

# AGENDA ITEM

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**Title/Subject:** Partnership Funding  
**Meeting:** Integration Joint Board  
**Date:** 1 February 2019  
**Submitted By:** Chief Finance Officer  
**Action:** For Decision

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Integration Joint Board (IJB) with information and recommendations regarding Partnership Funding, as requested by the Board in December 2018.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

The IJB is invited to:

- 2.1. note that discussions regarding the establishment of the ARBI service are ongoing and endorse that this should be concluded as a matter of urgency
- 2.2. note the additional information provided about community development activity and that a workshop will be held in March 2019 with the Strategic Planning Group, regarding proposed strands of community work
- 2.3. note further initiative reviews set out within section 6
- 2.4. agree that funding for Food Buddies is not continued beyond March 2019.

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1. In December 2018, the IJB agreed a recommendation that additional information requested by the Board in October with regards to Alcohol Related Brain Injury (ARBI) and Community Development could be presented in February 2019.
- 3.2. Alcohol Related Brain Injury (ARBI): The IJB requested that assurance be provided from partners within the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) that the clinical service model proposed is appropriately linked with wider resources to ensure progressive recovery. This has now been provided.
- 3.2 Community Development: In October the IJB approved funding in principle to enable community development work within localities. The IJB requested further information be provided about how work would be progress and be integrated with established localities work initiated by the Community Planning Partnership.

#### **4. ALCOHOL RELATED BRAIN INJURY (ARBI)**

- 4.1 Recognising that the diagnosis and treatment of people affected by ARBI is a strategic priority for the Falkirk HSCP and Community Planning Partnership, in October 2018 the IJB agreed to ringfence funding to work with this patient group. The award to the ARBI service was given on condition of confirmation that the balance of funds required to support the service are secured.
- 4.2 The ARBI service has previously received funding of £200k from both of the HSCPs (£75k each) and the Alcohol and Drugs Partnerships (£50k). In addition, following the first year of provision, the service intimated that additional resource was required to support Consultant time for diagnosis and OT time to support recovery within the community. It was proposed that the additional resource may come from the ADP. The additional resource would result in the ADP contribution being approximately £74k.
- 4.3 The service is not currently operational. In order to establish the service quickly, discussions regarding the ADP allocation should be finalised as a matter of urgency. A report will be brought back to a future IJB confirming the outcome of these discussions.

#### **5. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- 5.1 In October 2018 the IJB approved funding in principle to enable community development work to be progressed within localities. The IJB requested further information about how the work would be progressed and integrated with established localities work initiated by the Community Planning Partnership.
- 5.2 There is a range of community based work being progressed by the HSCP. This includes:
- Community Link Working, as set out within the Primary Care Development Plan
  - Community Led Support, recently supported by the Leadership Fund to facilitate asset based assessment and support approaches.
- 5.3 It is recognised that all work strands must have a clear role and remit to ensure that there is synergy and to avoid duplication. Representatives from the HSCP, Falkirk Council Community Learning & Development and CVS Falkirk have been working together to scope out all provision.
- 5.3 The community development resource approved by the IJB in October 2018, is intended to develop resilience and capacity within the community. People will be supported to engage and participate in community activities, which in turn will form a sustainable foundation for further initiatives such as Community Link Work and Community Led Support. Both of these require people to be ready and able to get involved through, for example volunteering or establishing interest groups.

- 5.4 Based on the additional information provided, the initial community development work will now be progressed with the recruitment of 3 workers, as approved by the IJB in October 2018.
- 5.4 As this is a new and fairly complex area of work, which is now progressing at pace, a development session has been agreed with the Strategic Planning Group in March. The purpose of the session will be to provide an overview of the range of work proposed and to help members gain a full understanding of the connections and interdependencies between the different strands of work. The outputs from this work will be reported to a future Board meeting.

## **6. FURTHER REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The IJB was provided with an overview of initiatives supported by Partnership Funding in December 2018. Concern in performance was noted in some initiatives and review work has been progressed as follows:
- Food Buddies: Food Buddies has produced helpful information for older people about a range of issues regarding food. The project intended to develop capacity around food for people over the age of 75 with significant support needs and care providers. Despite significant attempts, no work with care providers has been progressed and participant numbers are low. It is recommended that funding is not continued beyond 31 March 2019. However, if as a result of the community development work, this re-emerges as a proposal with a sustainable solution, a new funding application would be considered.
  - Housing Owls: Housing owls was intended to develop a peer network project where older people would be able to provide their peers with housing options advice. It was initially intended that once established, the peer network could be sustained by the over 50's 'Make it Happen' forum. However, this forum no longer operates. Discussion is ongoing with Housing to explore options to sustain the service. Recommendations regarding future funding will be presented in April 2019.
  - Adapting for Change: Adapting for Change was intended to provide a more streamlined solution to the provision of aids and adaptations across all tenure. Further discussions are required and final recommendations regarding future funding will be presented in April 2019.

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1. This report provides the IJB with further information requested in December 2018 in relation to Community Development, the ARBI service and ongoing review of initiatives concerns have previously been raised regarding performance. All investment included within this report is included within the Partnership Funding Investment Plan 2018-2021.

**Resource Implications**

There are no additional resource implications over and above those reported within the body of the report. Recommendations are made within the limitations of the current Partnership Funding programme.

**Impact on IJB Outcomes and Priorities**

Partnership investment aligns and contributes directly towards local outcomes. The adoption of a strategic commissioning approach to working with Third Sector organisations will further support the delivery of IJB outcomes, in the medium to long-term.

**Legal & Risk Implications**

No legal issues have been identified.

Where a recommendation is being made that will result in service change and therefore impact of services users, their carers or the wider community, a disinvestment impact assessment will be undertaken. Periods of notice and transition will be provided to ensure adequate time is provided to take any mitigating action required.

**Consultation**

Individual initiatives are required to consult and engage with stakeholders during the development and implementation of all services. This forms a condition of award for partnership funding.

**Equalities Assessment**

Allocations of partnership funding directly contribute towards and align with the Strategic Plan and an initial Equalities and Poverty Impact Assessment (EPIA) has been completed. Further EPIA will be undertaken for areas of disinvestment.

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**List of Background Papers:**

IJB Papers regarding Partnership Funding  
Strategic Planning Group minute

