

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 20 June 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Hart, Julie Hill and E Wilcox

48/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 24 May 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

49/16 **DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015/16 REVIEW AND 2016/17 APPROVAL** During 2015/16, the Community Safety Unit had provided and facilitated training for a total of 3,576 delegates, and a breakdown of courses and delegates was provided. During the year, the Unit had trained an extra 557 delegates and had delivered 25% more courses. Many of the additional numbers were due to the increased demand for WRAP training and in response to 'Prevent' becoming a statutory duty. A Train the Trainer course had also been delivered to increase capacity across the County to meet the training demand.

CSE Training provision had also been increased in partnership with the Derbyshire Safeguarding Children Board. In addition to the classroom based provision, the Community Safety Unit had produced five more e-learning and IT workbook based products over the course of the year. During 2015/16, 99.5% of delegates had rated the core courses good, very good or excellent overall.

The Community Safety Learning and Development Plan for 2016/17 was presented. During the course of the year, future community safety training provision would be reviewed and rationalised in line with the crime and disorder priorities identified in the three year threat and risk assessment.

RESOLVED to (1) note the update for the Derbyshire Community Safety Learning and Development Plan 2015/16; and

(2) approve the Derbyshire Community Safety Learning and Development Plan 2016/17.

50/16 **TRADING STANDARDS – TACKLING ILLICIT TOBACCO 2015/16** The Trading Standards Division had a key role in tackling the illicit supply of tobacco. During 2015/16, 112 complaints had been received, and

the Division had seized 1,855,750 cigarettes, 595kg of Hand Rolling Tobacco (HRT), and 734kg of Shisa tobacco.

Most sellers of illicit tobacco rented the shops they used from commercial landlords. Where Trading Standards staff had found evidence of illicit tobacco being sold, they tried to work with the landlord to get the tenant evicted. This approach had been successful, and in 2015/16, five offending shops had been tackled in this way. Since the approach had been adopted, the number of shops selling illicit tobacco had been reduced to six, and work was ongoing with the remaining premises.

Investigations were underway in relation to all six premises that were currently known to Trading Standards. Seven illicit tobacco prosecutions had been concluded in 2015/16. Prison sentences totalling 13 months had been imposed in respect of 3 defendants; fines totalling £4,290 had been imposed in respect of three defendants; costs of £4,047 had been awarded; and £2,300 had been recovered as Proceeds of Crime.

RESOLVED to note the steps taken by the Trading Standards Division to tackle the supply of illicit tobacco.

51/16 PROTECTING VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN DERBYSHIRE – DERBYSHIRE SCAM WATCH INITIATIVE 2015/16 Details were provided of action taken to support vulnerable local residents who had been victims of scams.

The full impact of scam mail, as a source of financial abuse, was recognised as a growing problem, and had been identified as a national trading standards priority. A National Trading Standards Scams Team (NTSST) had been set up to work with a range of organisations to address the problem. With the cooperation of Royal Mail, the Police had been able to identify and intercept mail from UK residents that had been misled by scammers. This mail was sent to the NTSST for collation and return to the relevant local Trading Standards Service. Trading Standards then had the opportunity to return the money to local residents and to explain the fraudulent nature of the scam. In 2014/15, Derbyshire Trading Standards had had contact with and returned money to 71 local residents.

The Division already worked closely with voluntary sector partners to raise public awareness regarding scams, and there had been the launch of a new initiative – Derbyshire Scam Watch. This had been designed to address the immediate needs of identified victims and prevent further crimes. The project was led by North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureaux (NEDCAB) and was funded by a grant awarded by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. The main objectives of the project were detailed. The Derbyshire Scam Watch website had been launched in September 2015, and

a project coordinator had been recruited by NEDCAB along with six volunteers. To date, there had been approximately 50 visits concluded to vulnerable local victims, and advice and support provided. Where appropriate, referrals had been made. A number of press releases had been issued and articles posted to raise awareness, and the project coordinator had attended a number of groups to advise about the problem.

The Care Act had created new responsibilities for local authorities with regard to older people. Statutory guidance to the Care Act provided detail about the potential harm from scams and recommended that Trading Standards Services worked closely with Adult Care to provide support to local residents identified as being at risk. Discussions between appropriate colleagues were taking place.

In addition to support for Derbyshire Scam Watch, the Trading Standards Division had initiated a programme of visits to local residents identified as victims of scam mail. Full details of the work carried out during 2015/16 had been provided, along with a summary of the key points. Despite support, there was unmet demand, and there were still 293 Derbyshire potential scam victims to be visited. It was also anticipated that additional referrals would continue to be received from the NTSST. Derbyshire Trading Standards would continue to work with partners to support local residents that had been identified as victims of mail scams and to raise awareness about the problem.

RESOLVED to note the report.

52/16 MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING Approval had previously been given for investment in training Adult Education tutors to be able to deliver Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training as part of a train the trainer model. There was only one provider for MHFA training in the country - Mental Health First Aid England.

The original proposal had been to train four tutors in MHFA and to invest the remaining budget into delivery of courses. However, following further investigation into the training, the fees had increased in April 2016, and the only upcoming courses were to be held in London. Therefore, tutors would have additional travel, accommodation and subsistence costs for seven days, which would have significantly increased the initial costs. A more cost effective solution had been identified to host a training course in Derbyshire and train ten tutors.

The costs had been allocated in the previous financial year, and would be met from the 2015/16 Public Health budget. The total was £27,800, and this was £22,150 for tutor training and £5,650 for the delivery of courses. Protocol 8 of the Financial Regulations stated that where the value of the

services being awarded to a sole supplier was above £20,000 it was for the Cabinet Member to decide whether to approve the contract.

RESOLVED to approve the award of a contract to Mental Health First Aid England for the provision of an MHFA training course to ten Adult Education tutors on a train-the-trainer basis in Derbyshire.

53/16 DERBYSHIRE HEALTH REFERRAL SCHEME – ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATION CAPACITY The Health Referral Scheme (HRS) was a free 12 week programme for sedentary adults with a chronic condition or limited mobility who had been assessed by their GP as individuals who would benefit from exercise. The scheme was commissioned to support around 4,500 Derbyshire residents to increase their long term physical activity, improve their quality of life and reduce their risk of ill-health. The cost of the scheme was £300,000 per annum, and had commenced on 1 December 2014 for a three year period. Each of the District/Borough Councils were commissioned to provide the HRS within their locality.

Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS) had been commissioned as the primary contractor to oversee the administration of the scheme. A recent review of the scheme in consultation with partners had identified that, whilst the administration of the HRS was generally good, the current referral process was inefficient with long waiting lists, high numbers referred to the service who did not attend, inappropriate referrals and rearrangements of unsuitable appointment times. To enhance the efficiency of the HRS, a new referral process had been agreed which involved DCHS facilitating the process by providing information to the client in order for them to contact the provider directly. DCHS would no longer make the appointment on the client's behalf, but would continue to maintain the central database and be responsible for other administration duties.

To facilitate the implementation of the new referral process, an additional investment in the HRS was required to enable the providers to carry out the additional work. The cost of the implementation was £29,970. Each District/Borough Council was allocated funding for the HRS based upon a minimum number of clients completing the programme, and this formula would be used to allocate the additional funding. The maximum amount each provider would receive was detailed. The additional funding would be met from the wellbeing service budget allocation within the Public Health budget.

RESOLVED to approve the additional investment of £29,970 per annum in the Health Referral Scheme until the end of November 2017 to facilitate a more efficient referral process for clients.

54/16 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 consider the exempt report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities on Protecting Vulnerable People in Derbyshire 2015/16 (contains information relating to any individual)