

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION



REPORT OF:	Executive Member for Resources Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care Executive Member for Leisure & Culture
LEAD OFFICERS:	Director of Digital and Business Change Director of Public Health
DATE:	25/03/2019

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:	Leisure & Culture Health and Adult Social Care Resources
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All Blackburn Central

SUBJECT: Proposal for a Digital Health & Care Hub in Blackburn Central Library

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform the Executive members for Resources, Health, Adult Social Care and Leisure, Culture and Young People of the proposal to create a digital health and care hub in Blackburn Central Library as detailed in this paper.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:
Authorises the Director of Digital & Business Change to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Good Things Foundation to receive agreed funding and to begin implementation of the new hub working with Public Health and Library Services.

3. BACKGROUND

Increasingly people are self-managing long term health, care, wellness and long term complex needs using online tools and mobile apps. The new, joint Pennine Lancashire health and care plan 'Together a healthier future' aims to give people greater control over their health and care using digital tools. People can already book online GP appointments, repeat medications and view GP records online or through an app or websites in Blackburn with Darwen. As the technology improves across public services, people will in future be able to view their own detailed care plans and interact with NHS and care services through new digital channels, with an aim of improving lives and experiences.

The proposed digital health hub aims to help the people who need this technology the most to embrace the opportunities offered. The hub will provide coaching, education and showcase digital devices and apps to help local people learn and use these new tools to manage their health and wellness. We are working on this with partners across different sectors of care including the NHS.

After an expression of interest was submitted, the council are one of 5 areas nationally to receive an offer of £25,000 to implement the hub by NHS Digital and The Good Things Foundation to promote digital inclusion. We will co-design the first hub with local people who use it, starting small and developing the offer throughout the year (2019/2020).

The digital health hub will utilise the 'Curve' breakout space in the library which currently houses vending machines and some soft seating. The plans are to relocate the vending machines and increase the seating available in the space as well as introducing some child friendly seating. Library services will manage the implementation working with wellbeing services.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

There are no identified risks with this scheme. The new health hub will reduce the risk of people being unable to embrace new digital tools to manage their health and improve outcomes. There will be additional seating available for people already using the Curve space in the library.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No known policy implications.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The implementation of the digital health hub will be fully funded by £25,000 of grant funding from The Good Things Foundation after a successful council expression of interest. The funding will be transferred to the council in three phases throughout 2019/2020.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal services will advise upon the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The digital health hub will utilise existing resources across the local health and care system, including existing wellbeing staff and library services. No additional resources are being sought.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

Meetings have taken place to formulate plans with multiple stakeholders across the council, NHS and other sectors.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	