

Report to Executive

Meeting Date: 20th December 2021
 Portfolio: Finance, Governance & Resources
 Key Decision: KD
 Within Policy and Budget Framework: Yes
 Public / Private: Public

Title: RELEASE AND REPAYMENT TERMS OF THE ONE PUBLIC ESTATE SUSTAINABLE GRANT PROVISION
 Report of: The Deputy Chief Executive
 Report Number: CS 48/21

Purpose / Summary:

The purpose of the report is to seek Executive approval to act as Lead Body (equivalent to Accountable Body) on the Cumbria One Public Estate sustainable grant funding project and agree to release grant funds in the manner set out in this report and the appended draft grant funding agreement.

Recommendations:

1. That the Executive gives authority for the Council to act as Lead Body (equivalent to Accountable Body) on the Cumbria OPE 8 sustainable grant funding project to deliver NHS services within local authority owned leisure facilities.
2. That the Executive reviews the proposed arrangements set out in this report and the appended grant funding agreement and approves the release of OPE funds to enable timely delivery of the project objectives.
3. That the Executive agrees to delegate the approval of future grant funds and repayment arrangements under this OPE round to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Resources.

Tracking

Executive:	20 th December 2021
Scrutiny:	
Council:	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The One Public Estate (OPE) programme is a partnership between the Office of Government Property (OGP) in the Cabinet Office, the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). The collective aim of the partnership is to bring public sector bodies together; to create better places by using public assets more efficiently, creating service and financial benefits for partners; and releasing public land for housing and development.
- 1.2 The OPE programme provides revenue support plus expertise to locally led OPE partnerships to achieve these ambitions. The benefits of this work have already been established in Cumbria with each partner joining the Government's national public property database / GIS tool (ePIMS) and the delivery of a range of small scale projects that meet the ambitions of this programme.
- 1.3 The District Councils, Cumbria County Council and other partners represented on the Cumbria Chief Executives Group have continued to work on the Government's OPE programme following an initial successful application for £120,000 from the last phase of this initiative. This initial grant was accepted by Carlisle City Council in March 2019 (via an Officer Decision Notice) and was used to develop the programme and support such projects as the Citadel's Borderlands development.
- 1.4 During late 2019 the OPE Cumbria Partnership applied for further funding under ninth round of the programme. This application was approved and an award of £360,000 was made to our partnership to assist with the delivery of the programme. This award was also accepted via an Officer Decision Notice in February 2021. The allocation and grant arrangements for this project are proposed to be via the OPE Programme Board with Carlisle City Council acting as the accountable body.
- 1.5 Of the £360,000 partnership funding, £60,000 has been applied to programme delivery costs with the remainder being offered as a sustainable grant (interest free, but repayable by end of March 2024) to projects that sought to bring together NHS and leisure providers, who could share facilities, deliver treatment and rehabilitation services at leisure sites and potentially re-use vacated NHS space for other patient provision. The delivery of these projects could bring significant benefits to both NHS providers and local authority leisure operators by combining treatment, rehabilitation and long term population health programmes and services.

- 1.6 To date one scheme has been developed by Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust, South Lakeland District Council and GLL. This project now requires the release of £60,000 to meet the costs of delivering capital works at Kendal Leisure Centre. To ensure any risks associated with releasing these funds (namely non or late repayment, insufficient or inappropriate funding claims) are managed correctly a grant funding agreement has been developed to govern the transaction.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The scheme described above in 1.4 now requires the release of funds from the £300,000 partnership funding currently being held by Carlisle City Council. To facilitate this release and protect the Council from risks associated with the repayment of the sustainable grant a Grant Funding Agreement has been drafted to ensure good governance and bind the receiving body (Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust) to repaying this grant before the City Council is required to repay this to OPE.
- 2.2 Although this first grant allocation does not exceed the value for an Executive Key Decision, allocation the full grant of £300,000 would necessitate agreement by the Executive. In addition to the potential full allocation of this sustainable grant, it is also important to draw attention the risks associated with the repayment of the grant back to OPE (a part of the Cabinet Office). These risks (largely related to non-repayment by a third party) are to be governed a Grant Funding Agreement based on the example attached for this first payment. It is proposed that this agreement is used as the basis for any future grant payments under this particular OPE programme and that authorisation to sign off any future grant funding agreements is delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and Resources.

3. RISKS

- 3.1 There is a risk that the Council allocate resources to a third party under this OPE programme and those parties fail to repay this grant prior to the end of March 2024. This risk will be mitigated by the production and agreement of a Grant Funding Agreement binding the recipient to a repayment schedule / deadline.

4. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The OPE programme represents an important step forward in determining the future use of public sector assets and property. This OPE grant provides a key opportunity

to develop new joint service arrangements that will support the county Public Health Strategy and more efficient property use arrangements.

- 4.2 The risks associated with the allocation of these grants will be mitigated by the deployment of a Grant Funding Agreement to govern the payment and repayment of the funds.

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**Appendices
attached to report:**

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- **None**

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL – The Council’s Financial Procedure Rules require authority of the Executive to take on the role of Accountable Body. Delivery of the grant to the grantee will be by way of Grant Funding Agreement rather than a Memorandum of Understanding. This will best protect the Council’s position and ensure recoument of the funds from the grantee in due course.

FINANCE – The report clearly sets out the financial transactions relating to the specific OPE grant funding received; with £300,000 being received as a sustainable grant meaning that it is repayable to the Government by 2024. Irrespective of who spends the funds, with OPE8 (Schedule 1 of the attached draft Grant Funding Agreement (GFA)) clearly defining the purpose and the eligibility criteria, the City Council, as the Accountable Body, will be liable for the repayment. The GFA mitigates the risk of non-payment by the end recipient but the Executive must recognise this element of risk and also be aware of the risks and benefits before agreeing to act as the Accountable Body for any grants received via the OPE programme.

EQUALITY –

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE –

DATED

2021

GRANT AGREEMENT

between

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARLISLE

and

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF MORECAMBE BAY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

THIS DEED is dated

PARTIES

- (1) The Council of the City of Carlisle, whose principal address is at Civic Centre, Rickergate, Carlisle CA3 8QG (**Funder**).
- (2) University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust whose principal address is at Westmorland General Hospital, Burton Road, Kendal, LA9 7RG (**Recipient**).

BACKGROUND

- (A) The Recipient is the NHS Trust for the district of South Lakeland District Council within which the Premises are situated.
- (B) The Funder is the lead authority for the Cumbria Partnership One Public Estate programme (**OPE**) and is responsible for all OPE programme activity. The Cumbria Partnership has been awarded the sum of £300,000 sustainable grant funding to co-locate NHS musculoskeletal physiotherapists into publicly owned buildings across the County (**the Project**). The funding for the Project forms part of this award (**the Grant**).
- (C) The Project was approved by the Executive of the Funder on 13th August 2021.
- (D) The Funder has agreed to pay the Grant to the Recipient to assist it in carrying out the Project.
- (E) This Agreement sets out the terms and conditions on which the Grant is made by the Funder to the Recipient.
- (F) These terms and conditions are intended to ensure that the Grant is
 - (a) used for the purpose for which it is awarded; and
 - (b) repaid in accordance with the terms of OPE8.

AGREED TERMS

1. Definitions

1.1 In this Agreement the following terms shall have the following meanings:

The "**Funder**" means Carlisle City Council

The "**Funding Period**" means 1st April 2021 to 31 March 2024

The "**Grant**" means the monies payable by the Funder to the Recipient under the terms of this Grant Agreement, the amount of which (the "**Grant Amount**") shall not be more than £60,000.

"**Procurement Legislation**" means all applicable directives, statutes, regulations, policies and guidance relating to the procurement of supplies, services and works for the public sector, including but not limited to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016, the Concession Contracts Regulations 2016, any replacement legislation and any related legislation.

The "**Purpose**" means that detailed in Schedule 1.

The "**Recipient**" means University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust.

1.1 References to any statute or subordinate legislation in this Grant Agreement include references to any amendments or replacements to the statute or sub-ordinate legislation that may be enacted from time to time.

2. Terms and conditions

Grant Offer

2.1 Subject to the Recipient complying with the terms and conditions set out in this Grant Agreement, the Funder offers to pay the Grant to the Recipient as a contribution towards eligible expenditure.

2.2 The Recipient acknowledges that the Funder agrees to fund it only for the Grant Amount, for the Funding Period and for the Purpose specified in this Grant Agreement.

Purpose and extent of the Grant

2.3 The Recipient may not use the Grant for any activities other than the Purpose, or as approved in writing by the Funder.

Amount of the Grant

2.4 The Funder has agreed funding of up to the Grant Amount, subject to compliance by the Recipient with the terms of this Grant Agreement.

Timing of the Grant

2.5 Payment will be made upon receipt by the Funder of an invoice including details of the eligible expenditure incurred

2.6 In order for payment to be made, the Funder will require the Recipient to:

- (a) have signed and returned a copy of this Grant Agreement to the Funder,
- (b) have provided the appropriate bank details, and
- (c) be in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement

2.7 The Funder reserves the right to withhold all or any part of the Grant if the Funder reasonably requests information/documentation from the Recipient and this has not been received by the Funder in the timescales reasonably required.

Eligible expenditure

2.8 Eligible expenditure consists of payments made by the Recipient for the Purpose. Eligible expenditure is net of VAT recoverable by the Recipient from HM Revenue & Customs and gross of irrecoverable VAT.

2.9 The Recipient shall account for the Grant on an accruals basis. This requires the cost of goods or services to be recognised when the goods or services are received, rather than when they are paid for.

Managing the Grant

- 2.10 Each party must notify the other of:
- (a) the nominated person who will act as the party's authorised representative; and
 - (b) the contact details of the authorised representative and any deputies.
- 2.11 The Funder may ask the Recipient to clarify information related to the Purpose. If so, the Recipient shall comply with any reasonable request within the timescales reasonably provided.
- 2.12 An end of funding monitoring report (also referred to as an "outturn statement") shall be submitted by the Recipient to the Funder on or before the end of the Funding Period. This report must:
- (a) be signed by a Treasurer, Finance Officer or equivalent; and
 - (b) contain a detailed breakdown of expenditure for the entire Funding Period and monitoring information against the outcomes set out in Schedule 1.
- 2.13 The Funder may, in addition, ask the Recipient to provide it with forecast outturn information for the financial year end. If so, the Recipient shall comply with any reasonable request.
- 2.14 The Recipient must notify the Funder as soon as reasonably practicable that an underspend is forecast.
- 2.15 Any underspend of Grant funds must be returned to the Funder before the end of the Funding Period.
- 2.16 If an overpayment of the Grant has been made, the Funder will notify the Recipient in writing and the Recipient will repayment the amount overpaid within 30 days of notification.
- 2.17 The Recipient may not vire funds between this Grant and other grants made to it.
- 2.18 The Recipient's Chief Finance Officer or equivalent shall ensure that appropriate professional arrangements are put in place for the management of the Grant and the reporting of expenditure. The Chief Finance Officer or equivalent shall take all necessary steps to ensure that the Grant is accounted for and monitored separately from the Recipient's other funding streams.
- 2.19 The Recipient undertakes to complete the work for which the Grant is provided. The work should be completed within agreed timescales and within the Funding Period.
- 2.20 The Recipient will recognise OPE in any publicity or literature related to the service. The Recipient shall seek approval from the Funder when acknowledging the Funder's support of its work.

Records to be kept

- 2.21 The Recipient must:
- (a) maintain and operate effective monitoring and financial management systems; and
 - (b) keep a record of expenditure funded partly or wholly by the Grant, and retain all accounting records relating to this for a period of at least six years after the end of the Funding Period. Accounting records include: original invoices, receipts, minutes from meetings, accounts, deeds, and any other relevant documentation, whether in writing or electronic form.
- 2.22 Where the Recipient is working in partnership and its partner(s) wish to retain such documentation, the Recipient should obtain from the partner(s):
- (a) an annual, written statement, signed by the partner's treasurer, of how the money was spent;
and
 - (b) a signed undertaking that the partner will retain such documents for the period prescribed above.
- 2.23 Any funds provided under this Grant Agreement used to purchase capital items must be recorded separately to revenue items and identified on a separate payment request form.

Audit and inspection

- 2.24 The Recipient, without charge, will permit any officer or officers of the Funder, external auditing bodies or their nominees, to visit its premises and/or inspect any of its activities and/or to examine and take copies of the Recipient's books of account and such other documents or records as in such officers' view may relate to the use of Grant. In addition, examinations may be carried out into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Grant has been used. The Funder shall endeavour, but is not obliged, to provide due notice of its intent to conduct an audit.
- 2.25 The value and purpose of this Grant shall be identified separately in the Recipient's audited accounts (or the notes thereto).

Lawful conduct, equal opportunities, use of volunteers and activities funded by the Grant

- 2.26 The Recipient must ensure that all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure that it and anyone acting on its behalf complies with any applicable law for the time being in force (so far as binding on the Recipient).
- 2.27 No part of the Funding may be used towards any activity which is party-political or religious in intention, use, or presentation.

Procurement procedures

- 2.28 The Recipient must secure the best value for money and shall act in a fair, open and non-discriminatory manner in all purchases of goods and services which are purchased in whole or in part by the Funding.
- 2.29 If the Recipient follows a single tender procedure it must provide and document a full justification that can be robustly defended and maintain the relevant documentation on file.
- 2.30 The Recipient must ensure it complies with requirements of Procurement Legislation when procuring works, goods or services as appropriate using the Funding.

Conflict of interest and financial or other irregularities

- 2.31 The Recipient shall implement formal procedures to require all employees, elected members, officers, workers and other persons to declare any personal or financial interest in any matter concerning the use of the Funding and, where necessary, to be excluded from any discussion or decision-making relating to the matter concerned.
- 2.32 If the Recipient has any grounds for suspecting financial irregularity in the use of any Funding paid under this Grant Agreement, it must notify the Funder immediately, explain what steps are being taken to investigate the suspicion, and keep the Funder informed about the progress of the investigation.
- 2.33 For the purposes of Clause 2.33, "financial irregularity" includes fraud or other impropriety, mismanagement, and the use of the Grant for purposes other than those intended by the Funder.

Breach of Grant Conditions

- 2.34 If the Recipient fails to comply with any of the conditions set out in this Grant Agreement, or if any of the events mentioned in Clause 2.35 occur, then the Funder may reduce, suspend, or withhold payments, or require all or any part of the Funding to be repaid. The Recipient must repay any amount required to be repaid under this condition within 30 days of receiving the demand for repayment.
- 2.35 The events referred to in Clause 2.34 are as follows:
- (a) The Recipient purports to transfer or assign any rights, interests or obligations arising under this Grant Agreement without the written agreement in advance of the Funder;

- (b) Any information provided in the application for the Grant (or in a claim for payment) or in any subsequent supporting correspondence is found to be incorrect or incomplete to an extent which the Funder considers to be material;
 - (c) The Recipient takes inadequate measures to investigate and resolve any reported irregularity;
 - (d) The Recipient changes the nature of its operations to the extent which the Funder considers to be significant or prejudicial.
 - (e) The Recipient is subject to a proposal for voluntary arrangement or has a petition for an administration order or a winding-up order brought against it; or passes a resolution to wind-up; or make any composition, arrangement, conveyance or assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or purports to do so; or is subject to the appointment of a receiver, administrator or liquidator.
- 2.36 In the event that it becomes necessary to take steps to enforce the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement, the Funder will write to the Recipient giving particulars of its concern or of any breach of a term or condition of the Grant.
- 2.37 The Recipient must act within 30 days (or earlier, depending on the severity of the problem) to address the Funder's concern or rectify the breach, and may consult the Funder or agree with it an action plan for resolving the problem. If the Funder is not satisfied with steps taken by the Recipient to address its concern or rectify the breach, it may take steps to withhold or suspend the further payment of Grant, or to recover Grant funds already paid.
- 2.38 On termination of this Grant Agreement for any reason, the Recipient shall as soon as reasonably practicable return to the Funder any assets or property or any unused funds (unless the Funder gives its written consent to their retention) then in its possession in connection with this Grant Agreement.

Insurance coverage

- 2.39 The Recipient shall ensure that it has adequate insurance coverage (including but not limited to public liability insurance) in place and shall provide evidence of such insurance to the Funder on request.
- 2.40 Where the Recipient is a public body and has in place appropriate self-insurance arrangements, the Recipient may request, and the Funder, acting reasonably, may agree that the provisions of the Clause 2.39 above shall be waived

Indemnity

- 2.41 The Funder accepts no liability to the Recipient or to any third party for any costs, claims, damage or losses arising from the Project, however incurred, except to the extent that they arise from personal injury or death which is caused by the Funder's negligence.
- 2.42 The Recipient agrees to indemnify the Funder for any costs, claims, damages or losses which arise as a result of negligence by the Recipient or out of any breach by the Recipient of any terms of this Grant Agreement.

Intellectual Property Rights

- 2.43 The Funder will expect or pursue from the Recipient an irrevocable, royalty-free perpetual license regarding the use and sub-license of the use of any material created by the Recipient under the terms of this Grant Agreement if such material was created in furtherance of the Purpose and the Funder wishes to use the material in furtherance of the purpose.
- 2.44 The OPE logo must be used on materials generated pursuant to the Purpose and which is funded by the Grant Amount. Such print material must be agreed by the Funder prior to its use. All media opportunities must be jointly undertaken with the Funder and where possible a media launch should be discussed and undertaken jointly by the Funder.

Funding Period and Termination

- 2.45 The Funder does not commit to renew or continue financial support to the Recipient after the Funding Period.
- 2.46 The Funder may terminate this Agreement forthwith by serving a written notice on the Recipient if:
- (a) the Funding or any part of it is being used for any purpose other than the Purpose set out in this Agreement;
 - (b) The Recipient has made any false, incorrect or misleading statement in order to obtain this grant or has been involved in any illegal activity or improper act in its administration;
 - (c) The Recipient has failed to remedy any breach of this Agreement within 28 days (or such other period as the Funder agrees in writing) of being served with a notice pointing out the breach requiring its rectification.
- 2.47 Any termination of this Agreement will be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the parties under this Agreement or at law and will not affect any accrued rights or liabilities of the parties at the date of termination.

Repayment of the Grant Funding

- 2.48 The Recipient shall repay the whole of the Grant Funding to the Funder in the instalments and no later than the dates which are specified in the table at Schedule 2.

3. Amendments to the Grant Agreement

- 3.1 This Grant Agreement sets out the entire agreement between the parties. They replace all previous negotiations, agreements, understandings and representations between the parties, whether oral or in writing.
- 3.2 Any amendments to this Grant Agreement shall only be valid if they are in writing and signed by an authorised representative of both parties.

4. Freedom of Information

- 4.1 Where applicable, the Recipient and the Funder are required to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "FOI Act"), any subordinate legislation made under the FOI Act and any guidance issued by the Information Funder.
- 4.2 The Recipient agrees to assist and cooperate with the Funder to enable the Funder to comply with its obligations under the FOI Act whenever a request is made for information which relates to or arises out of this Grant Agreement

5. Transparency

- 5.1 The Recipient acknowledges that the Funder shall disclose this agreement and payments made against this grant of value £500 and above, in accordance with the Government's transparency agenda.
- 5.2 No information shall be disclosed if such disclosure would be in breach of the Data Protection Act, or is exempted from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

6. Notices

- 6.1 All notices, invoices and other communications relating to this Grant Agreement shall be in writing and in English and shall be served by a party on the other party at its address shown at the head of this Grant Agreement.

6.2 Notices delivered hereunder shall be deemed to be delivered:

6.2.1 if delivered by hand, upon receipt;

6.2.2 if sent by pre-paid registered first class post (providing it is not returned as undelivered to the sender), two (2) working days after posting.

6.2.3 if sent by electronic mail, on the date of delivery subject to the following conditions:

a) electronic mail should be sent to the Funder at Funder@cumbria-pcc.gov.uk

b) when an electronic mail is sent on a day which is not a working day or after 3:00pm on a working day, the electronic mail is deemed to have been received on the next working day, and

c) each electronic mail containing a formal notice under this Agreement shall be sent with a delivery receipt requested and shall not be deemed to have been received until the sender receives a confirmation delivery receipt.

7. Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

7.1 No person who is not a party to this Grant Agreement shall have the right to enforce any its terms.

8. Governing Law

8.1 This Grant Agreement shall be subject to and construed in accordance with English Law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

The Recipient accepts the offer of Grant contained in this Grant Agreement and agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the Grant on which the offer is made.

On behalf of The City Council of Carlisle

Signature:	
Name:	
Date:	
Position:	

The Recipient's Chief Finance Officer or Authorised Representative-

Signature:	
Name:	Tim Povall
Date:	
Position:	Operational Director of Finance

Bank details for grant payment

Bank name:	RBS
Branch name:	Government Banking Services
Sort code:	60-70-80
Account name:	University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust
Account number:	10009612
Address:	
Post code:	

SCHEDULE 1 – THE PURPOSE

As the OPE8 Prospectus states: The core OPE ethos remains – a locally led programme, bringing national and local public sector partners together to address shared priorities through collaboration across a range of policy agendas, with government recognition, participation and support.

The impact of COVID-19 on our society has been fundamental. As we rebuild our economy, public sector organisations will want to consider their changing property and estate needs. This offers new opportunities for service collaboration across public sector partners and potential for the release of land for housing and economic development.

Reform of Local Government in Cumbria provides a greater role for an OPE approach around property. There are further opportunities to sweat, align and divest assets whilst ensuring a co-ordinated physical and an appropriate geographical public sector presence, access to services and to shape and influence how we use town centres in the future.

OPE sustainable grants need to be repaid in full within a three-year period. Since 2017, OPE has distributed £4.8m in sustainable grants. Returned funds are reinvested into new OPE priorities, helping to sustain the programme.

Repayments may be:

- Directly linked to a specific OPE project or projects where all or part funding is awarded as a sustainable grant.
- An agreed shared proportion across OPE-funded projects, in recognition of their future benefits.
- Linked to wider partnership delivery, covering repayment from other means/projects.

Typical types of OPE funded activity, including sustainable grant are:

- Master planning
- Feasibility studies
- Business case development
- Options appraisals
- Surveys, valuations and design works
- Specialist expertise
- Project management
- Local OPE programme management costs, where there is a strong supporting case.

OPE8 Application for Sustainable Grant

The Cumbria Partnership requested £300k of sustainable grant funding for the further development of the Health and Communities theme of work that began with the co-location of NHS Musculoskeletal (MSK) physios in the Sands Centre in Carlisle in 2017, due to space requirements on

the Cumberland Infirmary Carlisle site for acute care and is now being developed into an integrated service model for roll out across the county and beyond.

This is an exciting and innovative programme of work that aligns with the NHS Confederation's "Health is the New Wealth" and "The role of health and care on the local economy" initiatives that form part of their NHS Reset campaign. These are gaining traction at a national level, especially in response to the impacts of the prolonged Covid-19 pandemic. At a local level, we are aware that Cumbria's hospitals have been full since July 2020, not because of the number of Covid cases, but because of the socially distanced measures and safe working practices that have needed to be put in place between bed spaces and any interaction between patients and their carers, visitors and each other.

A significant programme of work is underway in North Cumbria to move as many outpatient services off the hospital sites as possible to free up vital hospital space for acute care. This totally aligns with the work now being undertaken to map the pathways for more integrated working between Cumbria's leisure service providers and their NHS counterparts, noting that often they have equivalent qualifications, skills and experience. Additionally, there is scope to develop this further into health and wellbeing (including mental health and social care), working alongside local council colleagues. This work is required urgently, noting that whereas leisure centres were temporarily transformed into recovery centres during the initial response to Covid-19 and thankfully were not needed here in Cumbria, leisure centres were closed to the public and 95% of leisure service providers were furloughed from the beginning of lockdown.

Working with the NHS MSK Leads in both the north and south of the county, alongside leisure service providers and the local authorities who own the leisure centres, it is becoming increasingly evident just how strategic an integrated service model could be to address the long term health impacts of this debilitating virus; to release the pressure on NHS outpatient services, trying to work out of overly subscribed hospital sites; to secure the future of leisure service providers and the leisure centres that they have mostly been unable to work out of over the past 18 months, noting that so many of them nationally are now facing permanent closure, which is putting a significant number of leisure service providers at risk of redundancy. It will also address and prevent the significant long-term health issues facing our local communities, not only within Cumbria but nationwide. Any OPE funding that can be utilised for this vital work will have a lasting impact as can be seen in terms of the Social and Economic Value of Being Active.

Furthermore, it is anticipated that this will reduce the running costs of our local NHS trusts and increase the number of people gaining jobs as they are supported to improve their health outcomes, noting that the health of people in our communities faces a range of complex and linked challenges, such as the increase in people living with chronic illness and long-term illness linked to our

ageing society and growing health inequalities. Cumbria’s mortality rate from causes considered preventable is shown in the table below and detailed further in the report produced by the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory on 24th August 2020: <https://www.cumbriaobservatory.org.uk/health-social-care/>:

	Cumbria		North West		England	
	Count	Per 100,000	Count	Per 100,000	Count	Per 100,000
Mortality rate from causes considered preventable - Female - All ages (2016 - 18)	1,308	172.5	18,249	165.4	112,532	133.3
Mortality rate from causes considered preventable - Male - All ages (2016 - 18)	1,960	265.7	27,417	255.2	172,056	208.7
Mortality rate from causes considered preventable - Persons - All ages (2016 - 18)	3,268	218.4	45,666	209.7	284,588	170.6

It is anticipated that the £300k of sustainable grant funding would be allocated to the leisure centres included in this co-located and integrated service provision across Cumbria for project management, feasibility studies and to help fund the adaptations required to facilitate this work as depicted in the table below:

Kendal	Barrow	Penrith	Whitehaven	Ulverston
£60k	£60k	£60k	£60k	£60k

SCHEDULE 2 – PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Payment	Payment date
£20,000	31 March 2022
£20,000	31 March 2023
£20,000	31 March 2024

Noting that half of this contribution will be billed by the NHS Trust to South Lakeland District Council.