

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 25 January 2018 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor J Boulton

1/18 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 30 November 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

2/18 **BUDGET MONITORING MONTH 7 2017-18** The 2017-18 controllable net budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was approximately £4.831m. The latest budget monitoring was projecting an underspend for Public Health of £0.322m, an underspend for the Communities element of £0.157m and an overspend for Registrars/Coroners of £34,000, resulting in a total projected underspend of £0.445m for the portfolio. The key variances were highlighted.

A savings target of £0.331m had been allocated for 2017-18, of which £0.262m would be achieved. Earmarked Reserves relating to the portfolio, totaling £6.964m, were currently held to support future expenditure. Future use of the Public Health Reserve was highlighted.

RESOLVED to note the position on the 2017-18 Revenue Budget.

3/18 **SUPPORTING FINANCIAL INCLUSION WORK IN DERBYSHIRE – GRANT** Financial Action and Advice Derbyshire (FAAD) was a partnership from the public, voluntary and private sectors who worked together to tackle financial exclusion in Derbyshire. The Partnership was the only one of its kind in the East Midlands and it was widely recognised in the field of financial inclusion work and recognised for its achievements.

Derbyshire County Council had provided funding for the partnership since 2013 and had agreed to continue to provide funding from 2016 to carry out work to improve financial inclusion across Derbyshire and to address financial capability amongst vulnerable groups. The project had received funding from the Big Lottery Fund (until October 2017) and from the Nat West Bank Skills & Opportunities Fund. Further funding opportunities were being explored including crowd funding and looking for opportunities to raise additional income by charging for some services. The outcomes since 2016 were highlighted.

FAAD's work was consistent with and complemented the work of the Council in addressing financial exclusion and health inequalities through effective partnership working. It was recommended that the County Council continued to provide grant funding towards FAAD for a further three years from

April 2018 to March 2021. The proposed grant was £30,000 a year which FAAD would seek to match from other sources.

RESOLVED that grant funding of £30,000 a year be provided to Rural Action Derbyshire to support the work of FAAD from April 2018 to March 2021.

4/18 FOOD AND FEED PRODUCTS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY
APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2017 Details were given of activity undertaken by the Trading Standards Division to ensure compliance with food and feed product composition labelling and safety requirements. The themes of the most recent food sampling projects were:-

- Products labelled as containing ground almonds to check for substitution with peanut
- Dried fruit to check for levels of or the undeclared presence of sulphur dioxide
- Oats and oat based products described as 'gluten free' to check for the presence of gluten
- Meals from takeaways for allergens (specifically egg protein) and species determination
- 'Energy drinks' containing caffeine to check levels of artificial sweeteners, preservatives and caffeine; and legality of any health claims.
- Marinated barbecue meat products from local butchers to check for 'freshness' of meat and presence/ levels of artificial colours
- Nutritional content of products sold from milkshake bars
- Non-dairy ice cream for compositional analysis (follow up to survey carried out 2016-17)
- Feed samples

In total, 131 food or feed products had been submitted for analysis during the period April to September 2017 and of those, 53 had been reported as being unsatisfactory in some regard. A summary of each of the food projects and the results of analysis together with the action taken was provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED to note the outcome of recent food and feed products sampling activity.

5/18 FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY
ORGANISATIONS IN 2018-19 A key priority for the Council and the Policy and Research Division was to develop and maintain good relationships and partnerships with the voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to ensure that there was a strategic contribution from the sector into the work of the Authority.

There were 16 organisations currently in receipt of funding from the Policy and Research Voluntary Sector Grants budget. Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the organisations supported and how each utilised the funding that they received. A number of the organisations currently supported were also in receipt of funding from Adult Care to deliver services on their behalf. On 7 December 2017, Cabinet agreed to extend payments to voluntary and community sector organisations in receipt of Adult Care funding for a twelve month period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, whilst the future investment in the voluntary and community sector was considered by the Council.

In order to ensure better coordination of investment across the Council, it was proposed that payments to the 16 organisations continued at their current level for a 12 month period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 to align with the review currently being undertaken by Adult Care. If agreed the Policy and Research Division would continue to monitor the funded organisations on a six monthly basis.

RESOLVED to approve the payment to 16 VCS organisations listed in Appendix 1 to the report for a 12 month period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 as set out in the report.

6/18 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 held on 30 November 2017
2. To consider the exempt report of the Director of Public Health on the Specialist Homeless Nurse Service (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))