

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF DECISION**

Date: 19 January 2026	Ref No: 2332
Responsible Officer: Stephanie Boyd (Commissioning Manager for Older People and Ageing Well)	
Title/Subject matter: Additional Funding for the Ageing in Place Project (Live Well in Later Life)	
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
Is publication still required? (see guidance)	Yes
Summary: International funding was available to bid for through the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. Bury Council worked in partnership with Persona (our Local Authority Trading Company) and was successful with 3 years of funding to use in the area of Moorside, chosen because it is one of the most deprived wards in the borough. The Project successfully opened up a café in the local park which is now a sustainable community hub with lots of activities and a community garden, the idea is to improve health and wellbeing through social interaction and connectivity. The Project has its own Partnership Board with key stakeholders from the community, including council colleagues, public health colleagues, the Police, and local community groups and volunteers. The Project has led a piece of work called 'couch to out and about', they've done walkability assessments, installed benches, and facilitate a traditional south Asian breakfast morning. The Bury Ageing in Place Project has been a great success, the feedback from local residents has been extremely positive, and it is a trailblazer in Greater Manchester. The Greater Manchester funding came to an end on 30 September 2025, but a fourth year is currently being funded by Public Health monies to roll the project out in other areas across the borough.	

It has been agreed that Adult Social Care will fund a fifth year and Persona will fund a sixth year. This project fully links with the need to improve neighbourhood working and reduce inequalities in line with our Let's Do It! Strategy. The ultimate aim of the project is to promote positive activity and prevent social-isolation and its associated impact on health and wellbeing for Bury residents.

Initial engagement and asset mapping is taking place in the following wards which have been identified based on the highest levels of deprivation in its older population, the highest concentration of older people who live alone, the highest levels of households in fuel poverty, and the lowest level of pension credit uptake.

Neighbourhood	ward
Bury East	Bury East
Bury North	Elton
Whitefield	Besses
Prestwich	Holyrood
Bury West	Radcliffe East and West

Additional GMCA funding: An extra £132,500 is now available via the GMCA and the planned spend is outlined in the table below:

Grant Funding	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Salaries	£17,049	£19,531	£20,045	£56,625
Activities	£16,034	£16,034	£16,307	£48,375
Micro-Grants	£5,500	£13,750	£8,250	£27,500
Total	£38,083	£49,315	£44,602	£132,500

Should receipt of this funding be approved, additional recruitment will take place and further engagement activity in Ramsbottom to improve health and wellbeing through increased connectivity and social interaction.

Item for decision:

It is recommended that the council approves receipt of the additional GMCA funding and transfers it to Persona as the delivery partner.

Rationale:

Advice from the Procurement Team confirms that the Procurement Act 2023 does not apply for two reasons and they are:

1. Bury Council has a technical agreement with Persona
2. This is additional funding to support the current grant agreement where Persona is the delivery partner

Approval to recruit to newly created vacancies NB: Chief Officer graded roles require AD HR and AD Finance approval	N/A	
Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Director of Adult Social Services and Community Commissioning		20 January 2026
Advised by HR Business Partner	NA	
Advised by Finance Business Partner	NA	
Lead Member (for noting)		22 January 2026
Chief Officer graded roles: Assistant Director of HR	NA	
Chief Officer graded roles: Advised by Assistant Director Finance / Chief Accountant	NA	
Member Consulted (only if applicable) [see note 4 below]		

Notes

1. In most cases a single signature is required in accordance with the Table below.
2. The form must be published if expenditure is over £100K. However, this must be after all the required contract documentation has been completed. This is to avoid publishing exempt confidential information.
3. A report to Cabinet must be made if expenditure is over £500K.
4. In a small number of cases in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, consultation is required from the appropriate Cabinet Member who must sign the form to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. Please refer to the Guidance.
5. This form must not be used for urgent decisions.
6. Where there is any doubt officers should always err on side of caution and seek advice from Democratic Services, the Monitoring Officer or Corporate Procurement where applicable.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL TABLE

Approval Limit	Approval By
Over £500,000	Cabinet
Over £250,000 to £500,000	Chief Executive
Over £100,000 to £250,000	Executive Director
Over £50,000 to £100,000	Director/Assistant Director
Over £10,000 to £50,000	Head of Service
Up to £10,000	Service Lead

For Chief Officer Graded Roles:

Assistant Director HR Approval

Assistant Director Finance / Chief Accountant Approval