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AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

19 JUNE 2008

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Adult Services & Health – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Mrs Ann McCoy

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SOCIAL CARE PFI FUNDING: INTEGRATED CARE SERVICES

1. Summary

The Council have been working in partnership with PCT colleagues to develop proposals for an integrated Health & Social Care facility, including the provision of extra care, in Billingham. This is with a view to attracting external funding through Social Care PFI Credits.

2. Recommendation

That Members support and endorse the Expression of Interest for PFI Credits.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

To support the development of proposals for an integrated Health & Social Care facility in partnership with PCT.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;

- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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DETAIL

1. The Department of Health informed authorities in November 2007 of the availability of PFI funding for Social Care with the timescales for an initial indication of interest being extremely tight and required to be submitted by 31 December 2007. Although at this stage the ideas were conceptual, it was clear there were benefits from close working with the PCT and there were opportunities to develop innovative solutions, which addressed social care, health and wider integrated service issues.
2. The Department of Health subsequently indicated support in the council progressing to the formal 'Expression of Interest' stage. Officers from the Council have been working closely with the Primary Care Trust to develop the proposal.
3. The key objectives of the project are to:
 - provide services which meet the needs of the local community;
 - developing new services such as extra care
 - offer better, more co-ordinated and more integrated services closer to peoples homes;
 - connecting health and social care services
 - maximising the links with libraries, leisure and information services
 - maximise community and voluntary sector involvement;
 - developing spaces which can be used by the community and voluntary sector
 - deliver local strategies, aims and objectives set for service delivery;
 - supporting integration
 - maximising local service provision
 - harnessing the regeneration potential
 - meet national health and social care policies.
 - bringing care closer to home

- offering alternatives to residential care
- developing more responsive and personal services.

4. As part of the initial Expression of Interest in December, the bid focused on consideration of schemes across the Borough. Further work has been undertaken to review the connectivity of the health estates requirements and the bid criteria and this has identified Billingham as a key priority. There are benefits in taking forward a Billingham scheme as there is no extra care provision in this area, there is greater potential for connecting health and council plans, and the regeneration opportunities can be realised more effectively. However the work with the PCT has helped provide a framework for future service developments in Stockton and future bids to this fund can be explored.

5. The project in Billingham will aim to deliver:-

- An extra care facility which will provide long term residential care services for the elderly and vulnerable adults.
- An integrated facility which will provide access to information, advice and a range of services including:-
 - Adults & Childrens integrated service area staff
 - Exercise, rehabilitation and physiotherapy services
 - One-stop shop to access information (multi service centre)
 - Resource rooms/day facilities
 - Integrated care services (polyclinic)
 - Library

The integrated approach to health and social care with associated facilities offers a unique opportunity to address a cohesive and planned service model which is focused on the needs of the population in Billingham.

6. The proposal is complimentary to the PCT's 'Momentum Pathways to Health' project, which explores the provision of health services as near to people's homes as possible and looking for options for delivery of community based services. There is also the potential to incorporate one or more GP practice(s) into the facility and this is currently being explored.

7. Various sites are currently being investigated and it is anticipated that the facilities will be within or close to the town centre. This will have the added benefit of complimenting the regeneration activity within the town centre and being located close to the Billingham Forum, which itself is undergoing a major refurbishment.

8. This would be a major development with costs shared between the PCT and the Council. The Expression of Interest aims to secure PFI Credits to fund the social care element of the Scheme (currently estimated at £15m).

9. Following submission of the Expression of Interest, if successful, the Council would need to submit a full Outline Business Case, which would firm up details of costs, the scheme itself, funding sources and affordability. This Business Case would be reported to Cabinet for approval.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Expression of Interest is for PFI Credits to cover £15m of capital expenditure. If successful, the next stage would be to develop a full Business Case, which would establish the financial implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications at this stage.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The submission of an Expression of Interest is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk. A full risk assessment will be carried out as part of the Business Case.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

Economic Regeneration and Transport

Contribution to the regeneration of Billingham Town Centre

Safer Communities

None

Children and Young People

Contribution to supporting the Children's integrated services accommodation requirements

Health and Wellbeing

Contribution to improving access and a range of health and wellbeing services.

Environment and Housing

Contribution to social care housing through provision of extra care facilities.

Supporting Themes:-

Stronger Communities

None

Older Adults

Support the Older People Action Plan through extra care facilities and one-stop shop provision.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

Members briefing undertaken for all Billingham Members

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