West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for 19 April 2024 call-in deadline 5 p.m. on 30 April 2024

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

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Decision Title & Ref No:	Local Stop Smoking Services and Support Grant Funding PHW1 (24/25)
Cabinet Member responsible for decision	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing (Cllr Bob Lanzer)
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	As part of the government's announcement to create a 'smokefree generation' additional funding has been confirmed for local authority led stop smoking services and support. The funding will be delivered through a new section 31 grant, with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) receiving approximately £1.075 million for the financial year 2024 to 2025. Additional funding has been confirmed for the subsequent 4 years: 2025 to 2026, through to the financial year 2028 to 2029. The exact amount will be confirmed each year. This funding will be ringfenced for WSCC led stop smoking services and support. The government has communicated detailed funding criteria to WSCC through a formal grant agreement process. To receive the funding, the council must maintain its existing spend on stop smoking services, based on the stop smoking service data spend for the year 2022 to 2023 and ensure this level of funding is maintained throughout the whole grant period. The council will also need to comply with the reporting requirements for expenditure related to the stop smoking service by submitting quarterly reports to NHS England. Following this decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, the grant agreement is signed by the Director of Public Health and returned to the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) by the deadline of 24th April 2024 in order for the 2024/25 grant to be awarded.

Decision	The Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing has approved; (1) receipt of Local Stop Smoking Services and Support grant funding, its terms and conditions, as set out in section 1 of the report and the authorisation of the Director of Public Health to sign the letter of agreement required by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID); (2) the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Health to allocate funds in line with government guidance and within the agreed grant criteria; and (3) that further grant receipts and these allocations will be reported through the County Council's Quarterly Performance and Resources Report.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None.
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Background papers	See report for details