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Report Title	Grants
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Consultation Checklist Completed	Yes
Directions Required	Yes
Appendices	A) Direction to ACC B) Business Case C) Business Case D) Business Case E) Procurement plan

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to ask the Integration Joint Board (IJB) to direct Aberdeen City Council (ACC) to extend grant funding arrangements. The report also advises the IJB of the key focus of attention expected of providers during this time, and the opportunities that this offers to support the delivery



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of the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP) strategic aims, and transformational activity.

2. Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- a) approves the expenditure for the Third sector interface as set out in Appendix A and business case in appendix B
- b) approves the expenditure for the Independent social care sector representative as set out in Appendix A and business case in appendix C
- c) approves the expenditure for four counselling services and a transport service, as set out in Appendix A and business case in appendix D
- d) Make the Direction in Appendix A to Aberdeen City Council and instructs the Chief Officer to issue that Direction to Aberdeen City Council.

3. Summary of Key Information

3.1 The role of Third sector interface is to ensure third sector engagement and build capacity for the transformational change within five programmes of work which were aligned to the ACHSCP strategic plan and included; demand management, early intervention and prevention, digital and data, conditions for change and infrastructure. The 'provider' has delivered on the broad aims of the business case since this time. Working more closely in partnership with other stakeholders including the ACHSCP, they continue to support market facilitation opportunities, and actively represent the third sector during discussion and planning with the ACHSCP. Historically the grant funding for the third sector interface has been for three years, however given the anticipated creation of a National Care Service which is anticipated by 2026, a two-year extension from 2023-2025 is considered appropriate at this stage.

3.2 The independent social care sector representative provide support on five programmes of work engaging the social care sector and build capacity for the transformational change including: Demand Management, Early intervention and prevention, Digital and data, Conditions for change and infrastructure. These programmes of work align closely to the Strategic priorities of the ACHSCP Strategic Plan for 2022-2025 including, Caring



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together, Keeping people safe at home, Preventing ill health and Achieve fulfilling, healthy lives. The sector representative has worked broadly to deliver on the business case and would like to continue to embed the work longer term. In previous years the grant funding for the independent sector has been for three years, however given the anticipated formation of the National Care Service, which is anticipated by 2026, a shorted period of funding from 2023-2025 is considered appropriate.

- 3.3. Grant funding arrangements have been in place for four organisations for the delivery of counselling and transport services for several years and will be reviewed 2023/2024 in line with the objectives of the ACHSCP Strategic Plan.
- 3.4. In Spring 2023 the Commissioning Lead will hold a set of engagement events with the counselling services together to develop a stronger collective ethos around counselling services aligned to the ACHSCP Strategic Plan. The intent is to initially explore with a view to developing an alliance contractual agreement as detailed in the ACHSCP Strategic Plan.
- 3.5. The work to look at a transport solution across Grampian was planned to commence in 2020 but due to the pandemic this piece of work didn't take place. Additional funding via this grant contribution for this service will enable this work to happen.
- 3.6. The Commissioning Lead meet with the Grant providers every quarter to build and maintain relationships, keep abreast of developments and monitor impact and outcomes against the key deliverables.

4. Implications for IJB

- 4.1 **Equalities** - All decisions are made taking equality factors into account. There are no specific equality implications with this report.
- 4.2 **Fairer Scotland** – There are no direct implications for our Fairer Scotland Duty as a result of the recommendation in this report.
- 4.3 **Financial** - Expenditure is within identified current budgets and is built into the Medium-Term Financial Forecast for 2023. There are no specific



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financial implications arising from this report, other than the ongoing grant which can be funded from within current budgets.

4.4 Workforce - There are no specific workforce implications arising from this report.

4.5 Legal - There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. All legal requirements in terms of procurement legislation will be met.

4.6 Other – Nil

5. Links to ACHSCP Strategic Plan

5.1 This report links to many aims within the strategic plan including:

- Explore opportunities for working with those on waiting lists to help support them while they wait, or divert them from the list
- Develop and implement a volunteer protocol and pathway with a view to growing and valuing volunteering within the health and social care system
- Continue to support initiatives supporting staff health and wellbeing
- Seek to expand the use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC) throughout Aberdeen

6. Management of Risk

6.1 Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register: These proposals are linked to Risk 1 on the Strategic Risk Register - Market Sustainability

6.2 How might the content of this report impact or mitigate these risks: By strengthening the partnership working between ACVO, Scottish Care, Counselling services and Transport services and the ACHSCP, and by aligning this relationship around the key deliverables it is anticipated that the market will prioritise its activity appropriately and be strengthened through this alignment.

Approvals	
	<p>Sandra MacLeod (Chief Officer)</p>



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Paul Mitchell (Chief Finance Officer)
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