

## HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

12 January 2022

<b>Title:</b> Urgent Action: Better Care Fund 2021/22	
<b>Report of the Strategic Director, Children and Adults</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> None	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Summary:</b>  <p>Local authorities and CCG's were issued with guidance on 30 September 2021 regarding Better Care Fund (BCF) 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, LBBD officers completed the narrative document and planning template required by NHS England and submitted the Barking, Havering and Redbridge BCF submission for 2021/22 by the initial 16 November 2021 deadline.</p> <p>Due to the extremely tight timescale, it was not possible to present the proposed submission to the last meeting of the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board and NHS England had set a deadline of 11 January 2022 for the formal sign-off by HWBBs, which was the day before the next scheduled meeting of the HWBB.</p> <p>In the circumstances, the Council's Chief Executive agreed that it would be appropriate to approve the BCF 2021/22 under the Urgent Action provisions of Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Council's Constitution. It was also necessary to apply the General Exception provision set out in Part 2, Chapter 17, paragraph 14 of the Constitution as the matter qualified as a 'key decision' but had not been publicised in advance on the Forward Plan in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>In line with the Urgent Action and General Exception provisions, the Chair of the HWBB and the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the Chief Executive taking the action. The BCF submission was also circulated to all Members of the HWBB for comment prior to approval.</p> <p>The report and supporting documents which formed the basis of the Chief Executive's decision are set out at Annex 1 to this report.</p>	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	

The HWBB is asked to note the action taken by the Council's Chief Executive, in accordance with the Urgent Action procedures set out in Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 and the General Exception provision under Part 2, Chapter 17, paragraph 14 of the Council Constitution, in relation to approving the BHR Better Care Fund submission for 2021/22.

### **Reasons**

To accord with the requirements of the urgency procedures contained within the Council Constitution.

### **Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:**

- Letter signed by LBBB Chief Executive dated 21 December 2021 entitled "Urgent Action under Part 2, Chapter 16, paragraph 4 of the Constitution – Better Care Fund 2021/22"  
(<https://modgov.lbbd.gov.uk/Internet/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=14752>)

### **List of appendices:**

- **Annex 1** - Report and supporting papers entitled "Better Care Fund 2021/22"