

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting with Cabinet Member – Health and Communities

3 March 2014

Report of the Director of Public HealthDerbyshire Health and Housing Group – Funding Grant**1. Purpose of the report:**

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities toward grant funding to six local organisations to deliver housing related projects which have a positive impact on health.

2. Information and analysis:

- 2.1 The Derbyshire Health and Housing Group was established in 1995 to develop a partnership approach to reducing health inequalities through improved housing standards.
- 2.2 The group administered the awarding of grants funded through joint finance arrangements, to housing related projects which addressed issues of health inequality.
- 2.3 Public Health chair the group and following the transfer of the public health function to Derbyshire County Council in April 2014, it was agreed by cabinet that the Derbyshire Health and Housing Group could continue to allocate the budget via grant funding for 2013/14.
- 2.4 The current budget allocated from the Public Health Ring Fenced grant is £38,495.00, and is to be allocated to new or innovative Health and Housing projects which enhance existing programmes, reduce inequalities or add value.
- 2.5 Following an application and prioritisation screening procedure conducted during Dec 2013/Jan 2014, the Group propose the following allocation for consideration and approval:

Organisation	Area	Project Scheme	Total Funding 13/14 - requested	Total Funding 13/14 proposed
FairPlay	North Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase independent living skills for young people with learning disabilities. • Support them with long term housing solutions • Encourage long term 	£5,000	£5,000

		healthy lifestyle.		
Derventio Housing Trust	Primarily Erewash – referrals taken across the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide work experience to disadvantaged and homeless people • Work on the on-site allotment. • Preparation of food products in training kitchen to be sold to members of the public, as introduction to work/training. • Introduce principals of healthy lifestyle. 	£9,503.90 (includes purchase of a digger)	£6,503.00 (minus purchase of digger)
North Derbyshire Women's Aid	Derbyshire Wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out of hours helpline and drop in service for domestic violence and abuse. 	£7,993.50	£7,963.00
Futures Homescape	Amber Valley and Erewash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent living skills for life • Those with chaotic lifestyles 	£1,730.00	£1,362.00
Erewash Borough Council	Erewash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With project – Warmth in the home. • Identify those under 5yrs old and over 65 yrs. old on low income (just above benefit thresholds) • Loft/cavity wall inadequate or in-operable heating. 	£10,000	£8,000
NDDC/BDC/CBC	North Derbyshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing homeless vulnerable people presenting at A & E 	£10,000	£9,667.00
			TOTAL	£38,495.00

The funding is allocated for one year only, and the award process requires the organisation to provide outcomes monitoring data in an evaluation report to enable effectiveness of the grant spend to be considered.

3. Financial and other considerations

The Housing and Health grant funding of £38,495.00 will be funded from the existing public health ring fenced budget.

4. Background papers:

None

5. Key Decision:

No

6. Call-in:

No

7. Strategic Director's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member approve the allocation of the grant budget as outlined above.

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