

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 6 February 2017 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor Julie Hill

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor C A Hart.

8/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 10 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

9/17 **COMPLETED PROSECUTIONS UNDER TRADING STANDARDS LEGISLATION APRIL – DECEMBER 2016** A summary was provided of prosecutions completed during the first nine months of the year. In total, 22 defendants had been prosecuted resulting in the courts imposing a total of £14,941 in fines and awarding £5,705 Prosecution costs.

RESOLVED to note the report.

10/17 **ALL DANCE** Derbyshire had previously worked with young people and adults with a range of disabilities to put on a celebratory day of dance. In 2015, a further project had built on the pilot programme, and seven community dance artists had been commissioned to work with eight disability groups. Over 100 people had participated during the course of the project, and the independent evaluation findings had showed that All Dance had contributed significantly to artistic, physical, behavioural, social and community outcomes.

Following on from the two pilot programmes, the County Council in partnership with Arts Derbyshire, had applied to Arts Council England for a grant to expand the work. The bid had been successful and Arts Council England had awarded the Council a grant of approximately £85,000. The grant would enable the provision of All Dance workshops and performances across the County over two years, and in order to run the programme, specialist dance artists would be engaged to work with groups of people with disabilities, one from each district/borough in the County. A creative producer would be contracted to manage the whole programme, along with an independent evaluator to assess and evaluate the whole programme. The contracts would be advertised following County Council procurement regulations.

The programme would be funded through Arts Derbyshire (£10,000), Derbyshire County Council (£10,000) and Arts Council England (£85,000). Any surplus from the Arts Council England grant would be put in an earmarked reserve at the year end, and any unspent grant at the end of the project would have to be returned. The County Council contribution would be met from existing earmarked reserves.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report;

(2) accept the grant of £85,000 from Arts Council England for the All Dance project;

(3) agree to the advertisement of contracts for a creative producer, dance artists and an evaluator; and

(4) agree to create a reserve for the transfer of any year end balances.

11/17 SUICIDE PREVENTION In 2015, there had been 83 deaths from suicide in Derbyshire, which was similar to the national figure. Suicides were more common in males, with 84% of the deaths from suicide in Derbyshire in 2015 being amongst men, and the highest rates were amongst those aged 20-49.

The Suicide Prevention Partnership Forum (SPPF) oversaw work to reduce the number of deaths from suicide in Derbyshire, and the impact on families, friends and communities. The SPPF had a broad membership, and oversaw the implementation of the Suicide Prevention Strategic Framework, which outlined the priorities and key actions for reducing deaths from suicide in Derbyshire. Actions completed over the last twelve months were detailed. An annual Stakeholder Event was held to engage with a broader range of individuals and organisations that had an interest in the suicide prevention agenda. Following the last Stakeholder Event in October 2016 and subsequent discussion at the SPPF, a number of priorities had been identified for the SPPF to implement in 2017.

The National Suicide Prevention Alliance (NSPA) was an alliance of public, private voluntary and community organisations in England who cared about suicide prevention and had committed to taking action to reduce deaths from suicide and support those affected by suicide. Any organisation could become a member of the NSPA by signing a declaration and membership agreement committing the organisation to work to reduce the number of deaths from suicide, support those affected by suicide, and meet the aims of the NSPA; make available an organisational suicide prevention action plan; and nominate an individual to represent the organisation within the NSPA. It was proposed that Iain Little, Consultant in Public Health at Derbyshire County Council be nominated on behalf of the County Council.

RESOLVED to note the work underway to reduce the number of, and impact from, deaths from suicide in Derbyshire, and to approve Derbyshire County Council becoming a member of the National Suicide Prevention Alliance.

12/17 **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 Director of Public Health on Specialist Homeless Nurse Service (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))