

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 24 May 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor J Wharmby (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors C Dale and Mrs J Twigg

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor W Major

22/18 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

23/18 **DERBYSHIRE TRUSTED BEFRIENDING NETWORK EXIT STRATEGY** Approval was sought for a grant of £7,000 to South Derbyshire Community Volunteer Service (SDCVS) to support the costs of implementing an Exit and Sustainability Strategy for the Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network.

The Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network (DTBN) was established in 2012, following a tendering process in 2011, as part of Adult Care's prevention work to reduce loneliness and social isolation. Following a tendering process South Derbyshire CVS was chosen as the strategic delivery partner and since that time had managed the project.

The aim of the Network was to ensure that every adult who needed befriending support had fair and equal access to it and that those who used befriending services could be confident that the service they received was safe and well run.

The contract for the delivery of the DTBN ceased on 31 December 2017. The DTBN has been successful in meeting all its objectives and the challenge now is to secure a meaningful legacy from our investment. As such, the authority had been in discussion with South Derbyshire CVS to seek to develop and deliver an exit and sustainability strategy for the DTBN, which would enable it to try to become self-sustaining within 12 months, albeit with a tighter remit.

An independent evaluation of the DTBN, commissioned by South Derbyshire CVS on behalf of the Network and undertaken by Peter Stone Consulting, reported back at the start of 2018. The evaluation assessed how

well the various functions of the DTBN had been delivered and what it had achieved. These were summarised in Appendix 1 to the Strategic Director's report. It concluded that the DTBN had been very successful in fulfilling its purpose.

Details were given of how South Derbyshire CVS saw Future Activity; Refreshing the Network's Purpose; and the Development of the DTBN Quality Mark

The DTBN now had a network of 196 trained Befriending Champions countywide. The DTBN Evaluation Report highlighted that the Befriending Champion training was highly rated by those who had completed it. South Derbyshire CVS would engage with existing Befriending Champions to explore how they could be sustained and developed going forward, as they represented a valuable network of grassroots activists.

This could be done at minimal cost, for example by connecting Champions with each other via local peer support or social media networks; and by continuing to share information and resources with them that support their Champion role.

They also proposed to develop the Befriending Champion concept along similar lines to Dementia Friends and other social action movements, offering a 'train the trainer' package for individuals including existing Befriending Champions, so they would be able to deliver the training themselves to their own peer groups, networks, services or local communities.

It was therefore proposed to provide a grant of £7,000 to enable South Derbyshire CVS to deliver a programme of work to secure a sustainable exit strategy for the DTBN over 2018-19. This funding was available from the 2018-19 Prevention budget.

RESOLVED that approval be given for a grant of £7,000 to South Derbyshire CVS to support the costs of implementing an Exit and Sustainability Strategy for the Derbyshire Trusted Befriending Network over 2018-19.

24/18 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Adult Care held on 19 April 2018
2. To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care on Relinquishing the lease of 5 and 7, Springfield Avenue, Ashbourne. Contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).