

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 12 December 2012	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Cabinet member for Health and Adult Social Care
<b>Report title:</b>		Additional Funding Adult Social Care Innovation Funds 2011/12	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All wards	
<b>From:</b>		Director of Adult Social Care	

## RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Cabinet member approves the recommended additional Innovation Fund Awards as set out in Appendix 1 to the value of £166,300.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. A series of Innovation Fund awards of just under £600,000 were made between October 2011 and March 2012 to support the implementation of the Adult Social Care Vision and the redesign of Older Adult, Mental Health and Learning Disability day services. The Fund was not intended to replace lost statutory funding or continue provision of existing services.
3. Response to these awards from service users, local organisations and existing providers has been very positive and we are already seeing some extremely positive outcomes from the services.
4. In September 2012, as part of its budget review process, the Adult Social Care senior management team agreed to allocate up to a further £200,000 in 2012/13 to extend their capacity of the Fund and so support more people to have increased choice and control over how they live their lives and to be able to contribute to their local community.

## Timescale

5. The Timescale for the release of additional funds is outlined below

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timing</b>
Agreement for additional funds to existing Innovation Fund providers	September & October 2012
Criteria for award agreed and recommendations discussed with Lead Cabinet Member	15 & 29 November 2012
Final agreement of report by Lead Cabinet Member	11 December 2012
IDM report published on Southwark Council website	12 December 2012
Lead Cabinet Member decision	20 December 2012
End of call-in period/ award of grants	4 January 2013

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Eligibility for the Initial Fund and applications received**

6. Voluntary sector organisations, community sector organisations, CO-OPs and private companies were invited to apply for the Innovation Fund. The availability of the Fund was also promoted via the council's website, the 'community4u' website and Community Action Southwark (CAS)'s website.
7. Twenty five organisations were successful in the original round of awards.
8. A total of six separate proposals totalling £166,300 have been recommended for the additional Innovation Fund monies, two of which have not received innovation funding before. A list of the organisations and proposals recommended can be found at Appendix 1.

### **Assessment and proposals for funding**

9. The award criteria for the additional funding was discussed and agreed at Commissioning Managers meetings during September & October following review of the outcomes achieved and take up of the services.
10. The recommendations reflect both additional funding to increase capacity of organisations that were successful in their application whose projects have met clients needs and the council aims; and organisations that just missed out on funding in the original process.
11. The indicative amounts are aimed to reward organisations for the success of their innovation and also to enable organisations that only just missed out on funding the opportunity to start up and run their proposed innovation scheme.
12. A summary of the proposed additional funding was agreed by the Director for Adult Social Care for recommendation to the Lead Cabinet member.

### **Policy implications**

13. The Innovation Fund supports the implementation of the Adult Social Care Vision and supports the Council's Fairer Future Promises.

### **Community impact statement**

14. The reduction in available budget for social care services and the drive towards self managed person budgets will mean changes for individuals in receipt of services and their carers.
15. This is linked to the council's overall statement on equalities as part of the budget strategy, which acknowledged that many of the savings proposals would impact on disabled people, older people and women, as these groups tend to have greater need of public services.
16. The Innovation Fund is a mitigating action that is focused on trying to support organisations to think about ways in which they can become more self-sustaining and support people to live independently and well at home, connecting with their local communities.

17. A key purpose of the Innovation Fund is to support and develop a more effective and sustainable voluntary and community sector at a time when there is less central funding available for the public sector.
18. Guidance notes for the Innovation Fund noted that the diversity of services available was important in supporting the diverse nature of the borough itself, and this would be considered through the decision-making process.
19. It should be noted that the Innovation Fund was not intended to address all of the key impacts and mitigating actions identified or highlighted in the original equality impact assessment. Other actions will be taken forward by alternative routes and considered in detail as appropriate.

### **Overview of equality elements in all bids received**

20. Of the six organisations where funding is proposed all currently provide services based in the borough.
21. One organisation provides services to people with learning disabilities, one to people with learning disabilities and people with severe and enduring mental health conditions, two for people with severe and enduring mental health conditions, one for an organisation that works with older people and two that work across all areas of need.

### **Equality considerations for recommended awards**

22. Recommendations have been made to grant six awards involving seven different organisations.
23. One of the recommendations is for a bid from a partnership. This involves organisations with a shared vision, working together promoting social inclusion and community cohesion delivering effective and efficient services. This is important when we consider the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty (outlined in the Equality Act 2010<sup>1</sup>), which highlights the need to promote community cohesion and foster better relationships between groups with and without protected characteristics.

### **Age**

24. Three of the recommendations are to work with adults aged 18-64, and two to work with people aged 65+. One of the bids also aim to particularly address the needs of young adults going through the transition process from children's services to adult services.

### **Disability**

25. All of the recommended bids are from groups specifically working with either people with learning disabilities; people with multiple and enduring mental illness; people with physical, sensory or neurological disabilities; or older people.
26. In assessing the original bids the Advisory Panel favourably considered bids that

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<sup>1</sup> Equality Act 2010 – Part 11, Chapter 1, 'Public Sector Equality Duty', 149(1)  
[http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/pdfs/ukpga20100015\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/pdfs/ukpga20100015_en.pdf)

work towards treating people, from whatever their background, age or disability, as valued citizens that are integral to the community.

### **Race/ethnicity, Gender/gender identity (incl. gender reassignment), Religion/belief, Sexual orientation**

27. None of the recommended organisations are from BME groups, however all the recommended services work with people from all ethnic backgrounds. All of the initiatives are open to all people regardless of gender, religion/belief, or sexual orientation, all have an ethos of inclusion and human rights and no person would be excluded on any basis.
28. However, organisations would need to make sure they were taking appropriate steps to prevent and address discrimination, considering the different equality strands, as part of the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

### **Pregnancy and maternity and Marriage and civil partnership**

29. These proposals and recommended awards are not expected to have a differential impact on the equality strands of pregnancy and maternity or marriage and civil partnership (as outlined in the Equality Act 2010); consequently it has not been considered in detail here.

### **Legal implications**

30. These additional awards are part of the original Innovation Funds established in 2011/12. They extend the capacity of the Funds. Individual Decision Maker (IDM) approval of the process, criteria and original awards was given prior to the original awards being made.
31. The decision to approve the report recommendations is one which may be taken by the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care in line with the power conferred upon her under Part 3D of the council constitution.

### **Financial implications**

32. IDM reports to establish the principles of the innovation fund were approved in the last financial year and this proposal seeks to continue the success of those IDM's. The recommendation seeks to award £166,300 and there is sufficient approved revenue budget to implement the proposal. The cost centre for the approved budget to support the recommendation is SH682.

### **Consultation**

33. Formal consultation processes on changes to day services have taken place for older people and people with learning disabilities. Consultation on the changes to services for people with lasting and enduring mental health conditions is about to be initiated.
34. The original specification for the innovation fund was agreed following engagement of independent voluntary sector bodies whom are nationally recognised.
35. As stated previously the Advisory Panel included cross-council representation as well as an independent representative from the voluntary sector including

Community Action Southwark (CAS), the NDTI and Independent Age.

## SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

### Departmental Finance Manager (FI:/1004)

36. The financial implications are contained within the report whilst officer time to effect the recommendation will be contained within existing budgeted revenue resources. There are no further financial implications arising from this report.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Adult social care open access services Innovation Fund 2011/12	Adult Social Care Commissioning, Tooley Street	Peta Smith 0207 525 3629
Adult social care Innovation Fund for mental health day opportunities 2011/12	Adult Social Care Commissioning, Tooley Street	Peta Smith 0207 525 3629
Adult social care learning disabilities services Innovation Fund 2011/12	Adult Social Care Commissioning, Tooley Street	Peta Smith 0207 525 3629

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Recommended award proposals

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	Yes	Yes
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