

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 2 February 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor C A Hart

**8/16** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 12 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**9/16** **FOOD AND FEED PRODUCTS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY SECOND QUARTER 2015/16** Details were given of activity undertaken by the Trading Standards Division to ensure compliance with food and feed product composition labelling and safety requirements. The theme of the most recent food sampling projects were highlighted. In total, 90 food or feed products had been submitted for analysis and of those, 18 were reported as being unsatisfactory in some regards. The Division had a range of sanctions available to seek compliance with legal requirements, and these were stated. A summary of each of the food projects and the results of analysis together with the action taken was provided.

**RESOLVED** to note the outcome of recent food sampling activity.

**10/16** **HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING FOR THE DERBYSHIRE RECORD OFFICE** Between 2012-2014, as part of the Record Office refurbishment and artist in residence project, a focus group had been established, and its original purpose had been to inform the development of the interior of the Record Office. After the artist in residence project had been completed in 2014, the group had continued, and had assumed the role of advocates and champions of the service, wanting to make the archive collections more accessible to new audiences. A new project, the Amazing Pop Up Archives Project, had been developed, and this aimed to offer a programme of events in unexpected places, enabling young people and their families to engage with archives and to learn and share more about the communities in which they lived.

In order to undertake the project, the Record Office had successfully applied for a grant of £42,100 from the Heritage Lottery Fund 'Young Roots' programme, which helped young people aged 11-25 to explore their heritage. The grant would cover the cost of researching, designing and delivering four events at venues throughout Derbyshire; enlisting practitioners to work with young people, creatively interpret archive collections and participate in events; the production of online resources; and the purchase of materials. The project

would take place between February 2016 – March 2017, and would be managed by an archivist at Derbyshire Record Office. A range of creative practitioners would be appointed in accordance with Protocols 7 and 8 of the County Council's Financial Regulations to work with the project group. A group made up of local school students, University of Derby students and regular users of the Record Office would deliver the project.

Match funding of £5,000 had been secured from the Made in Derbyshire project and £3,500 from the University of Derby Intern Programme. The Record Office was providing in-kind support in co-managing the overall project.

**RESOLVED** to approve (1) the expenditure of the Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £42,100 as set out in the report; and

(2) the transfer of any unspent grant money into a dedicated reserve at the end of each financial year for the duration of the project.

**11/16      RESULTS OF A 'MANUKA HONEY' FOOD SAMPLING SURVEY** A survey had been undertaken to ascertain whether honey offered for sale in Derbyshire was genuinely Manuka Honey and to see if it complied with composition and labelling requirements. Fourteen samples of Manuka honey on sale throughout the county had been purchased and submitted to the Public Analyst, and all had been considered to be inaccurately labelled and some samples were found to have insufficient Manuka pollen to justify the claims on the label.

As well as general food labelling requirements, there were specific composition and labelling requirements for certain food stuffs. The Honey (England) Regulations 2015 recognised that there were different types of honey, and specified compositional requirements. There was also legislation that prevented misleading nutritional and health claims being made about food products and required food producers to register approved claims.

The samples of Manuka honey had been purchased from a variety of different outlets throughout Derbyshire. The range of prices of the samples of Manuka honey, the type and location of the store from which they had been purchased, and the price and price per 100g of each sample was provided. The analysis of the samples had included a microscopic examination to establish the Manuka pollen content. There was no legal specification as to what proportion of Manuka pollen was acceptable, but the Public Analyst had formed a view that a minimum percentage of 75% was required to substantiate the claim 'Manuka Honey'. Upon examination, the samples had ranged from 95% to less than 1%, and only five of the fourteen samples had a Manuka pollen count in excess of 75%. Five samples had a Manuka pollen

content of between 50-75%, two had been between 10-49%, one had less than 10%, and one had only traces of Manuka pollen.

The Public Analyst had also been concerned about some of the claims made on the product labelling. He was of the opinion that the inclusion of phrases such as 'active' and 'activity' suggested the honey had healing properties, and was thus prohibited by the Nutrition and Health Claims legislation. An example of the opinion of the Public Analyst regarding one of the samples, together with a summary of the concerns regarding each sample, was detailed.

Although all the samples had been purchased from shops in Derbyshire, no Derbyshire based business had been involved in the importation of Manuka Honey, and so the results of analysis had been sent to the Food Standards Agency. It was stated that the UK had been working closely with the New Zealand Government in the preparation and production of guidance for industry on what could constitute Manuka and its labelling and marketing. Trading Standards would continue to liaise with the Food Standards Agency to determine what further action was appropriate. An investigation into the sample found to have only traces of Manuka pollen had been initiated, and details of the results of analysis of the remaining unsatisfactory samples had been provided to the relevant Home Authorities to bring to the attention of the companies concerned.

**RESOLVED** to note the outcome of the recent food sampling survey.

**12/16      HENRY (Health, Exercise, Nutrition for the Really Young)**  
HENRY was an evidence based intervention to tackle child obesity and was delivered by Children's Services via a grant payment arrangement which was currently due to end in March 2016. The HENRY programme focussed on 0-5 years, and was part of Derbyshire's life course approach to tackling obesity. The National Child Measurement Programme data indicated lower rates of obesity in Derbyshire compared to England, which supported the case for ongoing investment in the work stream.

There were two components to the intervention in Derbyshire – HENRY Health and Early Years Practitioner Training provided core training to deliver the HENRY Group Programme for Parents and e-learning for frontline staff to increase practitioner confidence to tackle complex and sensitive lifestyle issues with parents and carers.

The HENRY Group Programme for Parents was a programme for parents and carers, and there was delivery across six locality areas. The aim was to maximise engagement with and make a difference to families of young children at risk of obesity and being overweight. The HENRY Group Programme for Parents was promoted through and primarily based in

Children's Centres, and it had a particular focus on disadvantaged communities where obesity was more prevalent and opportunities for healthy eating and activity could be less accessible. Working with the most vulnerable families, HENRY could reach those who were more likely to suffer from health inequalities, and discussions had recently taken place to link HENRY with the Healthy School Communities targeted schools, linking with Reception Year. Derbyshire was on track to achieve a target minimum of 72 parent/carers to receive the Programme per annum by March 2016, with a 3-6 month follow up with 25% of parents/carers attending the programme.

The annual contract value for HENRY was £44,200 from the Public Health budget, and since 2014, it had been delivered by Children's Services which had realised 15% financial savings.

**RESOLVED** to approve the proposed award of grant payments of £44,200 to Children's Services to continue the delivery of the HENRY programme for the 2016/17 financial year.

**13/16** **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC** **RESOLVED** to exclude the public from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING**

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 12 January 2016

**14/16** **EXEMPT MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 12 January 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.