

**TO: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
11 APRIL 2013**

**POOLED BUDGET AGREEMENTS
Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the current pooled budget agreements and the new arrangements with the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the board endorses the approach to pooled budget agreements and joint working arrangements between the council and health bodies.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Partnership arrangements support more effective commissioning of existing or new services through the identification of synergies and efficiencies.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Further opportunities for joint working may be suggested by the Board.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 allows the pooling of funds between health bodies and health-related local authority services. It further allows for functions that can be delegated and resources and management structures to be integrated. Partnership arrangements support more effective commissioning of existing or new services through the identification of synergies and efficiencies.
- 5.2 The council is a partner to a Section 75 agreement, specifically for the provision of a community equipment service, with the other Local Authorities in Berkshire and with the Primary Care Trusts (PCT) for Berkshire. The lead agency for this arrangement is Slough Borough Council; SBC holds the community equipment contract with Nottingham Rehab Supplies Ltd. The agreement was approved by the council's Executive in November 2011 and commenced in April 2012 for a period of five years. The agreement provided that successor organisations to the PCT may replace the PCT as partners to the agreement. On behalf of the partnership, Slough Borough Council is drafting a document to assign the PCTs' responsibilities and benefits under the agreement to the Clinical Commissioning Groups across Berkshire.
- 5.3 In September 2012, the council's executive approved an overarching Section 75 agreement with Berkshire East Primary Care Trust for the 2012/13 financial year. This agreement commits partners to a set of principles and working arrangements that ensure effective delivery, management and governance. The agreement is appended with service specific schedules which will amongst other things, reflect the exact nature of the service, its deliverables, perceived impact and performance measures. The service schedule for Intermediate Care Services has been approved by the partners. The service schedule for the Community Team for People with a

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Learning Disability is in development and is subject to negotiation regarding future commissioning leads. The department is exploring opportunities for further joint arrangements, for example pooling purchasing budgets between health and social care.

- 5.4 An overarching Section 75 agreement between the Bracknell and Ascot Clinical Commissioning Group and the Council, to succeed the 2012/13 agreement between the Council and the PCT, is in draft form and is currently being considered by the CCG's legal services. The Health and Wellbeing Board is named in the draft agreement to provide governance to the pooled budget arrangements.

6 **ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The legal issues are described within this report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise directly from this report. The services covered by the Agreement will continue to be funded from within existing identified budgets.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Equalities Impact Assessments were completed for both Section 75 Agreements and presented to the Executive. These are available on request.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4

Other Officers

- 6.5 None

7 **CONSULTATION**

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 The PCT, Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Departmental Management Team and legal and finance services.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 Meetings and documents for consultation.

Representations Received

- 7.3 All representations were incorporated into the Section 75 agreements.

Background Papers

None

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