

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 14 March 2017 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor Julie Hill

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor C A Hart.

24/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 21 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

25/17 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHARGES IN THE LIBRARIES AND HERITAGE DIVISION** Income generated from charges across all libraries and heritage services was an important part of the budget, and the total income received from charges in 2015/16 was approximately £365,000. This had been a significant reduction from the previous year, and this trend was likely to continue given the decline in the income received from overdue charges and the loan of DVDs.

Implicit in the annual review of charges was an assumption that they would increase in line with inflation. However, this was not always practical to implement given the relative level of some charges. In addition, there was customer resistance to some increases, and increasing charges could lead to a decline in use thereby further reducing income. It was therefore proposed that the majority of fees and charges levied for the Libraries and Heritage Division for 2017/18 remained unchanged. However, some changes were proposed, including to increase the charge for obtaining a requested item from outside Derbyshire from £4.50 to £5.00 to reflect the cost of obtaining the item.

The Division was increasingly being asked to support organisations with bids for external funding. These requests for support could be very staff intensive and took a variety of forms ranging from professional advice to organising training sessions and workshops. To cover the costs associated with such work, it was proposed to introduce standard charges for these activities – £175 half day/£350 full day for training sessions and workshops for funded organisations; and £350 per day (£50 per hour) for professional advice and support to funded organisations. The rates proposed were based on the Heritage Lottery Fund's recommended rates, and would be agreed in advance with organisations so that the costs could be included in their bids for funding.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed charges for the Libraries and Heritage Division for 2017/18, with effect from 3 April 2017.

26/17 ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND: LIBRARIES OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE INNOVATION FUND

In December 2016, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the Libraries Taskforce had published the report 'Libraries Deliver: Ambition for Public Libraries in England 2016-2021', outlining its five year vision and action plan for English Public Libraries. To accompany the report, DCMS had launched the Libraries Opportunities for Everyone Innovation Fund, and the objective of this was to pilot innovative projects that would benefit disadvantaged people and places in England.

Derbyshire Libraries was the lead authority on a cross border application with Inspire (Nottinghamshire Library Service). The application was focussed on working with some of the most disadvantaged communities in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to help them become digitally enabled. The project intended to use co-design methods to create appropriate digital outreach sessions for each community, and in Derbyshire, the work would be concentrated in Shirebrook, Gamesley, Cotmanhay, Newhall and Danesmoor.

The project would fund two full time staff to develop a number of digital access initiatives, both within libraries and local communities. This would be done in collaboration with Nottinghamshire so a similar model could be delivered in two areas of disadvantage that adjoined Derbyshire. A range of equipment would be purchased to support the activities, and at the end of the project it was proposed to donate the equipment to community groups to help mainstream and sustain the work undertaken. This could also include supporting community venues to become UK Online Centres to access further resources and support for their communities. The groups would also be offered free use of library facilities.

An important element of the project was working with the digital charity Good Things Foundation, which would undertake an independent evaluation of the activities and design, and implement an evaluation framework, to provide a solid evidence base to inform future service delivery. If Derbyshire's bid was successful, Arts Council England had stated that the funding could only be used for a maximum of 12 months, and the project would need to start on 3 April 2017 and finish by 31 March 2018. However, the library service would only be informed if it had been successful at the end of March 2017. Given the very short timescales to start and deliver the project, permission was requested to accept the grant if the bid was successful.

The grant application to Arts Council England was for £165,810 towards a total project cost of £205,810. Inspire had committed £10,000 match funding and the remaining balance would be found from within the existing

library budget and earmarked reserves. To deliver the project, the posts of the existing Senior Librarian: Digital Inclusion and Business Services Assistant: Digital Inclusion would be extended until 31 March 2018.

RESOLVED to (1) note the report; and

(2) agree that, subject to a successful bid, the Library Service can accept the grant from Arts Council England to enable the work to begin on 3 April 2017.

27/17 FEES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18 TRADING STANDARDS

DIVISION The local authority had a statutory duty to enforce the provisions of weights and measures legislation, and one of the purposes of the legislation was to ensure that weighing and measuring equipment was fit for use for trade and that errors of measurement were within prescribed tolerances. All prescribed equipment to be used for trade had to be verified as being fit for use.

The County Council's verification income had fallen between 2007 and 2013, mainly as a result of more businesses using the private sector for verifications and because of the closure of a Chesterfield based water-meter manufacturer. However, there had been a significant increase to over £30,000 for 2015/16. This had been largely due to the increased activity of a local business placing weighing instruments mounted on road vehicles onto the market, and the income from the business up to the end of January 2017 had been £29,000. The business had applied for self-verification which would result in a significant drop in this income, and the Service was looking at the possibility of a Primary Authority partnership with the business. Re-verification of automatic rail weighbridges was projected to continue over 2017/18, and a second officer had been trained to ensure competent officers were available throughout the year. The calibration facility operated at Chatsworth Hall had yielded almost £4,000 income during 2016/17.

The fees approved for weights and measures verification work included a surcharge for work done outside normal working hours. It was proposed that the additional overtime fee charged for verification work outside the normal working hours continued at the rate of standard charge plus 33%, and for bank holidays to standard charge plus 50% to cover any additional overtime costs where authorised.

The fees which were determined by individual local authorities had been set out. The authority had assessed current trends in costs and had recommended that there be an increase in the fees charged for weights and measures verification services of 1.6% in line with the Office of National Statistics statement of inflation at the end of 2016. The value of work from weights and measures verification and calibration activities in 2016/17 to the

end of January 2017 had been £43,700. The fees income from weights and measures activity was largely dependent on the submissions from a local business and was therefore subject to variation.

RESOLVED to agree the fees recommended for the financial year 2017/18.

28/17 HENRY (HEALTH, EXERCISE, NUTRITION FOR THE REALLY YOUNG) HENRY was an evidence based intervention to tackle child obesity and was delivered by Children's Services via a grant payment arrangement which was currently due to end in March 2017. The HENRY programme focussed on 0-5 years, and was part of Derbyshire's life course approach to tackling obesity. The National Child Measurement Programme data indicated lower rates of obesity in Derbyshire compared to England, which supported the case for ongoing investment in the programme.

There were two components to the intervention in Derbyshire – HENRY Health and Early Years Practitioner Training provided core training to deliver the HENRY Group Programme for Parents and e-learning for frontline staff to increase practitioner confidence to tackle complex and sensitive lifestyle issues with parents and carers.

The HENRY Group Programme for Parents was a programme for parents and carers, and there was delivery across six locality areas. The aim was to maximise engagement with and make a difference to families of young children at risk of obesity and being overweight. The HENRY Group Programme for Parents was promoted through and primarily based in Children's Centres, and it had a particular focus on disadvantaged communities where obesity was more prevalent and opportunities for healthy eating and activity could be less accessible. Working with the most vulnerable families, HENRY could reach those who were more likely to suffer from health inequalities, and discussions had recently taken place to link HENRY with the Healthy School Communities targeted schools, linking with Reception Year.

The annual contract value for HENRY was £44,200 from the Public Health budget, and since 2014, it had been delivered by Children's Services which had realised 15% financial savings.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed award of grant payments of £44,200 to Children's Services to continue the delivery of the HENRY programme for the 2017/18 financial year.

29/17 REQUEST FOR FUNDING – FIRST TASTE First Taste was a local charity which provided interactive arts and education and other stimulative activities for frail older people in nursing and residential care homes and day care centres principally in the Derbyshire Dales locality. First

Taste either delivered the activities directly or provided training to care home staff to enable them to deliver the activities. Adult Care had previously commissioned First Taste to provide arts and stimulative activities training to staff in its care homes, and it was now proposed that they developed this offer and charged private sector providers for the service. First Taste also delivered a number of other programmes and supported care homes to deliver chair based exercise.

First Taste had identified that it was working towards self-sufficiency from Council funding, and needed one-off grant funding to enable it 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. The grant funding of £20,000 would be met through the Public Health grant.

RESOLVED to approve the award of £20,000 grant funding to First Taste.

30/17 THE DERBYSHIRE HEALTHY HOME PROGRAMME There were an estimated 60,000 households across Derbyshire living in fuel poverty, and within this group, there were approximately 4,000 very vulnerable households containing people with a long term health condition made worse by the cold. In 2014, Derbyshire Public Health had commissioned the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Local Authorities' Energy Partnership (LEAP) to develop a programme to identify and support this vulnerable group of householders.

Eligible households included somebody living with one or more of a range of diagnosed health conditions made worse by the cold. It could be difficult to ensure vulnerable householders were identified and given help, and the programme worked with GP practices to invite specific patients to contact the Healthy Home team for support and could also receive referrals from partners who visited people in their home. All householders received an average of three home visits to develop a tailored package of 1:1 support in three areas – making the home warm, making warmth affordable and improving health and wellbeing. The programme had started in April 2015, and to date had assisted 365 households with 950 different interventions involving over 1200 home visits.

Details were provided of the financial benefits to residents since the programme had started. The savings made by households helped to reduce the gap between their existing and required spend on heating costs to keep their home at a safe and warm temperature. The savings came at no cost to households, because the LEAP had attracted capital funding worth of £0.300m from a range of organisations.

All householders received advice about the health benefits of keeping warm, flu vaccination checks, medication checks, trips and falls services, priority service registers and housing option advice. In addition, a further 142 residents had received one to one energy and health advice during group meetings. Investment in housing related interventions to keep the most vulnerable individuals warm was an effective use of resources – it was estimated that every £1 spent on improving homes saved the NHS £70 over 10 years.

RESOLVED to note the achievements of the Derbyshire Healthy Home programme.

31/17 **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 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 February 2017

32/17 **EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 21 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.