

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 21 February 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

10/19 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 10 January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

11/19 **BUDGET MONITORING 2018-19 MONTH 9** The 2018-19 controllable net budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was approximately £4.346m. This figure included a controllable net base budget of zero for Public Health as the controllable gross base budget of £40.548m was fully funded by the Ring-Fenced Public Health Grant.

The latest budget monitoring was projecting an underspend for Public Health of £2.038m with the remainder of the portfolio showing a forecasted underspend of £12,000. This resulted in a total projected underspend of £2.050m for the portfolio.

The areas which made up this projection were shown in the table below:

HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO			
MONTH 9 2018-19			
DIVISION	CONTROLLABLE NET BUDGET	PROJECTED OUTTURN	PROJECTED OVER/(UNDER) SPEND FOR YEAR
	£m	£m	£m
PUBLIC HEALTH	0.277	(1.761)	(2.038)
COMMUNITIES			
Community Safety	0.939	0.905	(0.034)
Emergency Planning	0.316	0.316	0.000
Trading Standards	1.564	1.656	0.092
TOTAL COMMUNITIES	2.819	2.877	0.058
Coroners	1.734	1.731	(0.003)
Registrars	(0.484)	(0.551)	(0.067)
TOTAL FOR PORTFOLIO	4.346	2.296	(2.050)

The Public Health function was mainly funded by a ring-fenced Grant of £40.548m. There had been a 2.57% reduction in the value of the Grant for 2018-19 which equated to £1.070m. The latest projections were predicting an underspend of £2.038m at the end of the financial year.

A large proportion of the total underspend continued to be generated from activity-based contracts which were not meeting anticipated levels of service activity. However this year the value was on a smaller scale compared to previous years.

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 £0.082m had been allocated for 2018-19, against which savings of £0.182m were originally identified. It was expected that £0.147m would be achieved by the end of the financial year. The table below showed performance against the target:

	Budget Reduction Amount £m	Achieved To Date £m	Projected Savings at year end £m
Community Safety	0.052	0.052	0.052
Trading Standards	0.065	0.030	0.030
Registrars	0.065	0.065	0.065
Total	0.182	0.147	0.147

£30,000 savings would be achieved by Trading Standards in this financial year following the implementation of a new structure in December 2018. The remaining saving would be achieved in the following financial year. There were no budget growth items included in the 2018-19 budget.

The main risk which could have impacted on the portfolio's outturn position is:

Service	Risk	Sensitivity £m	Likelihood
			(1 = Low,
			5 = High)
Community Safety Emergency Planning, Trading Standards, Coroners, Registrars	Under achievement of savings	0.035	2

This would result in the service overspending, putting pressure on the other functions of the portfolio. In order to avoid an overspend situation, Directors needed an agreed programme of savings in place and to ensure that it was monitored effectively to enable the savings to be delivered on time. The one-off funding items included in the 2018-19 budget were:

	Amount £m
Trading Standards - Programme to reduce the number of instances of fraudulent activity against Older People over 3 years	0.082
Total	0.082

Earmarked Reserves relating to this portfolio, totalling £7.479m, were currently held to support future expenditure. Future use of the Public Health Reserve was described in section 2.2 of the report.

A breakdown of these reserves was shown below:

	Balance as at 31.12.2018 £m
Public Health Reserve	6.811
Public Health s256/Externally Funded Reserve	0.343
Public Health Food in the Community Reserve	0.049
Emergency Planning - Reservoirs	0.078
Community Safety	0.081
Trusted Trader	0.016
Proceeds of Crime	0.046
Coroners – new Case Load system	0.040
Registrars – high quality printers	0.015
Total Earmarked Reserves	7.479

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

12/19 LIVE LIFE BETTER DERBYSHIRE – MARKETING AND ENGAGEMENT

The factors that influence a population's health and wellbeing are complex but one key determinant was lifestyle risk factors such as smoking, poor diet, being physically inactive, excessive drinking etc. Research had shown that around 70% of the population of England did not adhere to government guidelines on two or more of these risk factors. In Derbyshire there were currently 63.8% adults are overweight or obese, 15.1% of adults smoked and 20.9% were physically inactive. Supporting and enabling people to tackle lifestyle risk factors was a key contributor to reducing health inequalities and demand for healthcare/social care services.

Live Life Better Derbyshire (LLBD) was a county-wide service accessible to all Derbyshire residents or anyone registered with a Derbyshire GP. The service supported people with free help to make positive changes to their lifestyle and in particular to stop smoking, lose weight and become more active. Eligible people could either self-refer or be referred by a professional e.g. their GP. Within each locality LLBD had a team of Health Improvement Advisors who offered an integrated service by providing services directly or offering advice, guidance and sign posting to other local services as necessary.

Since the LLBD service was brought in-house in December 2017 the focus had been upon establishing the new service including recruitment and training of staff. They now intend to undertake further work to promote LLBD, both directly to members of the public and to other stakeholders e.g. healthcare professionals, to improve the awareness of LLBD and encourage people to use LLBD services.

Much of the work to promote LLBD was undertaken by the Council's in-house Communications Team and was often undertaken using social media which incurred no/little cost. However it would be necessary from time to time to commission external support to assist with the marketing and promotion of LLBD.

One such piece of work was to undertake detailed insight with key audiences (including key target groups such as pregnant smokers, routine and manual workers, learning disabled, etc.) to understand how we could more effectively engage with and support them to use LLBD services and to understand how we could more effectively communicate with them about LLBD and lifestyle risk factors.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the procurement of an external agency to undertake detailed insight work to inform the delivery, marketing and promotion of Live Life Better Derbyshire services.

11/18 HELPLINE SERVICE FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS OF HATE CRIME Recommendation 16 of the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry, which was accepted by Government states; that all possible steps should be taken by Police Services at local level in consultation with Local Government and other agencies and local communities to encourage the reporting of racist incidents and crimes. This should include:

- The ability to report at locations other than police stations: and
- The ability to report 24 hours a day

In order to help fulfil this recommendation and to address the under-reporting of this type of crime, which included victims from other groups such as those who are lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender, a 24 hour third party helpline/reporting line was established in Derbyshire in October 2008.

The helpline, facilitated by Leeds-based charity Stop Hate UK, had historically been funded by Derbyshire Constabulary, Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council. The contract with Stop Hate UK was held by Derbyshire Constabulary with financial contributions from Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council.

Derbyshire County Council had undertaken a significant amount of awareness raising to promote this service, and the helpline number was included on a range of promotional materials. Take up of the service had been increasing year on year since its launch. The average numbers of callers per quarter had increased over the years with 59 contacts made in Quarter Two in 2018-19, making a rolling 12 month total of 174 contacts.

Stop Hate UK provided a variety of ways to access the service and these included, by phone, text, British Sign Language (BSL) (using Interpret Now), post or online to access support, and get information. The total cost of the

service per annum was £16,000 this was made up by the following contributions: Derbyshire County Council £7,000, Derbyshire Constabulary £5,000 and Derby's City Council £4,000. Following an evaluation of the Step Up Beat Hate publicity campaign and the awareness raising of the services offered by Stop Hate UK, partners had agreed to continue to fund this service for another 12 months.

Therefore, £7,000 funding contribution was requested to continue to support this service until the end of March 2020.

RESOLVED that approval be given to a contribution of £7,000 being approved from the Community Safety Budget to continue supporting the third party reporting and helpline service for victims of Hate Crime.

12/19 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

13/19 EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 10 January 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.