

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

14 March 2017

Report of the Director of Public Health

REQUEST FOR FUNDING – FIRST TASTE

1. Purpose of the Report:

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities to make a one-off grant payment of £20,000 to First Taste to support the continued operation of the organisation whilst it develops a business model to offer chair based exercise services to enable it to become self-sufficient from Council Funding.

2. Information and Analysis:

First Taste is a local charity based at Two Dales that has been in operation since 1997, which provides interactive arts and education and other stimulative activities for frail older people in nursing and residential care homes and day care centres principally, but not exclusively, in the Derbyshire Dales locality.

The activities include painting, craftwork, ceramics, music and movement, singing, poetry etc and First Taste either deliver the activities directly or provide training to care home staff to enable them to deliver these activities. DCC Adult Care has previously commissioned First Taste to provide arts and stimulative activities training to staff in its care homes and it is now proposed that they develop this offer and charge private sector providers for this service.

First Taste also deliver a number of other programmes including intergenerational initiatives and support care homes to deliver chair based exercise (CBE) to improve older people's physical activity and to reduce their risk of falling.

First Taste has identified that it is working towards self-sufficiency from Council funding and need one-off grant funding to enable them to build up a portfolio of service activity especially the provision of falls prevention exercises that could in the future be made available to the local care home community with a charge made to each service provider for the organisation's input.

3. Financial Considerations:

The grant funding of £20,000 will be met through the Public Health Grant.

4. Human Resources Considerations:

Any organisation providing services to children or vulnerable adults, approval of financial assistance is conditional on the existence within these organisations of appropriate statutory procedures assessing suitability to work with children or vulnerable adults.

5. Legal Considerations

The Council is permitted to make such a payment under the “General Power of Competence” set out in the Localism Act 2011. A grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made. The recipient of the grant is not contractually obliged to deliver the services, although the Council would seek to claw back the grant in appropriate circumstances were there to be significant non-performance of any grant conditions.

6. Social Value Considerations

The services provided by First Taste will promote the health and wellbeing of older people who live in Care Homes and attend Day Care services. Their service offer in care services will also promote good practice with staff working in those settings to promote social wellbeing and resilience.

7. Equal Opportunity Considerations

Payments to any organisation are dependent upon the insistence that the organisation adheres to County Council Equal Opportunity policies.

8. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: human rights, health, environmental, transport, property, and crime and disorder considerations.

9. Background Papers

None

10. Key Decision

No

11. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

12. Officer's Recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities approves the award of £20,000 grant funding to First Taste as detailed in the report.

Dean Wallace
Director of Public Health