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Dear Dr Ker

Treatment of Disabled Facilities Grants in the 2016/17 Better Care Fund

Thank you for letting me have sight of the minutes of the Integration Executive meeting from 2 August. I have now had the opportunity to discuss the decision of the Integration Executive with members here and obtain a steer from them.

First of all members are very happy to see that there is now a route to bring this matter to a conclusion. As you know, members here have continued to express their support for the Better Care Fund in Leicestershire and are keen for Charnwood Borough Council to play a supportive role.

However, there are some issues in the resolution of the Integration Executive upon which they would appreciate further clarification.

Firstly, in the proposal that I submitted to the Integration Executive I made reference to the need for a business case to support a decision by Charnwood's Cabinet to provide funds to support the Better Care Fund this year. You will no doubt recall reference to this in my email to Toby Sanders that was included in the papers considered at the Integration Executive.

The decision of the Integration Executive makes no mention of this point and I would therefore appreciate confirmation that the Integration Executive accepts that part of Charnwood's proposal.

We also note that part (a) of the decision of the Integration Executive refers to an objection raised by Charnwood Borough Council to the decision of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Could you please provide the reference for that objection since we can find no reference to any such objection in our records.



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We are also puzzled by the reference in part (d) of the resolution to the Lightbulb project. Again Charnwood Borough Council has made no reference to the Lightbulb project in any of its decisions and it does not feature at all in the papers I submitted to the Integration Executive. Indeed we were informed only last week by Cheryl Davenport and Jane Toman that the Better Care Fund for 2016/17 now contains a sum of just £114,000 that might be regarded as relating to the Lightbulb project and so clarification of this point would be most helpful.

I am assuming that to take these matters forward you would be happy for Charnwood Borough Council to liaise with Cheryl Davenport who I understand is the lead officer on the Integration Executive and of course we would be happy to do that.

I am therefore copying this letter to Cheryl and also to Jane Toman as the District Council Chief Executive representative on the Integration Executive

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that this matter can now be concluded as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'G. Parker'.

Geoff Parker
Chief Executive

cc Jane Toman
Cheryl Davenport