

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

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillors C A Hart, Julie Hill and E S Wilcox

79/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 23 August 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

80/16 **DEVELOPING THE RECOVERY COMMUNITIES IN DERBYSHIRE** The recovery grant scheme had been developed over the last six years to provide recovery opportunities that reached across Derbyshire and supported treatment activities and mutual aid or peer support. In September 2015, approval had been given for the award of one year grants to a total value of £205,269 to organisations which provided supportive recovery services to Derbyshire residents who were in drug and alcohol treatment or discharged from services and in recovery. The organisations which had previously received grants were detailed.

Under the 2016/17 grant scheme, the application process had been repeated whereby small, local organisations had been invited to secure a 12 month grant by completing an online application form which identified the need for the provision of at least one ‘recovery’ element in order to achieve the specific health outcome. The recovery elements were specified, and provided effective foundations for service users to build recovery from dependence and misuse. The application had specified a cap on the income of the organisations eligible to apply and offered a maximum of £40,000 to each organisation.

Sixteen applications had been submitted, and these were considered by an Evaluation Team. Six organisations had scored the highest marks against the scoring criteria, although in certain cases, it was proposed to fund only some elements to generate better value. Sufficient funding remained to enable consideration of the next two high scoring organisations for elements of funding against their applications. It was therefore proposed to provide the grants to the eight organisations to deliver a broad spread of recovery services across Derbyshire. The total amount to develop the recovery communities in Derbyshire was £198,035, which would be met from the Public Health budget for 2016/17.

RESOLVED to note the achievements of organisations awarded recovery grants in 2015, and to approve the provision of the grant funding, to

a total value of £198,035, to further develop the recovery communities in Derbyshire for the period 2016-17.

81/16 LIVE LIFE BETTER DERBYSHIRE (LLBD): STOP SMOKING

SERVICE Stop smoking services provided evidence-based support to smokers who wanted to quit smoking. The current stop smoking services provided as part of the integrated lifestyle service, Live Life Better Derbyshire (LLBD), consisted of behavioural support and access to stop smoking medicines. The LLBD services provided a single point of access to a range of lifestyle services, and the stop smoking service component comprised of two elements – a specialist service which provided support to pregnant smokers and clients with more complex needs, and a community service which had been designed to be delivered in a variety of venues across Derbyshire by an accredited provider market, ensuring accessibility to any smoker who wanted support to quit smoking.

The potential capacity of the community stop smoking provision had not been realised, and this had resulted in a number of areas having limited availability to stop smoking support. The LLBD service contract was due to expire on 30 November 2017, and the procurement process for the new contract had started. However, there was an urgent need to increase community provision of stop smoking support until the end of the current contract.

In order to achieve the increased levels of capacity, it was proposed that monies within the underspend of the stop smoking support payment by results element of the contract were used to provide the Provider with funds to employ two full time equivalent stop smoking advisors who would be required to deliver community stop smoking advisors. The community stop smoking groups would be based on a hub model, with locations identified by those areas that currently had limited availability and areas of high deprivation/high smoking prevalence rates. Twenty support groups would be delivered per week, and in addition, the advisors would engage with local referrers to maximise the potential of the groups.

The total project cost was £65,000 and the funds for the project would come from the existing underspend within the community stop smoking service payment by results element of the Live Life Better Derbyshire contract.

RESOLVED to approve the use of £65,000 from the underspend of the payment by results element of the Live Life Better Derbyshire contract, to support the provision of community stop smoking groups, enabling smokers to access the support required to quit smoking.

82/16 SV2 COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF RAPE AND

SEXUAL ASSAULT SV2 was a charity jointly commissioned by NHS

England, Derbyshire Constabulary and the County Council to provide the County's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) service, which provided support for victims of rape and sexual assault. SV2 also provided a therapeutic counselling service, but this was not part of the SARC specification, and as such, it did not have a sustainable funding stream.

At the week commencing 5 September 2016, SV2 had 90 clients in counselling services and 200 clients on its waiting list. Of the 200 clients waiting, 37 had been on the list for over six months and a further 67 between three and six months. One of the significant issues for SV2 was the time it took for the counsellors to undertake an initial assessment, which could lead to some clients losing confidence in the service and subsequently dropping out. SV2 employed two counsellors and sub-contracted work to 14 other counsellors as funding allowed. Currently, referral to sub-contracted counsellors was minimal due to a lack of funding.

The number of victims seeking this kind of support continued to rise. SV2 received self-referrals from victims as well as referrals from GPs and other health and statutory services, and did not anticipate any downward trend in referral numbers in the foreseeable future. SV2 was working with the Police and Crime Commissioner, NHS England and CCGs to encourage commissioning and funding of a sustainable service, but this was only in the consideration stage. SV2 was also writing a bid for submission to the Big Lottery to try and secure funding for three years for therapeutic services, but it was likely that the process would take approximately eight months to complete before a decision on funding was known.

It was proposed to grant SV2 £81,120 to facilitate a reduction in the waiting list. This would allow one of the employed counsellors to reduce their current caseload and become a dedicated assessor over the next three months. It would also allow SV2 to increase referrals to its sub-contracted counsellors. SV2 offered 26 weeks' counselling as standard, and the cost per client was £780. The funding would enable SV2 to engage the 104 clients on the waiting list for three months upwards. The Police and Crime Commissioner had also agreed to fund £25,000, which would assist the proposal and the dedicated assessment approach. The funding of £81,120 could be met from the Communities budget.

RESOLVED that the sum of £81,120 be granted from the Communities budget to SV2 for the ongoing provision of counselling services for victims of rape and sexual assault, and the reduction of the counselling waiting list, up to the end of March 2017.

83/16 ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND SUPPORT FOR BUXTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY During 2015/16, Buxton Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG) had successfully applied to Arts Council England (ACE) to

deliver a programme called Inspired Collections Retailing. Following the success of the Round 1 programme, BMAG had applied to ACE for further funding, and in July 2016, ACE had announced that BMAG had been awarded £94,500 to improve the entrance foyer of the museum to create a welcoming and accessible public space with an improved retail offer. The museum would also explore developing an e-retail shop with other museums in Derbyshire, and the project would last for two years.

The improvements to the museum's entrance space would be undertaken at the same time as the redevelopment during the winter of 2016/17. This would include relocating the reception desk, improving the retail area, providing a new display about Buxton and an areas of seating where public access computers would be available. The funding would also be used to explore the business case for e-retailing and working with artists in a commercial relationship with museums.

ACE had awarded £94,500 towards a total project cost of £145,650. The remaining balance would be found from within the existing museum budget and earmarked reserves.

RESOLVED to (1) ask permission to accept the grant of £94,500 from Arts Council England; and

(2) request that the project is added to the current Museum project identified within the Capital Programme.

84/16 BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 3 2016/17 The gross budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was approximately £56m, and the budget monitoring was projecting an underspend for Public Health of £1.792m. The Communities element was projecting an overspend of £0.689m, resulting in a total projected underspend of £1.103m for the portfolio.

The key variances were reported, and included an underspend in Public Health. The Public Health function was mainly funded by a Ring-Fenced grant of £42.670m. This was following a 2.24% reduction in the value of the Grant for 2016/17, which equated to £0.981m. The underspend at year end would be transferred into the Public Health Reserve and would help to fund new investment in Prevention work over two years. The key areas of underspend were detailed. There were projected overspends in Libraries and Heritage and Trading Standards, and a projected underspend in Community Safety and Emergency Planning.

The Department's Earmarked Reserves totalled £5.342m, and budget reductions totalling £1.247m had been agreed by Full Council as part of the approval of the 2016/17 budget. In addition, there was an amount of £0.380m

unallocated reductions from previous years. The total cut allocation for 2016/17 was, therefore, £1.627,. A table showing performance against target was presented. Where there was a shortfall on a specific scheme, this would be met by underspends elsewhere in the budget, reserves and Public Health funding.

RESOLVED to note the position on the 2016/17 Revenue Budget.

85/16 **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 confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 23 August 2016
2. To consider the exempt report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities on Potential Redundancy Situation – Derbyshire Sport, Godkin House, Ripley (contains information relating to any individual)