

<b>Report to:</b>	Cabinet	<b>Date of Meeting</b>	1 September 2022
	Council		15 September 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Allocation of Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant		
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Public Health	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cabinet Member - Health and Wellbeing		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	Yes	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	Yes
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

## Summary

To request permission to accept the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant and allocate it accordingly. In February 2022, the Office of Health Inequalities and Disparities (OHID) Department of Health & Social Care announced additional supplemental drugs funding which all Local Authorities are eligible to receive through a Section 31 Grant to support the delivery of the December 2021 national drug strategy. In April, Sefton council received notification of the 3yrs funding from 2022/23 to 2024/25 subject to the submission of a OHID approved plan. The Sefton high level plan and 2022/23 detailed plan has now been approved. Detailed plans outlining the interventions for 2023/24 and 2024/25 will be required to be submitted for approval before the start of each of those years.

Sefton Council will receive this enhanced funding for 3yrs starting from 2022/23. See allocation table below:

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Supplemental Sub Misuse Treatment & Recovery Grant	£1, 002,318	£1,642,287*	£3,169,979*

\* Indicative Figs

## Recommendation(s):

### Cabinet:

- (1) That Council be recommended to approve the acceptance of the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant as detailed within the report.
- (2) Subject to Council approving the acceptance of the Grant, approve the proposed contract variations to the current contracts with CGL and WAwY for the

services to deliver the funded interventions.

(3) Delegate authority to the Head of Health and Wellbeing / Director of Public Health to:

- To issue a contract variation to uplift the contract by an additional £772,068 in the first instance and the uplift for years 2 & 3 by the amounts yet to be determined, with CGL for the provision of Substance Use: Assessment, Treatment and Recovery Services.
- To add via a contract variation an additional £110,250 to the contract with WAwY and uplift any subsequent contracts for years 2 & 3 of the Grant.

### **Council:**

(1) Council be recommended to approve the acceptance of the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant as detailed within the report.

### **Reasons for the Recommendation(s):**

The Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant should be used by LAs to directly address the aims of the treatment and recovery section of the drug strategy. The additional funding should deliver:

- New high-quality treatment places, including:
  - New places for opiate and crack users,
  - a treatment place for every offender with an addiction
  - New treatment places for non-opiate users and alcohol users
  - More young people in treatment
- More people in long-term recovery from substance dependence
- More medical, mental health and other professionals within the drug treatment system
- Additional drug and alcohol and criminal justice workers
- Sufficient commissioning and co-ordinator capacity in every local authority

The expectation is that each local area will deliver against the above aims and meet national reporting and monitoring requirements. In order to achieve these outcomes, it is necessary to transfer funds to the current providers of Substance Use: Assessment, Treatment and Recovery Services and Young People & Families Substance Use Service.

The local intention is to expand the treatment provision within the existing services to improve access by creating more treatment places and improving quality by reducing caseloads; enhance recovery activities and improve the skill mix within the existing workforce.

The allocation is to support a range of Treatment, Assessment and Recovery interventions for the local substance use population via the local services. Many of the

potential beneficiaries have an already established relationship with these services  
The service providers have well established Treatment, Assessment & Recovery pathways in place across the system and are best placed to successfully deliver the interventions.

## Process

The Contract Procedure Rules (CPR) requires authorisation by the Cabinet to allocate £772,068 to the current provider of Substance Use: Assessment, Treatment and Recovery Services, Change, Grow, Live, (CGL) of the £1,002,318 received in year 1 (2022/23) and £110,250 in year 1 (2022/23) to the current provider of Young People & Family Substance Use Service, We Are with You (WAwY) and also funding for subsequent years (amount yet to be determined), for delivery of the OHID approved plans.

Please note should the amount of funding to be transferred for Yr.2 & Yr.3 not meet with the requirements stated below a subsequent report will be submitted for approval.

There is provision for this allocation via a contract variation using Regulation 72 of the Public Contract Regulations which states:

*“Contracts and framework agreements may be modified without a new procurement procedure in accordance with this Part in any of the following cases:*

**(c) where all of the following conditions are fulfilled: —**

- (i) the need for modification has been brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority could not have foreseen;
- (ii) the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract;
- (iii) any increase in price does not exceed 50% of the value of the original contract or framework agreement.

The Grant funding could not have been envisaged when the Council originally procured these services that were advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and the Find a Tender Service (FTS) respectively. The 3-year funding opportunity was only announced in Q4 of 2021/22. Both contracts had been procured and awarded prior to Q4 of 2021/22.

The allocation is to support a range of Treatment, Assessment and Recovery interventions for the local substance use population aligned to the current local services offer.

The additional grant funding does not exceed 50% of the original contract annual value and remains within the original advertised scope of the contract.

## **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:** (including any Risk Implications)

The only other option would be to procure other providers to deliver against the additional funding and this has been rejected due to economic and operational reasons. To commission other substance use services to meet the aims of the Grant would be a

duplication of existing service provision, duplication of some costs and any economies of scale will be lost.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

Full costs of the proposed interventions will be covered by external Dept of Health & Social Care Section 31 Grant Funding.

**(B) Capital Costs**

None

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<p><b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b>                  External grant funding has been received from Department of Health &amp; Social Care which will cover the costs of the proposed delivery of the interventions by the services. Detailed one-year plans will be required to be submitted and approved for receipt of indicated grant funding for 2023/4 and 2024/5.</p>									
<p><b>Legal Implications:</b>                  The Procurement Legislative Framework and the Council’s Contract Procedure Rules and Finance Procedure Rules.</p> <p>Sefton Council will agree contract variations with CGL and WAwY in the first instance, subject to the terms and conditions of the existing contracts to ensure delivery of expected outcomes against deliverable activities.</p>									
<p><b>Equality Implications:</b>                  There are no equality implications.</p>									
<p><b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b></p> <p>The recommendations within this report will</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Have a positive impact</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Have a neutral impact</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Have a negative impact</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors</td> <td>N</td> </tr> </table> <p>The proposed contract variations to the current contracts with CGL and WAwY for the services to deliver the funded interventions will have a neutral impact.</p>		Have a positive impact	N	Have a neutral impact	Y	Have a negative impact	N	The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	N
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**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable: Investment in drug service interventions to support Sefton residents effected by substance use.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Investment in drug service interventions

to support communities from the direct and indirect impacts of substance use.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not applicable
Drivers of change and reform: A new 10year National Drugs Strategy
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable

### **What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

#### **(A) Internal Consultations**

The Executive Director Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.6884/22) and Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD. 5084/22) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing and Executive Director (People) have been consulted.

#### **(B) External Consultations**

Discussion of the proposed plans with service providers CGL and WAWY.

#### **Implementation Date for the Decision**

Immediately following the Committee / Council meeting.

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#### **Appendices:**

There are no appendices

#### **Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

## 1. Background

Sefton Council have been successful in securing an estimated £5,814,584 of external grant funding over a 3-year period from Dept of Health & Social Care. The funding will be used to deliver a range of interventions to support people who use drugs and alcohol, and contribute to improving outcomes for them, their families, and the wider community. Delivery of outcomes will be monitored nationally via the National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS) and OHID.

## 2. The Proposal

2.1 Sefton's plans have been developed in collaboration with people from across the local substance use treatment pathway and reflects identified gaps and areas of need. The Sefton plan has been approved by OHID.

## 3. Breakdown of Interventions

3.1 Year 1 Funding will be split between CGL, Sefton Council and We Are with You. details outlined below.

Organisation	Funding -Yr 1	Funded Intervention
<b>Change, Grow, Live (CGL)</b>	£772,068	More treatment places & increased staffing to reduce caseloads. Broaden the skill mix within workforce.
		Naloxone Provision
		Outreach
		Novel Long Lasting Opiate Substitute Treatment Pilot
		Needle Exchange
		Increased mental health support in service
		Continuity of care from non-criminal justice settings
		Recovery communities and peer support networks
<b>Young People &amp; Families Service (We Are with You)</b>	£110,250	Expansion of Young People's support places
<b>Sefton Council</b>	45k	Commissioning Support, monitoring & BI
<b>Sefton Council</b>	75k	Residential Rehab Placements

## 4. Next Steps

4.1 A memorandum of understanding will be signed between Sefton Council and OHID which outlines expected outcomes and the funding allocation.

A contract variation to be drafted and signed by both parties and added to the existing sealed contract with Change, Grow, Live (CGL).

A contract variation to be drafted and signed by both parties and added to the sealed contract with We Are with You (WAwY) for 2022-23. The Provider maybe subject to change in years 2 & 3.

Detailed one-year plans outlining interventions for 2023/24 and 2024/25 will be required to be submitted to OHID before the start of each of those years for approval and receipt of years 2 and 3 funding as indicated in the summary table above.