

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR COUNCIL SERVICES**

**1 December 2014**

**Report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources**

**DERBYSHIRE INFORMATION, ADVICE AND SUPPORT SERVICE**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

To seek approval to register a domain name for the Information, Advice and Support Service.

**2 Information and Analysis**

The Children and Families Act 2014 requires local authorities to provide children and young people with information, advice and support relating to their special educational needs or disability (SEND). In line with the Act and the SEND 2014 Code of Practice, from 1 September 2014 the new information, advice and support service has been introduced in Derbyshire which widens the remit of the Derbyshire Parent Partnership Service to support not only parents but also children and young people aged 0-25. The Derbyshire Information Advice & Support Service for SEND is built upon the Parent Partnership Service offering impartial and confidential information, advice and support (SEND Code of Practice, 2014 Chapter 2, p19).

The existing domain name of [www.derbyshireparentpartnership.co.uk](http://www.derbyshireparentpartnership.co.uk) would be confusing for service users and it is therefore proposed to register a new domain name for the site of [www.derbyshireiass.co.uk](http://www.derbyshireiass.co.uk) to coincide with the renamed service.

On 4<sup>th</sup> November 2003 Cabinet determined that there would be no further acquisition of web domain names or deployment of websites by the council without specific Cabinet approval. This proposal was to ensure that where possible all Council content should be under [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk). However, information, advice and support should be accessed through a dedicated and easily identifiable service which should be arm's length from the local authority and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) (SEND Code of Practice, 2014 Chapter 2, p19/20).

### **3 Financial Considerations**

Domain registration costs for [www.derbyshireiass.co.uk](http://www.derbyshireiass.co.uk) are in the region of £10 to £100 per year.

The domain registration will be funded by the service budget as is already the case for the existing domain. In addition, the service is advised to purchase a security certificate to ensure the security of any data submitted via on-line from the website, the cost of which is in the region of £100 to £150 per year.

### **4 Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; human resources, legal, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

### **5 Background Papers**

Held by Andy Callow in Children and Younger Adults.

### **6 Key Decision**

No.

### **7 Call-in**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report?

No

### **8 Officer's Recommendation**

For the Cabinet Member to approve the registration of a new domain name for the Derbyshire Information Advice & Support Service for SEND.

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