

16 April 2013**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH****SUBSTANCE MISUSE REPORT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval of the Public Health Sub-Committee to commit funding from the Substance Misuse Section 256 Funding, to three long term projects.

Information and Advice

2. As a result of the change in Governance and Funding arrangements, an underspend in the 2011/12 combined budgets for overall Substance Misuse was identified.
3. This amounted to £ 590,000. It was agreed at the Substance Misuse Strategy Board that this sum would be made subject of a Section 256 agreement, and ring fenced for new Substance Misuse projects of a prevention and education nature.
4. The broad principles of a Section 256 agreement are:
 - that the fund will effectively be “red circled” for spending purely on substance misuse education and prevention.
 - that it cannot be used for anything other than this purpose.
 - that spending will be on new projects and initiatives, and that it cannot be used for previously funded matters.
 - that there are no time scales by which the fund must be used.
 - that initiatives or projects must be non-recurrent funding commitments, and that no organisation will be exposed to a future financial commitment as a result of this funding.
5. Furthermore it is anticipated that there will be a further underspend from Substance Misuse services from 2012/13, which will be in the region of £600,000.
6. Again, the Substance Misuse Strategy Board have agree to add this underspend to that existing Section 256 fund.
7. The Substance Misuse Strategy Board have debated and agreed to support three long term projects:
 - Intensive Youth Support to Prevent Substance Misuse in Manton.
 - Intensive Youth support to Prevent Substance Misuse in Coxmoor
 - Enhanced Alcohol Diversion Scheme for Nottinghamshire.

8. Separate reports are included in **Appendices 1 & 2** to provide further information on these projects.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Public Health Sub-Committee are asked to:

- 1) Approve this expenditure.
- 2) Receive reports on the progress of these projects in due course.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 05/04/2013)

10. The Sub-Committee is the appropriate body to decide the issues set out in this Report. Under its Terms of Reference the Sub-Committee has responsibility for Public Health with the exception of functions reserved to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Financial Comments (ZKM 08/04/13)

11. The financial implications are outlined throughout this report and appendices.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All