

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES**

**14 April 2015**

**Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities**

**ARTS, HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To inform the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities of the progress of the Arts, Health and Wellbeing programme and to request permission to appoint a freelance Arts, Health and Wellbeing Project Co-ordinator on a 'contract for services' basis on a one-year rolling basis, for a maximum of three years.

**2. Information and analysis:**

2.1 Derbyshire County Council has been working with the Arts Derbyshire partnership for the last five years on a series of Arts, Health and Wellbeing projects. These projects have included Arts Impact, which provided over two hundred craft, dance and writing workshops for older people in care; Taking the Lead on Music for Wellbeing, which trained three groups of young musicians to deliver music sessions for older people in care; and Caring Creatively, which provided training for carers in how to deliver arts activities. Further projects are under development, including a series of cinema screenings for people with dementia and their families; further work with young musicians; and dance workshops for people with disabilities.

2.2 The projects have been managed and co-ordinated for the last three years by a freelance Arts, Health And Wellbeing Project Co-ordinator. The contract for that post finished on 31 March 2015. A new contract has been advertised, following County Council procurement regulations under procurement protocol 6. A successful tenderer has been selected and it is proposed to offer a contract on a one-year rolling basis, for a maximum of three years.

### 2.3 The Co-ordinator will be expected to:

- Develop and manage arts, health and wellbeing projects across Derbyshire, including special projects for Made in Derbyshire 2015
- Manage the Arts, Health and Wellbeing Network and the Caring Creatively Network
- Draw in additional funding for arts and health work
- Develop training for care staff and artists
- Manage the strategy and evaluation framework
- Develop new partnerships

### 3. **Financial considerations:**

A budget of £18,200 covers the Co-ordinator's fees. This is made up of contributions from county, district and borough councils through the Arts Derbyshire partnership; funding from the Arts Derbyshire reserves; funding from the Made in Derbyshire reserves to cover the management of special Made in Derbyshire projects; and match funding from grants brought in for specific projects. Any other costs for particular projects would be bid for separately.

### 4. **Other considerations:**

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

### 5. **Background papers:**

Arts and Health, 12 December 2011  
Arts and Health, 24 July 2012  
Arts and Health, 16 October 2012  
Arts and Health, 21 January 2014

### 6. **Key Decision:**

No

### 7. **Call-in:**

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

**8. Officer's Recommendations:**

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities:

1. Notes the report;
2. Agrees to the appointment of the successful respondent to the tender as the freelance Arts, Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator on a 'contract for services' basis on a one-year rolling basis, for a maximum of three years.

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