

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York**

**4 September 2014**

**Performance Reward Grant – Annual Report 2013/14**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To report on the utilisation of the North Yorkshire Performance Reward Grant during the financial year 2013/14.
- 1.2 To recommend a number of changes to the programme.

**2 Background**

- 2.1 The North Yorkshire Performance Reward Grant (PRG) was a payment made by central government in respect of achievements made by local partners, under the auspices of the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP), against the key outcomes and targets in Local Area Agreement 1 (2007/08 to 2009/10).
- 2.2 The total PRG received was £6.2m. The approach to allocating PRG was agreed in February 2011 at the final meeting of the NYSP Executive:
  - 90% (£5.6m) allocated to projects over a three year period (2011/12 to 2013/14) in accordance with recommendations of the NYSP Thematic Partnerships which generated the PRG, aiming to assist partners to meet their challenges and priorities with an emphasis on sustainability and pump priming investment for innovation; and
  - 10% (£620k) allocated to the voluntary and community sector through the North Yorkshire Reward Grant Fund to be invested and managed by the Two Ridings Community Foundation, with one-third to be used for small grants in 2011/12 and the balance to create an endowment fund from which small grants will be made in perpetuity.
- 2.3 The NYSP Executive also agreed that operational monitoring of PRG projects would be undertaken through the appropriate successor body to each NYSP Thematic Partnership and financial monitoring would be undertaken on a six-monthly basis by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) officers, with exception reports to the Chief Executives Group when required.
- 2.4 No exception reports have been made to date.
- 2.5 The Chief Executives Group subsequently recognised that, given the scale and length of the programme, some changes in projects and/or spend profiles would become necessary and agreed that:
  - NYCC officers are authorised to agree minor changes where the amounts involved are not significant (normally less than 10% of the project's total allocation), there is a clear justification for the request, and there is a realistic expectation that expenditure will be completed by March 2015;
  - Other proposed changes should normally be included within the programme annual report presented to the Chief Executives Group in the September of each year; and
  - If proposed changes would not fit within the timescale of the programme annual report, the Chair of the Chief Executives Group is authorised to agree these following consultation by email with members of the Chief Executives Group.

### 3 PRG projects - £5.6m

- 3.1 Appendix 1 provides a summary of PRG projects, including financial allocations and expenditure to date, together with brief comments about progress of each project during 2013/14.
- 3.2 As anticipated, given the scale and length of the programme, some changes in projects and/or spend profiles have become necessary. The following changes have been requested and are recommended for approval by the Chief Executives Group:

<i>Project</i>	<i>Update and proposed change</i>
<p>3 NYCC Children &amp; Young People's Service Support for teenagers with multiple vulnerabilities: Child Sexual Exploitation £192k and Mental Health £250k</p>	<p>1) CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) £250k - all spent (including an action/implementation plan) has been drafted and agreed and a launch event is being planned. A draft service specification has been jointly drafted by NYCC and the CCGs and is currently out for negotiation with specialist providers. Integrated pathways are in development and performance will be monitored as part of the implementation of the strategy.</p> <p>2) CSE (Child Sexual Exploitation) £192.8k Delays in recruitment and allocation of research contract has been experienced in 2013/14 leading to underspend of £44k. Would like to carry forward all remaining funding. (£132k carry forward approved in Sept 2013). The project is focused on combating the threat of child sexual exploitation across North Yorkshire. This has included commissioning of research to understand the scale and scope of child sexual exploitation and a multi-agency conference. Additionally, a revised multi-agency CSE Action Plan has been developed and delivery of the plan is being managed by a multi-agency sub-group. A County-wide, multi-agency conference, with national leads as keynote speakers followed by single agency facilitated delegate workshops on next steps within North Yorkshire was held in early 2014. After the initial 200 places were booked within a couple of weeks of the announcement, the conference was extended to 300; and 324 attended on the day. <b>## New request that the allocation for 2014/15 is £176.8k, rather than £132k previously approved.</b></p>
<p>6 NYCC Health &amp; Adult Services Innovation Fund</p>	<p>Fund to facilitate the transformation of services and initiatives within voluntary and community sector that support older and vulnerable adults. The funding allocated to each financial year is awarded to projects which will potentially operate over three years, so it has previously been agreed that expenditure may continue into 2015/16. HAS have reviewed the management and coordination of the Innovation Fund and undertaken an open and competitive tender process to allocate the management of the fund to an external organisation and Your Consortium was</p>

	<p>successfully awarded the contract. The priorities for the Fund have been reviewed in order to take into account the transformation being made by the council and other strategies such as the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Outcomes Framework. The focus of the fund will be to reduce the reliance on council services, by enabling voluntary and community organisations to provide early intervention and prevention, further reducing the demand and reliance on statutory services.</p> <p><b>## It has previously been agreed that expenditure may continue into 2015/16, but no specific allocation was made for 2014/15 and 2015/16. New request that the allocation for 2014/15 is £450k and for 2015/16 is £338.2k.</b></p>
<p>7 NYCC Health &amp; Adult Services Strengthening of the Safeguarding and Quality Assurance processes</p>	<p>Used for staffing and other costs to meet statutory demands to train wider partnerships around the agendas; to raise awareness in order that wider partnerships and the public are aware of the range of safeguarding issue; and to increase support to the safeguarding processes. Expenditure on areas such as training course costs have been lower than anticipated. Proposed to carry-forward funding to fund additional staff training and some temporary posts to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project Officer – a short term post to work with the Safeguarding Board particularly around developing a safeguarding performance regime and in light of its new statutory footing under the Care Act</li> <li>- Safeguarding Post in Trading Standards – this post is designed to improve co-ordination and joint working between Trading Standards and HAS safeguarding for example in areas such as Doorstep Crime</li> <li>- Two temporary support officers – following a recent Supreme Court judgement on Deprivations of Liberty Standards (DoLS) there has been a very significant increase in the number of people requiring specialist DoLS assessments, these posts will help to manage the process and ensure the scarce specialist resource available is used to its maximum effect.</li> </ul> <p><b>## New request that the allocation for 2014/15 is £105k and for 2015/16 is £70k, rather than £80.7k for 2014/15 previously approved.</b></p>
<p>9 NYCC Health &amp; Adult Services Physical and Sensory Impairment (PSI) Board and community engagement of people with physical and sensory impairments</p>	<p>Secretariat support to a county wide board representing the voice of adults with physical and sensory impairments and the locality engagement of such people though a locality network continues, funded until September 2014 via the underspending from the previous year's award. The Board continues its local work to improve access for disabled people and in addition is contributing actively to current consultations on service reconfigurations.</p> <p><b>## New request to carry forward £13.6k into</b></p>

	<b>2014/15.</b>
12 NYCC - Chief Executives Group Increasing access to super-fast broadband	The Superfast North Yorkshire Project (SFNY) is progressing towards the Vision to bring access to high quality broadband to 100% of North Yorkshire premises by 2017. Much of this is being brought about by significant funding from BDUK, ERDF and NYCC through a contract with BT designed to maximise coverage with the available resources. The PRG funds are allocated to those the main funding will not reach, sometimes called the 'last 10%'. Existing PRG expenditure has been on projects initiated before the work with BT had commenced, further work in the 'last 10%' through the PRG fund will need to take place once the reach and location of the BT work is known with more confidence - thereby minimising overbuilding solutions. It is therefore important that PRG funds are protected for the high quality broadband solutions that will inevitably be required towards the end of the SFNY project. Additional funding received meaning underspend on PRG allocation. <b>## New request to reprofile to £300k in 2014/15 and £382.5k in 2015/16, rather than the £350k in 2014/15 and £300k in 2015/16 as agreed previously.</b>

#### **4 Voluntary and community sector fund (known as the North Yorkshire Reward Grant Fund) - £620k**

- 4.1 Grants to a maximum of £5k are available for projects which help communities to meet the priorities contained within the current North Yorkshire Community Plan. Applications are only accepted from voluntary and community organisations that have been in existence for a minimum of 12 months and have an annual income of less than £50k. Applications are assessed by a Two Ridings Community Foundation volunteer assessor, with the decision being made by the Foundation's grants panel. Funded organisations are asked by the Foundation to complete simple monitoring procedures to confirm how the funding has been used and who has benefited. The Foundation draws a management fee of 12.5% from the Fund in respect of every grant made.
- 4.2 One-third of the Fund (£178k) was used for immediate grant funding in 2011/12. The amount available for grant distribution in subsequent years is much smaller as the aim is to maintain the capital of the endowment fund to allow small grants to be made in perpetuity.
- 4.3 In 2013/14 the sum agreed for distribution was £25k. Appendix 2 provides a summary of grants made in 2013/14.
- 4.4 In 2014/15 the sum agreed for distribution is £20k. The Foundation will shortly be inviting applications from eligible organisations for projects which help communities to meet the priorities contained within the North Yorkshire Community Plan 2014/17. The opportunity will be advertised by the Foundation via the normal voluntary and community sector networks as well as their own website [www.trcf.org.uk/grants/northyorkshire\\_reward](http://www.trcf.org.uk/grants/northyorkshire_reward).

**5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That the report on the utilisation of the North Yorkshire Performance Reward Grant during financial year 2013/14 is noted.
- 5.2 That the proposed changes to the programme outlined in paragraph 3.2 are approved.

**6 Appendices**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Summary of PRG projects (separate spreadsheet)
- 6.2 Appendix 2 – Summary of North Yorkshire Reward Grant Fund awards made during 2013/14 by the Two Ridings Community Foundation (below)

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**Appendix 2 – Summary of North Yorkshire Reward Grant Fund awards made during 2013/14 by the Two Ridings Community Foundation**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Richmond Bowls Club	£3,424	Funding to support refurbishment of the playing area, including new backboards and pathway, and installing a seating area with space for a wheelchair.
Castle Community Network, Scarborough	£4,626	Funding to support ongoing project costs for a facility that enables economically inactive and financially constrained users to access training and development tools to facilitate better employment prospects.
Hustwaite Village Hall Committee	£3,500	To fund equipment which will provide entertainment and social opportunities to a wide range of groups in an isolated rural area identified as having a limited transport service.
Snainton Playing Field & Village Hall	£2,550	To drain walls, insulate the kitchen and add nappy changing facilities to the hall, which is in urgent need of attention and is used for an OAP luncheon club, an under 5's playgroup, drama club and other local community groups.
SUNNY (Speak Up Now North Yorkshire)	£4,850	Funding to continue and expand our drop in centre where we hold training, meetings, drama classes, parties, provide support, advice and simply a social setting for local people with learning disabilities to relax and have fun.
Workcrafts	£1,000	Funding towards the running of a mini bus providing essential services and facilitate social inclusion to people with disabilities and those living in rural locations.
Mickeys ABC Boxing Academy, Selby	£4,000	Funding to purchase new sports equipment for a club catering for disadvantaged children and young adults.
Selby District Vision	£1,000	Funding to expand a group providing advice, resources and social events to enable blind and visually impaired member of the community to socially engage.
<b>Total awarded</b>	<b>£24,950</b>	