

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting: 30th April 2013
Report of: Lorraine Butcher, Director of Strategic Commissioning
Subject/Title: Community Budgeting Proposal

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report provides a brief overview of the Community Budgeting expression of interest submitted to Government on 15th April.

2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 To note the expression of interest.

3.0 Background and Options

- 3.1 Brandon Lewis MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in DCLG, wrote to all Local Authorities at the end of March inviting them to put forward partnership Expressions of Interest to join the newly formed Public Services Transformation Network. The deadline for EOIs was 15th April. The letter is attached to this report.
- 3.2 The network was announced in the Budget, and aims to spread the learning from the existing four Whole-Place Community Budget pilots, and work directly with local areas to co-design practical public service reforms. The 4 pilots are in Greater Manchester, Cheshire West and Chester, Essex and a tri-borough partnership in London.
- 3.3 If an area is successful in its EOI it will be invited to join the network, and thereby have access to the representatives from Whitehall and from the 4 pilots who can provide advice and learning on public service reform. It is understood that DCLG are hoping for 4-6 new areas to join the network this year, and a further 4-6 in 2014/15.
- 3.4 The Government will provide £1.5 million of funding for the new network, and those areas who join the network will be asked to make a contribution to match the Government's funding. How this aspect of the network will operate is not entirely clear at this stage.
- 3.5 In light of the good progress in setting up a review of Learning Disability in Cheshire East, it was considered that this would be a good focus for a community budgeting approach. A brief proposal was therefore prepared and submitted to Government on 15 April. We are waiting to hear when and how decisions will be made on which EOIs are successful.
- 3.6 The Expression of Interest document is attached to this report.

4.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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