

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 10 January 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

01/19 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 22 November 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

02/18 **BUDGET MONITORING 2018-19 MONTH 7** The 2018-19 controllable net budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was approximately £3.824m. This included £40.548m which was fully funded by the Ring-Fenced Public Health Grant. The latest budget monitoring was projecting an underspend for Public Health of £1.925m with the remainder of the portfolio showing a forecasted underspend of £0.035m and a total projected underspend of £1.960m for the portfolio.

There had been a 2.57% reduction in the value of the Public Health ring-fenced Grant for 2018-19 which equated to £1.070m. The latest projections were predicting an underspend of £1.925m at the end of the financial year.

The value of the underspend was expected to be on a smaller scale this year as levels of service activity had improved. The underspend at year-end would be transferred into the Public Health ring-fenced reserve and was intended in part to support Public Health related activities within the Authority. It would also help to meet the costs of pay protection arrangements for 2 years from April 2018 following the Public Health restructure, as well as supporting investment in a comprehensive programme of sports and physical activity grants as outlined in the Council Plan.

A Budget savings target of £0.182m had been allocated for 2018-19, of which £0.147m was expected to be achieved by the end of the financial year. There were no budget growth items included in the 2018-19 budget. Savings of £30,000 would be achieved by Trading Standards following the implementation of a new structure in December 2018. Remaining savings would be achieved in the following financial year.

The main risk that would impact on the portfolio's outturn position was the under achievements of savings of £35,000. This would result in an overspend and put pressure on the other functions within the portfolio. In order to avoid an overspend situation, Directors would need an agreed programme of savings in

place and ensure that it was monitored effectively to enable the savings to be delivered on time.

A one-off funding item included in the 2018-19 budget was £82,000 for a programme to reduce the number of instances of fraudulent activity against Older People over three years. Earmarked reserves totalled £7.479m.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

03/19 SMOKING IN PREGNANCY – FUNDING OF CHAMPION MIDWIFE POSTS Smoking during pregnancy and in the post-natal period harms the baby and mother. Low birth weight was the cause of a range of adverse infant health outcomes, including death, as were the well-documented impact of smoking on adults. Smoking remained the largest cause of preventable premature death in the UK. Adult smokers in Derbyshire continued to reduce year-on-year, including smoking in pregnancy however these rates remained significantly higher than the national rates.

The Government had recognised the need to reduce the prevalence of smoking during pregnancy to improve life chances for children by publishing two key strategy documents “Saving babies lives: A care bundle for reducing stillbirth” and “Tobacco Control Delivery Plan 2017 – 2022”. The National Tobacco Control Plan had an ambitious goal of reducing smoking amongst pregnant women to 6% by the end of 2022. To achieve this rate in Derbyshire within the timescales stated, would require concerted effort across all partners who engage with pregnant smokers. To help facilitate this work the Council had been successful in securing a place on the Design Council's Design in Public Sector programme that was delivered in partnership with the Local Government Association (LGA).

Midwives provide the necessary support, care and advice required by women during their pregnancy and would place them in a key position to support work to reduce smoking in pregnancy. The Tobacco Control Plan identified a key objective of identifying Smokefree Pregnancy Champions to lead action to reduce smoking in pregnancy prevalence. It was recommended that two Smokefree Champion Midwife posts be created for a 2 year period to lead this work in the North and South of the County and in particular facilitate the delivery of evidenced based actions by NICE to reduce smoking in pregnancy. If the project was successful, the Council would seek to encourage the CCG's to provide funding to make the posts permanent.

RESOLVED to provide funding to enable the appointment of Smokefree Champion Midwives in Derbyshire to support work to reduce the prevalence of smoking in pregnancy.

04/19 ACTION GRANTS PROGRAMME The report provided a summary of the Action Grants Programme and an update on the projects

supported under round two. The deadline for receipt of applications was 30 September 2018. Applicants were only able to apply for a small grant as the medium and large grants are only available on an annual basis, with the next deadline being 30 June 2019.

There were 37 small Community Activity Grant applications totalling £18,378; 29 were approved to the value of £14,266 (Appendix A). There were six small Community Safety Grant applications totalling £2,880; all six applications were approved (Appendix B).

Monitoring of the Programme, including take up of the different levels and geographical coverage, would take place on a regular basis to ensure equality of access across different communities in Derbyshire. This would ensure that there was some flexibility in the Programme as it moved forward and that spend was maximised. It would also help recognise those communities where more support may be required to identify and promote relevant projects.

RESOLVED to approve (1) 29 small Grants for Community Activity to the value of £14,266; and

(2) six small Grants for Community Safety to the value of £2,880.

05/19 DRAFT TACKLING HATE CRIME TOGETHER POLICY The draft Tackling Hate Crime Together Policy was presented. The aim of the Policy was to strengthen the Council's commitment to tackling hate crime and incidents in Derbyshire, and to ensure victims were offered support.

The Policy applied to all employees and Elected Members of the County Council and extended to any other person, group or organisation employed or commissioned by the Council to deliver services or carry out work on its behalf. The policy clearly defined the difference between a hate crime and a hate incident and listed examples of hate crimes.

It was proposed that a six week period of consultation be undertaken following the approval of the draft policy to ensure the opinions of Derbyshire's diverse communities, customers and employers were taken into account. The draft policy would then be amended in light of the feedback received and presented to the Cabinet member for formal approval, if appropriate.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the draft Tackling Hate Crime Together Policy and

(2) the undertaking of a public consultation on the draft Policy.

06/19 SYRIAN VULNERABLE PERSON RESETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR DERBYSHIRE The report was presented as an update on the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (SVPR).

In September 2015 the Prime Minister announced that the UK would accept 20,000 Syrian refugees by 2020, in response to the crisis unfolding across Syria and Europe. Derbyshire agencies formed a SVPR Partnership to look at the viability and implementation of a scheme for Derbyshire. East Midlands Councils (EMC) remained the lead organisation for the East Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership. Its role had progressively expanded to include strategic coordination in respect of all forms of international migration. EMC was undertaking a regional role of coordinating the arrival of refugees to the region.

The County Council was responsible for the financial arrangements of the Scheme and claimed the funding from the Home Office. Caseworker support for the families was provided by Upbeat Communities, a Derby based charity who specialised in working with refugees and asylum seekers.

The SVPR Partnership for Derbyshire pledged to welcome 50 people in 2016-17. The first families arrived in November 2016 and 48 people were successfully welcomed to Derbyshire during 2016 and 2017. A further pledge was made in November 2017 to resettle an additional 50 people in 2018/19. During this period, 33 people had been resettled and plans were in place to resettle a further two families in early 2019 meaning the pledge would have been met.

EMC had requested that Derbyshire considered making a further pledge for 2019/20; the last year of the current scheme. It was thought that a new scheme would be put in place from 2020 onwards, however details of this had not been published.

It was proposed that a commitment to resettle an additional 30 people in family groups during 2019-2020 should be agreed. It was also proposed to extend the contracts of the two posts in the resettlement team until the end of March 2022. This would enable the Council to continue to support the existing families in Derbyshire and take care of the arrival preparations and subsequent arrangements for future families.

RESOLVED to (1) note the achievements of the Scheme to date;

(2) approve the continuation of the partnership approach and agree that Derbyshire County Council continue to act as the single point of contact and lead partner for the Scheme including responsibility for the financial arrangements; and

(3) approve the proposal to make a further pledge to resettle up to an additional 30 Syrian refugees in 2019/20.

07/19 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 Director of Health on Live Life Better Derbyshire IT Systems (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).