

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT SOCIAL CARE** held on 16 March 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor P Smith (in the Chair)

Also in attendance was Councillor R Davison

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor P Jones

**05/17**      **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**06/17**      **EXTENSION OF GRANT FUNDING IN 2017-18 FOR HARD OF HEARING SERVICES** Approval was sought to extend grant funding payment to the following organisations for 12 months with an end date of 31 March 2018.

- Communication Unlimited
- CamTAD Southern Derbyshire
- Hearing Help (Amber Valley)
- Deaf and Hearing Support (North Derbyshire CamTAD)

At the Cabinet meeting held on 20 September 2016 approval was given, following a consultation exercise to discontinue grant funding to the services listed above. It was planned that the activity undertaken by these four grant aided services would then be undertaken by the following two new commissioned services:

- a British Sign Language Service
- Hard of Hearing Services

It was proposed that, following a procurement exercise for both services contracts would commence on 1 April 2017. However, it was not possible to undertake either procurement exercise during the time scale available. Consequently, Cabinet Member approval was now required for the current grant funding arrangement with the four organisations concerned to be extended until 31 March 2018 to ensure that hard of hearing services were available before the new provision commenced. Details of the organisations concerned and the grant funding required was detailed in the Strategic

Directors report. The full cost of £97,937 would be met from the existing budgets.

**RESOLVED** to approve approves the extension of grant funding as detailed in the Strategic Directors report for up to a 12 month period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 to: -

- Communication Unlimited
- CamTAD Southern Derbyshire
- Hearing Help (Amber Valley)
- Deaf and Hearing Support (North Derbyshire CamTAD)

**07/17      REPRESENTATION AND ENGAGEMENT WITH PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES** Approval was sought for additional temporary grant funding for the MacIntyre Reps on Board project. This funding was required from 1 July 2017 until 31 March 2018. The cost of this was £17,393. The timescale would allow sufficient time for a new model of engagement to be developed.

The Reps on Board had been in place since 2007 when Valuing People Now was published. It was initiated to support people with a learning disability to gain the skills, confidence and experience to represent others and participate in the Learning Disability Partnership Boards and other forums.

The Derbyshire Learning Disability County Partnership Board was now well established and had been the main forum for Adult Care and health to share information and discuss the development of services with people with learning disabilities. MacIntyre was commissioned in 2007 to provide a project to support people with learning disabilities to become Reps on Board. The project was funded jointly by MacIntyre and Adult Care.

The purpose of the project was to support people with learning disabilities to be representatives at local and county Learning Disability Partnership Boards.

The Reps have contributed to the learning disability agenda in a number of ways since 2007. The Reps were active members of their local Partnership Boards. The project trained and developed the 'Reps' to be good peer advocates. The group were a good point of reference for anyone who provided a service used by people with a learning disability across Derbyshire. Some Reps ran their own local social/ self advocacy groups for others with a learning disability.

The report was prompted by MacIntyre giving notice that they intended to withdraw their financial contribution to the Reps on Board project from

July 2017. They currently contributed £23,190 (50%) towards the £46,380 annual cost of the scheme.

Funding was therefore requested to enable the present service to continue for a further nine months until a plan for future engagement had been designed and implemented. The request was for funding to cover the amount that MacIntyre would previously have contributed to this project for that period.

The Hate Crime and the Staying Safe projects linked to MacIntyre through Reps on Board. The Learning and Development Officer for this project was funded by Adult Care and Community Safety and employed and managed by MacIntyre.

The postholder trained the Reps on Board to become Keeping Safe Champions and then supported the delivery of the training to people with learning disabilities.

A proposal to develop learning disability engagement had been agreed by the Learning Disability Programme Board. The objective of this project, which is co-produced with people with learning disabilities, was to determine how to engage people with learning disabilities in Derbyshire to have a voice and develop their skills so that they could be involved in meaningful engagement and co-production. The project group, which included six people with learning disabilities, was considering how the Authority currently engaged; what works and what didn't.

This work would was currently taking place. The plan was that a new model for engagement would be drafted for consideration at the beginning of April. This would require further consultation with stakeholders.

The additional nine months funding of £17,393 could be met from within the existing Adult Care budget.

**RESOLVED** to approve additional temporary grant funding for the MacIntyre Reps on Board project. This funding was required from 1 July 2017 until 31 March 2018.

#### **08/17      PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2017-18**

Approval was sought to extend grant funding payment to a number of voluntary organisations during the 2017-19 financial year.

Several voluntary organisations required grant funding approval in order to continue with their activities during 2017-18. Details of the organisations concerned and the grant funding required were detailed in the Strategic Director's report.

If financial assistance was approved to support the activities of the organisations concerned the full cost of £102,548 will be met from the existing Adult Care budgets.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) Grant funding totalling £26,084 to Derbyshire Autism Services Group to assist with the provision of services to support vulnerable adults with autism spectrum conditions during 2017-18;

(2) Grant funding totalling £2,010 to Derbyshire Dales Careline to assist with the provision of befriending services to support elderly, disabled and vulnerable adults during 2017-18;

(3) Grant funding totalling £5,302 to High Peak CVS for 18 months with an end date of 31 March 2018 to enable them to continue to administer a local self-help fund to support local group development;

(4) Extension of grant funding totalling £18,538 to enable Derbyshire Advocacy Service to continue to provide the Derbyshire Appropriate Adult Service for six months until 30 September 2017;

(5) Extension of grant funding totalling £31,128 to Rethink for the provision of the Derbyshire Focusline Service for six months until 30 September 2017; and

(6) Extension of grant funding totalling £19,486 for six months until 30 September 2017 to Sight Support Derbyshire.