

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 11 November 2014 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillors Mrs C A Hart and E Wilcox

107/14 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 21 October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

108/14 **THE ART OF BEING BRILLIANT – CREATIVE PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS** In 2012, The Art of Brilliance had won a three year tender to deliver an Anti-Social Behaviour Education Programme in schools across Derbyshire. The programme was aimed at those aged 11-13 in Derbyshire schools identified as 'hot spot' areas. The programme had been extended in 2013 and delivered to staff prior to the young people. There had then been a year group workshop, along with a follow up visit for school 'champions' to create their action plans, and a celebration event had taken place for the champions to showcase their work from the action plans. The project had covered 1,510 pupils, of which 216 had been champions.

As part of the project evaluation, perception surveys had revealed attitudes at school – confidence and happiness had improved, and students had felt more confident to stand up to friends who were doing something wrong. There had been an improvement in attitudes towards ASB, respecting difference and understanding the impact of alcohol use. Further feedback had suggested that students would benefit from receiving the input prior to moving up to secondary school. Work with students who had disabilities and additional educational support had seemed to gain the most from the project outcomes. It was also noted that the champion workshop method had been preferred.

In view of the positive outcomes achieved, it was proposed that the programme was continued for one more final year targeting looked after children who were not in mainstream education and attending Support Centres, those attending special schools across the county, and identified secondary schools that had not previously received support from the programme. It was proposed to allocate £50,000 from the Community Safety budget to expand the programme. There was no need for further re-procurement as this was an existing tender extension which was due to expire 31 August 2015.

RESOLVED that the Art of Being Brilliant Education programme be continued at a cost of £50,000 to be met from the Community Safety budget.

109/14 DERBYSHIRE LAW CENTRE – TACKLING HATE AND HARASSMENT PROJECT Approval was sought for £7,800 to fund the Derbyshire Law Centre to continue its Tackling Hate and Harassment Project for six months whilst other funding streams were obtained. The project had been funded by the Big Lottery Fund for five years, but had ceased on 30 September 2014. The Law Centre was seeking continuation funding, but there were delays in processing new applications to the Big Lottery Fund that had meant that it would be unlikely to know the outcome of the Stage 2 Lottery bid until early March 2015, leaving a six month gap in funding. The Project had been very successful and had over performed on all its targets and outputs over the last five years.

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

110/14 ALL DANCE All Dance had been part of the Cultural Olympiad celebrations in Derbyshire in 2012, inviting disabled people to learn and dance, and dance artists had worked with people from disability groups to create dance pieces which had been performed at Derbyshire's first countywide disability dance platform, A Day of Dance.

In 2013, approval had been given to use £27,600 from the arts budget as match funding for bids for external funding to support a further programme of dance activities for disabled people. Several applications had been made to external funders to continue to support the work, but all had been unsuccessful, and the organisations had asked for greater evidence of the beneficial effects of the project on the lives of participants. It was therefore proposed that the money already approved as match funding was used instead to run a second dance project as part of Made in Derbyshire 2015, working with at least eight disability groups from around the county. There would be an increased emphasis on collecting information and evidence from the participants of the benefits of dance activity. The budget of £27,600, held in a designated arts reserve, would pay for a project manager, dance artists to work with the groups and a thorough evaluation and impact assessment. The roles would be advertised as freelance contracts for services under the usual Procurement regulations. Using the evidence gained from the programme in 2015, further applications would then be made to external funding bodies to continue the work in the long term.

RESOLVED to agree to (1) the development of a one year programme celebrating the dance work of people with disabilities as part of the Made in Derbyshire 2015 programme; and

(2) using £27,600, currently held in a designated arts reserve, to support the programme.

111/14 PROTECTING LOCAL CONSUMERS FROM ROGUE DOORSTEP SELLERS Details were provided of a successful prosecution of a rogue doorstep seller. This had helped to illustrate the importance of local residents being vigilant to the potential harm from a minority of itinerant traders offering to do work on their property. The typical method of doorstep crime was highlighted, and it was noted that older residents were particularly targeted.

Raising awareness and responding to complaints about doorstep crime remained a local, regional and national trading standards priority. Derbyshire Trading Standards received good support from Derbyshire Police, and regular training was provided to the Police about trading standards legislation and the approach taken to tackling the rogue traders. Awareness training was also provided to colleagues within Adult Care.

The Division assessed all complaints and notifications about doorstep crime incidents, and for the period ending 30 September 2014, 108 complaints had been received. Messages were regularly sent out via the Derbyshire Alert system and in April, the Division had taken part in the annual 'Operation Rogue Trader' to raise awareness about potential rogue trading. The Division also promoted No Cold Calling stickers and distributed leaflets to local neighbourhoods where there had been complaints, and local residents were encouraged to seek out local traders via the Derbyshire Trusted Trader Scheme.

RESOLVED to note the report.

112/14 COMPLETED PROSECUTIONS UNDER TRADING STANDARDS LEGISLATION A summary was given of the cases concluded during the first half of the current financial year. During the period, 21 defendants had been prosecuted, resulting in the Courts imposing a total of £11,219 in fines, £22,188 in compensations, £11,603 in prosecution costs and £112,456 'Proceeds of Crime' (this had been paid over a number of years). In addition, two defendants had been ordered to carry out unpaid community work.

RESOLVED to note the report.

113/14 BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 5 2014/15 The gross budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was approximately £52m, and the budget monitoring was projecting an underspend for the year of £4.169m, £3.9m of which related to the Public Health function. At year-end, the Public

Health underspend would be transferred into the Public Health Resource Fund, leaving a projected underspend for the remaining portfolio of £0.248m.

The key variances were reported, and included an underspend in Public Health. The key areas of underspend were highlighted. The Department's Earmarked Reserves totalled £3.065m, and budget reductions totalling £1.288m had been agreed by Full Council as part of the approval of the 2014-15 budget. The savings would be achieved by the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED to note the position on the 2014/15 Revenue Budget.

114/14 GRANT FUNDING FOR THE 'LIVING WITH LONG TERM CONDITIONS' SERVICE WITH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES The 'Living with Long Term Conditions' service was currently provided by Derbyshire Community Health Services, and the contract had previously been extended until 31 March 2015. The service needed to develop in terms of the numbers of people with long term conditions who would benefit from a programme to improve self-management. This would reduce the number of GP appointments, out of hours health service contracts and hospital admissions.

A piece of work was on-going to develop a programme incorporating self-management, but also including referral to health and wellbeing services. At present, individuals were made aware of such services but there was no automatic assessment of need or referral to Lifestyle services. The programme would offer more comprehensive support to a range of patients and it was envisaged that referral to the service would be built into the NHS patient care pathways.

The work, which was being undertaken alongside the CCGs, would not be completed in time to re-procure a service from April 2015. As such, a request had been made to grant fund the current service provider for one year from April 2015. A grant of £50,000 would be made to the current service provider for one year from April 2015.

The Director of Legal Services had advised that it was reasonable for a grant-funded arrangement to be established to provide an interim solution pending the procurement of a new service from April 2015. By grant funding, Derbyshire Community Health Services would not be contractually obliged to deliver any particular services, although the Council could be able to claw back grant if it was unspent or misapplied.

RESOLVED to approve the payment of a grant of £50,000 to Derbyshire Community Health Services for the provision of a 'Living with Long Term Conditions' service for one year from April 2015.

115/14 COMMUNITY SPECIALIST NURSE FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE

Pathways had been operating in Chesterfield since 2007, and was the only agency of its kind providing help and support to homeless and vulnerably-housed individuals in Chesterfield and the surrounding area. Since 2007, the Centre had worked with over 600 clients, and during 2014, the number of new individuals presenting as homeless had been 156.

Pathways was putting together a development plan that would help the service become more sustainable, and the provision of healthcare to clients was fundamental to the plan. Clients registered with Pathways had a multitude of health and social care problems linked to their homeless status. Many homeless people had complex health needs that impacted on their daily functioning, wellbeing and life expectancy. For some homeless individuals, difficulties in accessing integrated care meant that they presented late in the pattern of illness with problems that could have been prevented or treated earlier.

The County Council had previously agreed to provide grant funding for the provision of a Community Nurse specialist to provide healthcare to Pathways' clients. The post had been funded through Derbyshire Primary Care Trust. The service was hosted by the Avenue House Medical Centre and the post holders worked out of Pathways. The nurses provided specialist clinical support to enable clients to understand and manage their health condition.

Liaison with other health, social care organisations and voluntary agencies was a key aspect of the role, and this could help to facilitate a more co-ordinated approach in supporting homeless people with their health and social care needs. Over the past year, a range of work had been undertaken, and this was detailed. The addition of the services helped in the delivery of a more holistic, robust service. £42,500 had been allocated in the Public Health budget for the provision of the service.

RESOLVED to agree to provide grant funding of £42,500 to Pathways for the provision of a Community Nurse Specialist post for the homeless to be based at Pathways homelessness centre in Chesterfield.

116/14 DERBYSHIRE'S FIRST RECOVERY WALK 2014 September was designated worldwide as Recovery Month, and this gave a voice to those in recovery, those who aimed to be in recovery and those who worked hard to try to help people achieve recovery. The UK began hosting a National Recovery Walk in 2009, and this provided an annual opportunity for individuals and families to walk alongside others who had had, or who were still experiencing, problems with addictions. It had been felt that some local residents would not be able to travel to the main event in Manchester, so it had been decided to hold a Derbyshire walk.

Many of the services commissioned by the local authority's Substance Misuse Commissioning Team had helped to organise the event, and the walk had taken place in Erewash. Staff from the Library Service had supported the event, including displays promoting recovery in four libraries across the county. Twenty-six service users and staff members had taken part in the walk, which had encouraged people to interact with those from other services. Many positive comments about the day had been made, and it was the intention to organise a second Derbyshire Recovery Walk next year.

RESOLVED that the success of Derbyshire's first Recovery Walk be noted, along with plans to expand Recovery Month activities and events across Derbyshire in September 2015.

117/14 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 exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 21 October 2014

118/14 EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 21 October 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.