

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 10 February 2015 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor C A Hart

10/15 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 20 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

11/15 **ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING AWARENESS RAISING AND ENFORCEMENT IN DERBYSHIRE** Details were provided of activities undertaken by the Illegal Money Lending Unit (IMLU) in Derbyshire to raise awareness of the potential harm from loan sharks and to investigate complaints. There had been relatively few formal complaints in Derbyshire and the majority of activity had been to raise awareness within communities who could have loan sharks operating.

In the event of a complaint or intelligence about a suspected illegal money lender, the IMLU would liaise with the Trading Standards Division to establish whether anything was known about the alleged offender. Any complaint was given an operational name and investigated by the IMLU. If there was insufficient evidence to pursue a criminal investigation, the LIAISE officer would engage local community groups to help raise awareness and encourage other potential victims to come forward. Examples of operations conducted in Derbyshire were presented.

Although there had been relatively few complaints leading to successful enforcement action in Derbyshire, a number of loan sharks operating within Derby had been identified and prosecuted. The IMLU had successfully prosecuted illegal money lenders elsewhere in the country, and had been able to use Proceeds of Crime money to help raise awareness in local communities throughout the county. Examples were given of partnership working in Derbyshire undertaken by the IMLU Liaison Officer together with funded community awareness raising events.

RESOLVED to note the activities of the Illegal Money Lending Unit to tackle illegal money lending and to raise awareness about the potential harm from loan sharks operating in Derbyshire.

12/15 **ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING AUTHORISATION** The Government had previously provided funding to set up regional Illegal Money Lending Teams, and following successful pilots in Birmingham and Glasgow, it

had been established that dedicated teams were required that could offer a telephone help service and provide support to victims of loan sharks. It had subsequently been determined that the delivery of enforcement should be rationalised into one unit, delivered by Birmingham City Council, and in 2011, Cabinet had authorised Birmingham City Council's IMLU to operate in Derbyshire in accordance with an agreed protocol. The term of the current protocol expired at the end of March 2015, and continued authorisation was sought for the IMLU in Derbyshire. There had been a number of changes in the consumer protection landscape, and these had been reflected in the amended protocol. It had also been recommended that regular reports be made on the work of the Unit in Derbyshire, and an update had been provided.

It was necessary for Cabinet as the executive to formally delegate the function to Birmingham City Council under Section 13 to 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions)(England) Regulations 2012. Any prosecutions would be undertaken by Birmingham City Council with no liability costs to Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED to agree to the Head of Trading Standards renewing the current authorisation with Birmingham City Council Illegal Money Lending Unit to operate in Derbyshire.

13/15 TACKLING ALCOHOL RELATED HARM Tackling alcohol related harm had been one of the top priorities for the County Council. Working with partners, the County Council had made significant strides to tackle the harms and support those who needed treatment to recover from their addiction. Community safety activity had focused heavily on the night-time economy, and there had been reductions in alcohol related incidents, violence and ASB. There had been a significant amount of community safety and trading standards activity, and this was detailed. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner had previously held an Alcohol Summit, and this had focused on a range of areas, and had acted as a catalyst to re-energise the work already in place or in early stages of development.

It had been felt that additional work was necessary in relation to harm minimisation for adults. A workshop of stakeholders had been held to inform the development of a harm minimisation plan, and the key themes emerging from this were highlighted. Relevant actions from the plan would be incorporated into a new Substance Misuse Strategic Plan, which was currently being drafted. Other initiatives being piloted included restorative justice pilot, life course mapping, access to real-time data, communications campaigns, and troubled families.

Although locally alcohol related incidents, violence and ASB had been reduced, it did not mean that people's attitudes to alcohol had changed or that they were drinking less. There was clear evidence to suggest that a change in national policy on price, availability and advertising was needed to help change attitudes, supported by a strong local programme. It was reported that the Health and Wellbeing Board would be considering the Liver Disease Programme being taken forward by PHE East Midlands. Tackling alcohol harm remained a county priority and it was proposed to bring further reports as a regular update.

RESOLVED (1) that the work undertaken by the County Council and partners to tackle alcohol related harm be noted; and

(2) to agree to further regular update reports.

14/15 AWARD OF HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND GRANT TO BUXTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY Approval had previously been given to Buxton Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG) applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for funding for the Collections in the Landscape programme, and a Stage 1 pass for the bid had been awarded. The museum had also submitted a Stage 2 application to the HLF for Collections in the Landscape to deliver significant improvements to the collection and the offer to museum visitors and remote users. In December 2014, the HLF Committee had agreed to award BMAG £869,100, and this was 64% of the eligible project costs.

There were three elements to the programme – the project would develop twelve mobile applications linking artefacts within the collections with their places in the landscape; the project would enable the redevelopment of the museum's principal gallery and this would include creating physical and digital interpretative outputs; and Collections in the Landscape would create and distribute museum content via a range of online platforms, enhancing remote access to the collections. The HLF had identified three areas of work as additional grant conditions and these were stated. The HLF would appoint an external monitor to carry out project management monitoring of the development phase of the programme, and an associate monitor to carry out quality and specialist monitoring of the delivery phase.

The project would create four jobs for a maximum of 30 months – a Project Officer, two Collections Assistants (part-time) and a Business Services Assistant (part-time). It would also require the input of museum specialists to support the delivery of key elements, and the museum would extend the opportunities for volunteers. It was proposed that the work would commence once terms and conditions from the HLF had been agreed. The project was expected to end by December 2017, and the HLF would monitor the project over ten years.

The project was estimated to cost £1,361,000, including the support in kind from the Council. The museum had identified £491,519 of income and volunteer time, of which £80,000 was currently unsecured. A further £222,000 had been identified through staff time, provision of meeting rooms and access to marketing opportunities contributing to the programme. The project funding also included match funding of approximately £70,000, which had been derived from the sale of the contents of the former Judges Lodgings.

Before taking up the HLF grant, BMAG would need to provide evidence that the partnership funding was in place and that there was robust project management organisation and a plan. The HLF would pay the grant in instalments in arrears on completion of their reports, and would retain the final 10% for release after receipt of the final reports and evaluation of the project. The final grant would be less if the expenditure was less than the approved budget, and any reduction would be in proportion to the HLF's grant contribution. Redundancy costs arising from completion of the project had been factored into the bid and were reflected in the total grant award.

The Council acknowledged the additional grant conditions, and the terms of the grant and the additional grant conditions would last for ten years from the date of the offer letter. In the event of significant changes being made to BMAG before the expiry of the grant condition, the County Council would be liable to repay some or all of the grant cut to the HLF.

The recruitment of staff would be undertaken in accordance with existing County Council policies. As the employment contracts could exceed two years, the employees would be eligible for a redundancy payment in the event that it was not possible to redeploy them to another post. The management of this would be undertaken in accordance with the Council's policies. The commissioning of the specialists to support the delivery of key elements would be undertaken with support from the Council's Procurement Team and the HLF mentors. The volunteers would be recruited in line with the Council's established guidance.

RESOLVED to (1) note the award of funding of £869,100 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for improvements at Buxton Museum and Art Gallery;

(2) approve Buxton Museum and Art Gallery drawing down the £70,000 held as a capital reserve, from the sale of the contents of the Judges Lodgings, as part of the County Council's match funding;

(3) agree permission to spend the grant and commence the project;

(4) agree the recruitment of the staff identified in the report to the project;

(5) agree that museum specialists identified in the report be commissioned to deliver the programme; and

(6) be kept informed about the progress of the project.

15/15 DERBYSHIRE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS' CENTRE AND THE TRADE UNION SAFETY TEAM – GRANTS Consideration was given to provide grant funding to support the work of the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre (DUWC) and Trade Union Safety Team (TRUST). Cabinet had previously approved grants to cover the core costs for 2013/14, but demand for services provided had increased significantly over recent years, and this was anticipated to continue due to the impacts of the Welfare Reform Act.

In line with other grants to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations, it was recommended that the grant be subject to a Service Level Agreement, which would set out expectations and requirements on both organisations and the County Council in relation to the grant award. Six monthly monitoring would ensure both the quality of the service and accountability for the funding. Assurance had been given by DUWC that any grant funding provided would be used solely for the purposes of supporting the advice function of the centre and not for political activities.

Given the increased pressure on communities and the increasing demand for advice services, it was recommended that the County Council continued to provide grant funding for the core costs of both organisations. The proposed grant for 2015/16 was £40,950 for DUWC and £5,821 for TRUST. The cost of the grants would be met from the Public Health budget.

RESOLVED that (1) grant funding of £40,950 be provided to the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers' Centre to cover the core costs associated with the delivery of services for 2015/16; and

(2) grant funding of £5,821 be provided to the Trade Union Safety Team to cover the core costs associated with the delivery of services for 2015/16.

16/15 NHS HEALTH CHECK PROGRAMME – BOLSOVER COMMUNITY AND WORKPLACE PILOT The NHS Health Check programme, Bolsover Community and Workplace Pilot, aimed to provide new local access. The programme was a national primary prevention cardiovascular risk assessment programme that was targeted at people who did not have an existing cardiovascular disease and who were aged 40-74. A collaborative approach was being taken between Bolsover District Council, North East Derbyshire Council, Hardwick and North Derbyshire CCG and their

partners, and the aim was to fill gaps and improve equity and access for 500 additional checks.

Although GP practices were working hard to deliver the programme, it was felt that there were ways of improving access for individuals in areas of greatest need. By developing access closer to home, the project would deliver greater access at different locations, access outside of GP surgery opening times, access for residents who were less likely to engage with general practice, the ability to change location, access to a quality led programme, competency led training for staff in risk assessment, Point of Care Testing and Motivational Interviewing, and monitoring and evaluation through the DCC Health Check Programme.

The pilot project was being provided by Derbyshire Community Health Services and was currently jointly funded by Bolsover Partnership and Locality funding (£15,850) and the County Council (£9,000). The funding would be drawn from the Public Health Ring Fenced Grant budget for Health Checks of £725,000.

RESOLVED to approve the £9,000 from the Ring Fenced Grant budget for Health Checks to support development of community and workplace NHS Health Checks in the Bolsover district.

17/15 SUBSTANCE MISUSE RECOVERY COMMUNITIES – SMALL GRANTS The Public Health Substance Misuse team had a small budget for the promotion, extension and support of recovery from substance misuse in Derbyshire. This had historically been allocated to a few small local charities or organisations, and such grants had supported those recovering from substance misuse in Derbyshire with practical activities such as education and promoting healthy lifestyles, and building recovery capital in areas such as housing or employment.

The current round of grant funding was due to end on 31 March 2015 and whilst some of the existing projects had performed well and provided excellent value for money, others had struggled to demonstrate clear outcomes. The projects had been primarily located in Chesterfield and Bolsover, and it was proposed to open up the funding to a wider area to reduce the potential inequality of access that existed with the current grant holders, and to identify other small charities or organisations that could be supported in order to extend recovery across the county.

Whilst all those who had received a grant had been made fully aware that the grants were non-recurrent and were due to end on 31 March 2015, it was felt appropriate to consult with service users on any changes that could happen to the services should the incumbent providers be unsuccessful under a new grants scheme, and also to seek the views of service users in

developing a robust and fit-for-purpose grants scheme that delivered recovery across Derbyshire. In order to complete the consultation, and avoid disruption to the existing services, it was proposed to extend the existing grants to 30 September 2015. This would also allow the grant receivers who had struggled to demonstrate clear outcomes the opportunity of a further six months to deliver on their projects.

Following consultation, it was proposed to advertise a grants scheme with the objective of delivering clear recovery outcomes for substance misusers which would be awarded from 1 October 2015. Prospective applicants would be required to apply for a one year grant not exceeding £40,000 and be able to demonstrate how their proposed project would enhance recovery against the specified recovery outcomes which would be identified during the consultation exercise. A panel comprising Public Health Substance Misuse team members would meet to consider the bids in order to propose successful bids for approval by the Cabinet Member.

There was sufficient financial support for the proposal in the existing Public Health Substance Misuse budget, and the annual recurring budget for supporting recovery communities was £200,000. Details were provided of how the grants under the existing arrangements had been allocated, and in addition, a SMART recovery licence for the county was purchased (£5,000) and this enabled all community providers to be trained in and facilitate SMART Recovery groups.

RESOLVED to approve (1) extending existing grant funding for Substance Misuse recovery communities for a further 6 months to 30 September 2015;

(2) a consultation on changes to the Recovery Community grant funding process in Spring 2015; and

(3) the establishment of a Substance Misuse Recovery Communities fund from October 2015 with individual grant applications to be approved by the Cabinet Member.