

## **Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 To Accept funding and use of an initial allocation from the Department for Education (DFE) and the Department of Health and Social Care of amounts between £3,493,000 and £3,630,000 over a three-year span to deliver the Family Hubs Project.
- 1.2 To approve a flexible procurement approach of direct purchases and staffing recruitment to develop and implement the project as prescribed in the terms and conditions of the Family Hubs Project.
- 1.3 To approve the transfer of any underspends at the end of each of the 3 years into an ear marked reserve to prevent a possibility that there may be a claw back of unspent funds.

### **Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 To approve acceptance of the grant of £3,493,000 funding over the next 3 years, 2022/23 – 2024/25 from Department for Education and use of funds as determined by the terms and conditions of the project as set out in the supporting documentation.
- 2.2 To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Peoples Services, in consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources and the Cabinet member for Children and Young People and Skills, to apply the funding in accordance with the terms and conditions of the project as set out in the supporting documentation. including the approval of any unspent funds at the end of the 3 financial years.
- 2.3 To comply with the project conditions to enhance the delivery and support to families 0-19 (0-25) for SEND via the Family Hubs network across the city.

### **Reason(s)**

- 3.1 The Family Hubs project is an exciting opportunity to consolidate all the good work already happening in the city in respect of Targeted Early Help with some opportunities to expand further.
- 3.2 It will support the vision to offer the right support at the right time for families from pre-natal right through to adulthood

- 3.3 There is no expectation of a requirement to match funds, however Derby City Council must comply with the funding conditions as determined within the funding agreement.

## **Supporting information**

- 4.1 Family Hubs are the latest initiative to support vulnerable families with children and young people 0-19 (up to 25 for SEND) This is a joint programme delivered by the Department for Health and Social Care and the Department of Education. The programme also includes the £24.2 million announced in June 2021 to train practitioners to support parents with the home learning environment. This investment underpins the Government's commitment to giving families and their children the best start in life.
- 4.2 It is based on the Thrive conceptual model of prevention promotion and thriving and expects a relational approach with integration and co-production. It relies on the principles of an understanding of the importance of Early Help and Prevention, the use of evidence-based interventions, a commitment from all partners, voluntary community support and integrated health and public health priorities
- 4.3 The programme's core objective is to improve family service delivery, including Start for Life services, in areas with the highest levels of deprivation and disproportionately poor health and educational outcomes. In addition, we want to build the evidence base around the programme's implementation and impact in different contexts. Derby are one of four East Midlands Local authorities to receive Family Hubs Start for Life Funding the funding, and in addition to the above pre-selected in rank order using Income Deprivation Affecting Children Indices (IDACI) – Average Rank, subject to the additional condition that a minimum of 25% of local authorities from each rural-urban classification are pre-selected.
- 4.4 Prior to the award of the funding Derby City Council had submitted a bid to the DFE for Transformation funding to develop family hubs whilst it was unsuccessful Early Help & Children's Social care had supported the setup of a strategic Partnership Board, worked to develop a Family Hub model and commenced consultation with both professionals' children and families and this work is ongoing.
- 4.5 Planning with Health partners has been crucial for the focused elements which are Parenting Support, Home Learning Environment, Parent Infant, Relationships and Perinatal Mental Health, Infant Feeding Support and publishing a Start for Life offer and Parent carer Panels.
- 4.6 Coordination of the development will sit with Early Help and Children's Social care supported by key partners such as public health, community and voluntary sector and key partners within the Local Authority such as the Estates dept., and the Better Together group. 20% of the funding will focus on transformation of existing services to deliver the family hub model both hub and virtual offers will need to be available. In addition, there is a 5% capital spend which will support turning existing buildings into family hub space for example considering Autism friendly space, space which is young people friendly.

- 4.7 The guidance which can be accessed at the following link [Programme guide and sign up form](#) is prescriptive but does allow the development to capacity build. It will be necessary to appoint leads to some elements of the work to ensure we meet both the tight deadlines and terms of the funding; however, in addition we will utilise the skills of staff across Early Help, Health services and the community and voluntary sector and others across the partnership.

## **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 Public consultation with families via our community sector is under way, consultation with young people will go ahead. Professionals will be consulted at each stage of the development

## **Other options**

- 6.1 The Family Hub project is a comprehensive project that must be delivered as per the terms in its entirety, It is not an option to choose which aspects of the development we deliver. It must be delivered in its entirety.
- 6.2 To not accept the grant and not deliver the Family Hub model

## **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 This is a large grant available to the Local authority and local area. All appropriate procurement regulations, financial regulations and terms and conditions of grant will be adhered to ensure the best quality and delivery is offered.
- 7.2 There is no requirement for match funding and no expectation of additional pressures to existing budgets.

## **Legal implications**

- 8.1 Advice and support will be sought from the in-house legal service as appropriate, whether in relation to procurement activity, other staffing requirements or other due diligence requirements, as appropriate, as the project comes on stream.

## **Climate implications**

- 9.1 Family Hubs enable services to be accessed at a local level and within a walking distance, reducing the need for travel across the city.

## **Other significant implications**

- 10.1 None

**This report has been approved by the following people:**

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<b>Background papers: Family</b>
<b>Hubs Guidance</b>
<b>List of appendices:</b>