DECISION-MAKER:		HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
SUBJECT:		SOUTHAMPTON HEADSTART PROGRAMME BRIEFING PAPER			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY					
None					

#### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

This paper provides a brief overview of an application by the Council in respect of a national Big Lottery Fund programme called HeadStart. Southampton has been selected as one of 12 pilot areas across the England to take part in a one year programme, with funding of up to £0.5m, subject to the development of a local partnership based approach. The HeadStart programme will provide funding for a range of activities to improve the mental and emotional resilience of 10-14 year olds in relation to challenging life events with a view to improving their long term mental health. The report sets out the key areas of activity where Southampton is looking to develop its first year programme, and the key milestones and deadlines relating to the first year of the programme, and in relation to the selection process for a second phase of HeadStart, which could secure funding for a programme across a further five years.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) That the Health and Wellbeing Board welcomes that Southampton has confirmed its potential interest in developing a proposal to be part of the HeadStart Programme, and notes that Cabinet approval to submit an application for the Year one programme will be needed in advance of the April 17 deadline for year one applications.
- (ii) That the Health and Wellbeing Board suggest any broader partnership involvement and participation that would help further enrich the balance and reach of the Partnership working to develop Southampton's Year one HeadStart programme.

## REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. There are a number of outcome measures relating to outcomes for children and young people: fixed term exclusions from school, persistent absence, hospital admissions for self harm, high levels of demand for children's social

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care support which are indicative of many Southampton children facing challenging childhoods. This programme has the potential to develop interventions, self help resources and workforce skills that will help equip more of our children to successfully face challenges in their personal lives and still thrive as they enter adult life. Successfully helping children early on will improve their outcomes and should reduce future demand for some adult mental health services.

2. There is significant support from local partners in health services, children and family services, schools, the voluntary sector and other services working with children and young people for the idea that this initiative will dovetail well with the City's aspiration to become an early intervention City. For this, and the reasons set out in 1. above, the Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note and support

#### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. The Council could decide not to support the development of a Year one HeadStart programme. This was rejected on the basis that the opportunity will bring significant new and additional needs to help address an acknowledged need in the City.

## **DETAIL** (Including consultation carried out)

- 4. Southampton is one of 12 areas selected by the big Lottery fund to manage a local HeadStart programme. Big Lottery are looking to establish cross sector partnerships aimed at helping young people between the ages of 10 and 14 within the identified area, particularly those most at risk of poor mental health outcomes, with a view to increasing their long term resilience in relation to mental and emotional health.
- 5. The initial 12 areas were guaranteed funding for development funding to support them in the costs of developing a Year 1 programme for formal consideration by the Big Lottery Fund. Qualification for this initial development funding (up to £10,000) was dependent upon:
  - 1. Arrange a local workshop, facilitated by the Big Lottery Fund. In Southampton this was held on 9 January, and was well attended and supported by participants from a range of Council services and service partners, schools, health service commissioners and providers, voluntary sector partners and the universities.
  - 2. Submission of an initial application for participation in the programme that set out our local partnership approach and vision by 17 January 2014. This is under development at the time of writing, but will be available for the Health and Wellbeing Board by the time it meets.
- 6. This development funding is intended to help Southampton in developing a multi agency partnership approach, involve and engage children and young people in the City as to their needs, and articulate Southampton's vision for its HeadStart Year one programme.
- 7. Following this development work, a Stage 2 application will need to be submitted by the Partnership, for which the Council is the lead and accountable organisation, setting out the activity planned for the Year one

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HeadStart Programme, and how this will facilitate significant improvements in the mental and emotional health resilience of 10-14 year olds in lasting ways. The deadline for the submission of this Year one programme 17 April 2014. The Southampton HeadStart programme can set out a programme requesting funding contributions of up to £0.5m from Big Lottery. A decision upon the outcome of the Southampton programme, and the level of funding approved for it will be made by the end of June 2014.

- 8. Big Lottery would like Year one activities to start during July 2014. The funding for Year one activities will run until the end of August 2015, so financial profiling for commissioning and budgeting for the programme will need to run across 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- 9. If successful in its application for a Year one programme, Southampton will be invited to submit a further application for consideration to be one of five or six of the original 12 areas for a further five years funding, in an expanded programme worth up to £10m total investment from Big Lottery.
- 10. The Council, on behalf of the local HeadStart partnership, will need to complete a more detailed application for its proposed 2015-2020 programme by 5 December 2014. A decision on which areas will be included in the extended programme will be made by the end of March 2015.
- 11. If successful in becoming part of the extended programme, this would formally start on 1 September 2015, running up until the end of August 2020.
- 12. A key part of the Big Lottery Fund's focus during year one will be upon early clarification around how the impact of the programme will be measured. As our application for inclusion in the extended programme will be a priority to realise the full potential benefit of this opportunity to support and transform the long term mental health and wellbeing of the City's young people, we will need to identify a range of measures that help us to robustly capture and demonstrate this benefit.
- 13. The initial management and co-ordination of the Southampton programme is being co-ordinated through the Integrated Commissioning Unit, on behalf of the City's Public Health team. The initial lead officer is Tim Davis, Senior Commissioner for Healthy Lives.

#### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

## **Capital/Revenue**

- 14. The year 1 programme has an indicative resource allocation of up to £500,000 to fund programme related activities which will run between July 2014 and August 2015.
- 15. If Southampton is selected for inclusion in the extended programme, funding for the total programme (over a further 5 years) expands to up to £10m (approximately £1.9m per year). The intention is that this will be additional funding and not core funding for existing CAMHS services. If successful however, it should be anticipated that one benefit of the HeadStart programme would be a long term reduction in demand for CAMHS services for 14-19 year olds. At a strategic level this may provide either savings and/or sustainability funding for a longer term replacement for the 10-14 CAMHS activities funded through the HeadStart programme when it ends in 2020.

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16. This briefing paper sets out very high level financial implications for the programme and has not benefited from detailed input from City Council or Southampton City CCG finance support. The Stage 2 application will require more detailed nominated support from Finance Teams.

## **Property/Other**

17. Not applicable.

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

# Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

18. At this point the Council would be providing a leadership role in relation to the Southampton HeadStart partnership on whose behalf it is leading any future application under its general power of competence from the Localism Act 2011.

# Other Legal Implications:

Not applicable

# POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

**KEY DECISION?** No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: All	
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# **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

## **Appendices**

1.	Southampton HeadStart Stage 1 Application for Development Funding (available after 17 January)
2.	Report on Southampton HeadStart Investment Workshop on 9 Jaunary (available after 17 January)

#### **Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None
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## **Equality Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact	No
Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	

## **Other Background Documents**

# Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

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