

**Derbyshire County Council**

**Meeting with Cabinet Member, Health and Communities**

**05 August 2014**

**Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities**

**SUPPORTING LOCAL SUBSTANCE MISUSE RECOVERY COMMUNITIES –  
HOPE SPRINGS RECOVERY CENTRE**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To consider a request to grant fund Hope Springs Recovery Centre £12,000 to cover their rental costs for one year.

**2. Information and analysis:**

Hope Springs Recovery Centre is based in Chesterfield and offers a safe place for recovering drug and alcohol users to engage with like-minded people in a structured way which supports their continued recovery. It is the only open-access facility of its kind in Derbyshire and provides a positive environment with a variety of groups and activities to meet the needs of its diverse participants.

Hope Springs Recovery Centre was started in Spring 2013 and obtained suitable premises in Chesterfield, with the first 6 months being rent-free. At a meeting In July 2013, the Authority agreed to grant-fund £10,000 for the subsequent rental period which ends in August 2014. A lead volunteer has been appointed for day-to-day management of the Centre, and she has made several positive changes which has strengthened the recovery community which is growing there. Furthermore, a successful application for charitable status has been achieved, backed by a Board of Trustees who have ambitious but achievable plans for development of Hope Springs. These include diversifying their income streams to include applications for charitable trust funding (including a Big Lottery bid), seeking local corporate support, and the development of a sustainable social enterprise. In the meantime, they have requested one further year of support with rental costs for the centre, which meets the aims of the Council to support local recovery communities to enable them towards independence and sustainability. There is sufficient money allocated within the DAAT budget to support this request.

**3. Other considerations:**

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

**4. Background papers:**

Cabco Paper – Hope Springs July 2013

**5. Key Decision:**

No

**6. Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

**7. Strategic Director's recommendation:**

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities approves a £12,000 grant to Hope Springs Recovery Centre to be used for rental of premises for 12 months from August 2104.

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**Health and Communities**