

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES****11 November 2014****Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities****DERBYSHIRE LAW CENTRE - TACKLING HATE AND  
HARASSMENT PROJECT****1 Purpose of the report:**

To seek approval for £7,800 to fund the Derbyshire Law Centre to continue its Tackling Hate & Harassment Project for six months whilst other funding streams are obtained.

**2 Information and analysis:**

Derbyshire Law Centre is one of two recognised reporting centres for Hate Crime in Derbyshire. They have been doing this work for eight years and 'Tackling Hate & Harassment' has become firmly established as an area of law that they specialise in as a Law Centre. The project was funded by the Big Lottery Fund for five years but ceased on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The Law Centre are seeking continuation funding but there are delays in processing new applications to the Big Lottery that have meant that it will be unlikely that they will know the outcome of the Stage 2 lottery bid until early March 2015, leaving a six month gap in funding.

The Tackling Hate & Harassment project has been very successful and has over-performed on all its targets and outputs over the last five years, assisting 267 people to tackle Hate and Harassment with a satisfaction rate of 97%. The project comprises of elements including free legal advice and casework to victims of Hate and Harassment and Public legal education for example: annual events such as Holocaust Memorial Day, learning lessons from the past. Training is given to other agencies to help them give better support to service users, the public and how to report Hate Crimes / Incidents.

**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, and property and transport considerations.

**4 Background papers:**

None

**5 Key Decision:**

No

**6 Call-in:**

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

No

**7 Officer's recommendation:**

That the sum of £7,800 be awarded from the Communities Budget to fund the Tackling Hate & Harassment Project for six months whilst other funding streams are obtained.

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