

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 2 April 2014 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor C A Hart

29/14 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 3 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

30/14 **COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANTS** Approval was sought to allocated funding from the Community Building Grant programme. Five projects had recently been considered, and these had been ranked according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation to ensure that funding benefited projects in areas of greatest need. The first two projects had been awarded funding totalling £90,694, which left £15,6754. The third project – St Mary's Chapel of Ease – was still seeking support from the County Council, and wished to use any level of grant to secure other match funding. Details of the proposed project were given, and it was noted that the applicant had been investigating other sources of funding.

It was proposed that the remaining available budget of £15,675 be awarded as a grant to support St Mary's Chapel of Ease in securing the remaining funding. The total cost of the project was £73,702, and the Chapel had already raised over £25,000 towards the project. With the County Council's contribution, there would be a shortfall of £32,685 to be found from other sources. The proposed grant represented approximately 20% of the total project costs.

Upon approval, the organisation would be notified that the offer was subject to them raising the remainder of the funding to enable the project to go ahead. When all the funding was in place, the organisation would receive an agreement in principle to fund the project, subject to formal grant conditions. A payment schedule would be agreed in line with agreed milestones for the project, and the project would be evaluated, to ensure that it continued to meet identified needs and priorities.

RESOLVED to (1) approve the allocation from the Community Building Grant programme of £15,675 to St Mary's Chapel of East subject to the remainder of the match funding being raised to enable the project to go ahead;

(2) receive reports on the progress made towards raising the remainder of the match funding; and

(3) receive evaluation and monitoring reports at appropriate intervals.

31/14 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHARGES IN THE LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE DIVISION Income generated from charges across libraries and heritage services was an important part of the Health and Communities budget. Implicit in the annual review of charges was an assumption that they would increase in line with inflation, although this was not always practical to implement. In addition, there was customer resistance to some increases. It was therefore proposed that majority of fees and charges levied for the Libraries and Heritage Division for 2014/15 remained unchanged. However, a small number of changes were proposed.

It was proposed that the charge currently levied for Inter Library Loans (ILL) be increased from £1 to £4. The charge had not changed for a number of years, and the proposed increase reflected the significant rise in ILL charges incurred by the library service in recent years. The proposed increase in the level of charge was appropriate and went some way to reflect the true cost of providing the service.

Increasingly, the Libraries and Heritage Division was moving towards the use of Multi-Functional Devices for all copying, printing and scanning, rather than using separate machines. This had enabled the Division to review the charges for photocopying and computer print outs, and addressed some inconsistencies in the current level of charges. It was proposed to remove the current differential between photocopies and print outs and change the price for both to 10p per side.

Details of all the proposed charges for the Libraries and Heritage Division for 2014-2015 were detailed.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed charges for the Libraries and Heritage Division, with effect from 5 May 2014.

32/14 EXPENDITURE OF COMMUNITY ARTS BUDGET 2014/15 Approval was sought for the allocation of grants to community arts groups in Derbyshire for 2014/15, and an outline was provided of applications for continued financial support from arts groups which had been awarded grants during 2013/14. There were a number of requirements for organisations, and three key criteria which enabled a group to be supported through the grant fund.

The Head of Arts monitored the funded organisations, and held review meetings with most on an annual basis. Each funded organisation was required to provide an annual report on its activities.

The funding applications and recommendations were presented:-

Organisations	Requested	Awarded 2013/14	Recommended for 2014/15
Buxton Festival	£6,000	£5,723	£5,723
Orchestras Live*	£6,339	£6,302	£6,339
First Movement	£24,925	£24,925	£24,925
Fleet Arts	£18,006	£18,006	£18,006
High Peak Community Arts	£18,006	£18,006	£18,006
Junction Arts	£15,200	£15,200	£15,200
Learning Through Arts	£25,000	£16,028	£16,028
People Express	£17,000	£16,323	£16,323
Wash Arts**	£5,000	£3,642	£3,642
Totals	£135,476	£124,155	£124,192

It was noted that the subscription to Orchestra Live was based on the county's population, and so the sum increased slightly each year. It was also recommended that the grant to Wash Arts be conditional on further discussions between the Head of Arts and the organisation.

RESOLVED to agree to the allocation of grants to community arts groups in Derbyshire for 2014/15, as detailed in the report.

33/14 GRANT FUNDING FOR THE PROVISION OF RESEARCH SERVICES Consideration was given to approving a grant to Derbyshire Community Health Service for the continued provision of a Public Health Research Service for up to 12 months from April 2014.

Approval had recently been given to re-procure the Public Health Research Service. The current value of the Service was £38,000, which allowed Public Health access to around 30% of the current Research capacity within the Derbyshire Community Health Service. Following a recent review of procurement arrangements, it was felt that the Service could be funded by a grant to Derbyshire Community Health Service rather than entering into a full re-procurement, thus allowing continuity of service. It was proposed to reduce the value to £32,300 for 2014/15 and to undertake a review during the year, which would include further consideration of the best method of commissioning for the future.

The grant would fund direct involvement in project work by the Research Team, and provide advice to Public Health and CCG Clinical Leads on research management issues. It would also ensure representation on research bodies. Funding was available from the Public Health grant.

RESOLVED that a grant of £32,300 be awarded to the Derbyshire Community Health Services for 12 months from April 2014 to the end of March 2015 for the provision of a Research Service.

34/14 GRANT TO DERBYSHIRE GYPSY LIAISON GROUP An application for a grant of £3,500 for the financial year 2013/14 had been received from the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group. This was to support the Group's work over the current financial year with traditional Romany Gypsies and Irish Travellers.

The Liaison Group played an important role in supporting the three Council-owned Traveller sites in Derbyshire, and other activities included the production of a newsletter, assistance with private site planning applications and dealing with issues of education, health and welfare of travellers. Over the year, the Authority had held regular discussions with the Liaison Group on a range of issues.

It was noted that the Group relied on small annual grants to cover the baseline running costs. Budgetary provision of £3,500 had been made to support Traveller organisations in the current year.

RESOLVED that the Derbyshire Gypsy Liaison Group be awarded £3,500 for the year 2013/14, subject to the County Council's standard conditions of grants.

35/14 BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 9 2013/14 The gross budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was approximately £59m, and the budget monitoring was projecting an underspend for the year of £4.9m, £3.5m of which related to the new Public Health function. This would be transferred into a ring fenced reserve at the end of the financial year, which meant that the true forecast currently was an underspend of £1.4m.

The key variances were reported, and included an underspend in Public Health, Community Safety, Youth Offending, and Libraries, Museums, Arts and Heritage..

RESOLVED to note the position on the 2013/14 Revenue Budget.

36/14 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 consider the exempt report of the Strategic Director – Health and Communities on Professional Development Training Request (contains information relating to any individual)