

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE CABINET PANEL
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BIDS TO INVEST TO TRANSFORM (ITT) FUND

Report of the Director of Resources

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To set out the current position regarding the ITT fund and so provide the context in which new bids are to be considered.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The ITT fund has been set up to support significant service transformation where this is not part of the usual funding provided through the budget.
- 2.2 Inevitably, proposals for use of ITT will be made at different times, based on the relative complexity of the proposals and the speed with which they can be progressed. Therefore, this paper seeks to make Members aware of the wider context of potential future bids into the fund to inform consideration of schemes requested to be approved.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 To note the current position on bids to the ITT fund and also the financial context in which any proposals for further commitment against the ITT fund will be made.

4. Background

- 4.1 The projected closing balance at the end of 2018/19 is £18.0m. Taking into account the projected future costs of all schemes currently agreed, the uncommitted balance on the ITT fund is currently £16.9m. (This includes the recent decision on provision of £4.9m support to Adult Care Services for transformation/implementation capacity.)
- 4.2 Two schemes further are proposed to be supported through the ITT fund, which are

- Herts Full Stop (£2.0m). This will be considered by Cabinet on 18 June 2018,
- SEND service transformation (£3.0m). This will be considered by Cabinet on 9 July 2018.

If approved, the uncommitted balance on the fund would be reduced to £11.9m. (These amounts are not expected to be repaid into the fund, but will support delivery of identified future Integrated Plan (IP) savings.)

4.3 Further schemes are also anticipated which are not included in these figures, notably

- Libraries alternative delivery model,
- Alternative arrangements for Music teaching.

4.4 It should also be noted that potential further schemes may also need to be funded from ITT, which include

- further development of trading company arrangements
- the reprovion of the shared managed services contract and SAP reprovion
- specialist advice on management of future transport costs. These are not yet clearly defined proposals and so are not shown in the list of potential future costs shown above, but the Panel should note that costs are expected to be significant.

4.5 Current estimates indicate that the ITT fund as it stands should be able to cover such costs, although this may require further review.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The subject of the report. If the additional proposals made in accompanying reports are agreed, then the impact on the fund will be as set out above.

6. Equality Implications

6.1 When considering proposals placed before Members it is important that they are fully aware of, and have themselves rigorously considered the Equality implications of the decision that they are making.

6.2 Rigorous consideration will ensure that proper appreciation of any potential impact of that decision on the county council's statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty. As a minimum this requires decision makers to read and carefully consider the content of any Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) produced by officers.

6.3 The Equality Act 2010 requires the county council when exercising its functions to have due regard to the need to (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act; (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and

(c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 are age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion and belief, sex and sexual orientation.

- 6.4 An Equalities Impact Assessments (EqIAs) has not been completed for this report as it is purely for information. Relevant equalities impacts are reflected in the specific reports requesting approval for projects to be funded from the ITT fund.

Background Information

None