

Approval to accept the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant in 2024/25

Date: 24th April 2024

Report of: Head of Public Health (Health Improvement)

Report to: Director of Public Health

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

Leeds City Council has been allocated funding by the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities to increase stop smoking services and support in the city. This report seeks approval to accept this funding.

Recommendations

The Director of Public Health is recommended to:

- a) Accept £985,430 from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities via the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.
- b) Note that a report will be submitted for the approval of the expenditure of this grant. All of the decisions, regardless of value, will be a direct consequence of this key decision and will therefore be a significant operational decision at most, which will not be subject to call in.

What is this report about?

- 1 In October 2023, the government announced a new five-year investment programme of £70 million per year to support local authority-led stop smoking services. This will more than double the current spending from £68 million per year, to a total of £138 million, and support around 360,000 people to quit smoking.
- 2 Leeds' allocation from the Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant (LSSSSG) for 2024/25 is £985,430, and has been calculated using 3-year average smoking prevalence figures. Future years' allocations will be subject to spending review settlements and updated prevalence estimates. The funding is to be used to:
 - build capacity to deliver expanded local stop smoking services and support;
 - build demand for local stop smoking services and support; and
 - increase the number of people setting a quit date and 4-week quit outcomes
- 3 A Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and Leeds City Council is in place.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 4 The funding will ultimately result in more people stopping smoking. It will enable the increase in capacity and reach of existing services and provide the opportunity to create more targeted provision for key priority groups.
- 5 An Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening has been completed in relation to this decision and there are no issues to be addressed.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 6 The proposal will contribute to achieving the Best City Ambition for Health and Wellbeing through the goal of "investing to ensure better and more equal access to essential services in health and learning, developed with and accessible for every community across Leeds".
- 7 It is in line with the Best City Ambition's Team Leeds approach, by providing a focus on prevention and taking strength and asset-based approaches to help people to realise their goals.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: All

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 8 Public Health Programme Board was consulted in April 2024.
- 9 The Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Active Lifestyles was briefed on 12th January 2024 and 10th April 2024.

What are the resource implications?

- 10 These proposals will not incur any expenditure for Leeds City Council, since they relate to additional income that will wholly pay for any activity created as a result.
- 11 As part of the conditions of the LSSSSG, OHID stipulates that Leeds City Council must maintain its existing investment in stop smoking services throughout the lifetime of the grant.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

12 Accepting the grant gives Leeds City Council an obligation to meet the requirements set out by OHID. However, the delivery of this activity will involve robust contract management of providers, and there will be ongoing communication with OHID through all stages of delivery.

What are the legal implications?

13 This is a Key Decision since the income is more than £500,000, and is therefore subject to Call In. It was published on the List of Forthcoming Key Decisions on 14th March 2024.

14 This report does not contain any exempt or confidential information under the Access to Information Rules.

15 Subsequent decisions arising from this report, for example the procurement of a new contract or modifying an existing contract, will be treated as a consequence of this Key Decision and, regardless of value, will therefore be treated as a significant operational decision at most, which will not be subject to call in.

16 The grants are being provided pursuant to section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.

17 A Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the conditions of the grant and the council's agreement to those is in place.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

18 The alternative would be to decline the grant, but this represent a lost opportunity to enhance our provision and further reduce smoking prevalence in the city.

How will success be measured?

19 Performance frameworks and monitoring processes will be put in place by the Adults and Health commissioning team to ensure value for money, delivery of the intended outcomes and improved service quality. In addition, the council will provide OHID with performance information to meet their requirements.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

20 The proposals will be implemented as soon as possible following approval by officers in the Adults and Health Commissioning Team.

Appendices

- Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening

Background papers

- None