

Report of Strategy and Commissioning**Report to Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health****Date: October 2015****Subject: Design & Cost Report for the Purchase of a building for Leeds BRiC centre****Capital Scheme Number: 32447 / 000 / 000**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. Public Health England run a programme of capital investment across the country, and DISC (Developing Initiatives Support Communities) in Leeds were successful in being awarded £382,000.
2. DISC will use the capital funding to purchase a building in Leeds from which they will develop a peer-led recovery centre based on the philosophy of BRiC (Building Recovery in Communities). It will promote recovery from alcohol and drug misuse and enhance the provision of the new Community Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Service to be delivered by a DISC-led consortium of local providers (Forward Leeds) which commenced on 1 July 2015.
3. Leeds City Council is to act as host authority on behalf of Public Health England, and as such there are no budgetary implications.

Recommendations

The Director of Public Health is recommended to approve an injection of £382,000 into the Capital Programme and to give Authority to spend the same £382,000 so that DISC (Developing Initiatives Support communities) are able to use the capital funding to purchase a building in Leeds from which a recovery centre can be developed as described in DISC's application to the Public Health England capital funding programme. The building will be owned and operated by DISC and their purchase of the building will not create any additional capital or revenue investment by the Council.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To seek approval for an injection of £382,000 into the Capital Programme
- 1.2 To request authority to spend £382,000

2 Background information

- 2.1 Public Health England coordinated a national programme of capital investment in drugs and alcohol recovery services for 2014-15. The investment supports the government's focus on recovery-oriented treatment services and follows allocations by the former National Treatment Agency to the substance misuse sector in previous years. £10m was available for 2014-15.
- 2.2 Bids for funding were sought from service providers, supported by their host local authority. Bids were required to demonstrate that funding would be used to encourage the growth and effectiveness of recovery-oriented drug or alcohol treatment services.
- 2.3 Expressions of interest were submitted from community-based or residential drug or alcohol adult recovery services. Successful bids were required to demonstrate that they are needs-led and contribute towards delivering successful recovery outcomes.
- 2.4 Funding was allocated to the host local authority in which the successful service provider is based and the local authority is acting as the banker on behalf of the successful service provider.
- 2.5 DISC, supported by Leeds City Council, were successful in applying for funding to purchase a building in Leeds from which a recovery centre can be developed.

3 Main issues

3.1 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.

- 3.2 DISC is a registered charity, established in 1984, which provides a range of services across the North of England. They employ over 400 staff who work together with over 100 volunteers and peer mentors to deliver numerous projects. Their key areas of work focus on providing specialist support to those with multiple complex needs.

- 3.3 In Leeds DISC have delivered drug treatment services for the last 11 years and they have recently been successful, in partnership with BARCA-Leeds, St Martins Healthcare Services, St Anne's Community Services and Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, in being awarded the new Community Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Service in Leeds. DISC is the lead organisation in this consortium to deliver integrated alcohol and drug services across the city. The new service began on 1 July 2015 and is being delivered under the name of Forward Leeds.
- 3.4 During the extensive consultation that was undertaken for the development of the Forward Leeds service a particular need was identified for the development of an autonomous recovery community which would support individuals to develop their own recovery capital, empower individuals to sustain their own recovery away from treatment and continue on their own individual journeys of rediscovery and community integration.
- 3.5 The purchase of a building that can be developed into a recovery centre will provide a key focal point for the development of a thriving recovery community in Leeds. The National Drug Strategy notes that treatment is likely to be effective and recovery sustained where people successfully re-integrate into communities, and where they can observe the progress made by their peers.
- 3.6 The Centre will provide service users with the foundations to develop a strong and visible recovery community, where they feel safe and welcomed. It will allow people to develop and enhance their recovery capital and offer opportunities to engage in a range of interventions and activities including skills development, volunteering, training and employment through social enterprise initiatives such as a Café
- 3.7 DISC will purchase a suitable property in as close proximity to the heart of Leeds City Centre as possible that will offer excellent opportunities to develop an innovative health and wellbeing recovery community hub. Positive health and lives free from addiction will be central to the Centre's ethos.
- 3.8 The Forward Leeds contract with Leeds City Council contains within it the provision of £60,000 per annum to support the development and running costs of the centre. In addition DISC will allocate four full time equivalent staff members to support the centre.
- 3.9 Any purchasing, refurbishment or tendering responsibilities lie with DISC, and does not apply to Leeds City Council as we are acting on behalf of Public Health England.
- 3.10 DISC have been using temporary premises for recovery activities and these activities will be transferred to the new Centre as soon as it is ready. It is envisaged that activities would start from the new centre in early 2016 once a building has been purchased. The capital money from Public Health England needs to be committed before the end of March 2016.
- 3.11 The role of Leeds City Council is to hold the money that has been allocated by Public Health England and to pay this money across to the successful applicant (DISC in this case). The money is only transferred to DISC once officers within the

Strategy and Commissioning team are happy that the proposal is in line with that that submitted to Public Health England.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 DISC has carried out all of the necessary consultation for the development of the project in line with the requirements for Public Health England. Additional consultation has taken place with Councillor Mulherin and Councillor Yeadon.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Equality screening is not required by LCC for this project as it has been agreed by Public Health England. Leeds City Council is acting as host for the funding for the project.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 The project was agreed by Public Health England, and meets their ambitions and priorities.
- 4.3.2 The project will enhance and compliment the treatment and recovery services being provided by the Forward Leeds consortium and it is supporting the 2013-2016 Drug and Alcohol Strategy for the city.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The project will cost £382,000, which has been assessed as showing value for money by Public Health England. All capital funding is provided by Public Health England and as such there are no budgetary implications for Leeds City Council.
- 4.4.2 Revenue funding for the running of the centre is being provided by DISC as part of the Forward Leeds contract.

4.4.3 Capital Funding and Cash Flow.

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Funding Approval :						
Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme	TOTAL	TO MARCH 2015				
	£000's	£000's	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018 on
			£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
LAND (1)	0.0					
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0					
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0					
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0					
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0					
TOTALS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Authority to Spend required for this Approval	TOTAL	TO MARCH 2015				
	£000's	£000's	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018 on
			£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
LAND (1)	382.0		382.0			
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0					
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0					
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0					
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0					
TOTALS	382.0	0.0	382.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme)	TOTAL	TO MARCH 2015				
	£000's	£000's	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018 on
			£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Government Grant	382.0		382.0			
Total Funding	382.0	0.0	382.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balance / Shortfall =	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 The funds have been receipted into Leeds City Council.

4.5.2 This decision is eligible for call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 DISC are required to notify the Council if there is any risk to the project (building purchase) not completing by 31st March 2016, so that approval by Public Health England can be sought to extend the project if necessary.

4.6.2 Risk Assessments will be carried out by DISC on site where necessary.

5 Conclusions

5.1 This report is asking for an injection of 382,000 into the Capital Programme, and requesting authority to spend £382,000 so that DISC are able to use the capital funding to purchase a building in Leeds from which a recovery centre can be developed as described in DISC's application to the Public Health England capital funding programme.

5.2 Leeds City Council is to act as host authority on behalf of Public Health England, and as such there are no budgetary implications.

6 Recommendations

The Director of Public Health is recommended to approve an injection of £382,000 into the Capital Programme and to give Authority to spend the same £382,000 so that DISC (Developing Initiatives Support communities) are able to use the capital funding to purchase a building in Leeds from which a recovery centre can be developed as described in DISC's application to the Public Health England capital funding programme. The building will be owned and operated by DISC and their purchase of the building will not create any additional capital or revenue investment by the Council.

7 Background documents¹

None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.