Grade 14.

