

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 13 October 2015 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillors C A Hart and Julie A Hill

104/15 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 22 September 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

105/15 **SUPPORT VULNERABLE VICTIMS OF BURGLARY PROJECT**

Over recent months, some areas of the county had seen increases in levels of burglary, and Chesterfield, Erewash and Amber Valley had seen the largest number. Many services which would have supported victims of burglary had been placed under budgetary pressure, meaning that some vulnerable victims of burglary did not receive the levels of care that they needed. It was proposed that a support service be developed which could provide help and assistance to vulnerable victims of burglary, and this service would be tailored to the needs of the victims.

Following a burglary, a project worker would visit the victim to provide help, advice and support, and victims could also benefit from target hardening materials. Victims would be referred into the project in a number of ways, and these were detailed. In order for the service to be offered to those most in need, criteria would be developed to identify those who were eligible. This would be developed in more detail as the project was progressed.

The budget should cover approximately 40-60 victims, dependent upon what security measures were required and the amount of officer time that each victim would need. A range of providers would be invited to offer quotes, based on a standardised specification. It was anticipated that quotations would be received from third sector organisations as well as private organisations, and any project workers would be employed by the provider that was subsequently selected. The project would be funded from the Communities budget for 2014/15. Any future extension to the project would be dependent on budget availability, and provision of the specialised support services would be procured in accordance with Financial Regulations.

RESOLVED that the support for vulnerable victims of burglary project be funded, at a cost of £25,000, met from the Communities budget.

106/15 **THE ART OF BEING BRILLIANT – CREATIVE EDUCATION**

UNIT Since 2012, The Art of Brilliance had been commissioned to deliver an

Anti-Social Behaviour Education Programme in schools across Derbyshire. The programme was aimed at secondary school students and had been delivered in mainstream schools in 'hot spot areas as well as to Pupil Support Centres, Special Schools and to children in care. The learning outcomes were highlighted, along with the programme format.

Over the past three years, the project had delivered workshops in 20 mainstream secondary schools, nine special schools and three pupil support centres. It had also delivered two sessions to a group of year six primary school students and two sessions to a group of looked after children. A total of 3,744 students had participated. Comprehensive evaluations had been carried out, which had measured changes in student's attitudes since participating in the project. Perception surveys had been carried out which had revealed that student's attitudes at school, confidence and happiness levels had improved since taking part. Students had also 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 consumption.

It was proposed that the programme be continued for another year with a specific focus on delivering the workshops in pupil support centres, targeted mainstream secondary schools and also to groups of children in care. The programme would cost £30,000 and funding would be met from the Communities budget.

The Art of Brilliance had been commissioned to deliver the input for three years from 2012-15, via a formal tender process undertaken by the Community Safety Unit. As there was not sufficient time to undertake the formal tender process and deliver the project in this academic year, it was proposed that the contract be extended for one year in order for the input to be delivered in this academic year. Any project which was proposed for the academic year 2016/17 would be subjected to the full tender process, assuming budget was available to deliver this.

RESOLVED that the Art of Being Brilliant Education input be continued at a cost of £30,000 to be met from the Communities budget.

107/15 EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SURVEY OF YOUNG PEOPLE In 2015, Public Health officers had commissioned a survey of all young people in Year 8 across Derbyshire, focussing on their emotional health and wellbeing. The survey had been undertaken by an external company, and they were able to ask standardised questions that had previously been tested with young people. Schools had been encouraged to complete the survey with all of their year 8 pupils between May – July 2015. 21 schools had taken part in the survey – 44% of all secondary schools in Derbyshire and

a total of 2,234 young people. Not all schools had completed the survey with the full year group, and the headline results were presented.

The results from the initial survey had showed that year 8 pupils were similar to young people in other local authorities, although there were a higher number in Derbyshire who had tried cigarettes and alcohol. The number of young people feeling sad most days correlated with national prevalence data of mental health problems. Schools had received reports with their own data and comparable data from across the county, and this allowed them to focus on any areas of concern for their young people. Schools had also received social norm resources which promoted the positive health messages relating to Derbyshire young people.

Re-procuring the 2015 survey up to 2018 would build on the interest shown and increase the number of schools and young people taking part. The survey would be repeated with year 8 pupils in 2016-18 to give a greater understanding of young people's views and behaviour and to identify any key points of change. The results would be comparable to the 2015 survey, and in addition the 2016 year 8 cohort would be tracked through to year 11 to allow the local authority to understand when behaviour changes took place and therefore when any support and education would have the greatest impact. A total of four year 8 surveys and three tracking surveys would be undertaken, and each survey would be analysed and presented in report format for the Council and each participating school.

The surveys would be procured within a value that did not exceed £50,000 in total, subject to the availability of funding, identified from the Public Health Children's substance misuse budget.

RESOLVED to approve the procurement to repeat the young people's emotional health and wellbeing survey, subject to available funding, with all year 8 pupils and track a cohort of pupils across Derbyshire up to 2018.

108/15 REDUCING FOOD POVERTY: GRANT FOR AFFORDABLE FOOD BOXES Approval had previously been given for a grant for a mobile facility run by a Community Interest Company called Eudaimonia, and the facility would operate as a mobile community food shop and a mobile super kitchen. It would also be used to deliver the affordable food box scheme.

A Fareshare warehouse had opened in September 2015 as part of the Feeding Derbyshire programme. Fareshare received food from the food industry that would otherwise go to waste, and redistributed it to charities such as food banks, refuges and hostels for homeless people. Fareshare could provide food boxes made up of perishable and non-perishable foods that could be purchased by people on a low income, and the food was good and nutritionally balanced. A small charge or donation was requested to support

the sustainability of the scheme and to offer recipients the dignity of paying for their food. Fareshare made a modest charge for the food to the agencies who made up the food boxes to sell on.

It was proposed that Eudaimonia managed and delivered the affordable food box scheme with a grant to purchase the foods from Fareshare. This increased the efficiency of the mobile facility as it would be delivering three components of the Feeding Derbyshire programme. There was a budget for the affordable food box scheme of £20,000 in year 1 and £10,000 in years 2 and 3. The aim of the scheme was that it became self-sustaining and independent of Council funding after three years. It was proposed that the cost of the grant would be met from the food poverty element of the Public Health budget.

RESOLVED that grant funding of £40,000 over three years be provided to Eudaimonia from October 2015 to September 2018 as follows:-

Year 1 - £20,000

Year 2 - £10,000

Year 3 - £10,000 (contingency)