

To:  
Councillor M Worby, Chair of Health & Wellbeing  
Board  
Councillor P Robinson, Chair of the Health  
Scrutiny Committee

Date: 21 December 2021

Dear Councillors

**Urgent Action under Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Constitution – Better Care Fund 2021/22**

I am writing to you in your respective capacities to advise that I have taken urgent action under the provisions of Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Constitution in order to approve the Barking, Havering and Redbridge Better Care Fund submission for 2021/22.

As the attached report explains, local authorities and CCG's were issued with guidance on 30 September 2021 regarding Better Care Fund submissions for 2021/22 and given just six weeks to make their respective submissions. Working closely with colleagues from Havering and Redbridge Councils and the CCG, LBBB officers completed the narrative document and planning template required by NHS England and submitted the documentation by the initial 16 November 2021 deadline.

Due to the extremely tight timescale, it was not possible to present the proposed submission to the last meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board and NHS England has set a deadline of 11 January 2022 for the formal sign-off by HWBBs, which is the day before the next scheduled meeting of the HWBB. In the circumstances, I have agreed that it is in the Board's best interests to deal with the matter under the Urgent Action provisions.

This letter also acknowledges that the General Exception provisions under Part 2, Chapter 17, paragraph 14 of the Constitution have been applied as the matter, which qualifies as a 'key decision', had not been publicised in advance on the Board's Forward Plan in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

In line with procedures, details of this urgent action will be reported to the HWBB on 12 January.

Yours sincerely,



**Claire Symonds**  
**Interim Chief Executive &**  
**Managing Director**

cc: Elaine Allegetti, Louise Hider-Davies, Fiona Taylor

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