

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 4 October 2018 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor D Allen.

**36/18** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 19 July 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**37/18** **BUDGET MONITORING 2018-19 MONTH 3** The 2018-19 controllable net budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was approximately £3.757m. 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 £1.864m with the remainder of the portfolio showing a forecasted overspend of £74,000 and a total projected underspend of £1.790m 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 £1.864m at the end of the financial year.

As in previous years 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 expected to be on a smaller scale compared to previous years 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.

The potential removal of the Ring-Fence from the Public Health Grant nationally from 2020-21 onwards existed as a financial risk in the Authority's risk register. This would significantly increase uncertainty around the levels of

Public Health funding received in future years. 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.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**38/18      REVENUE OUTTURN 2017-18** The 2017-18 controllable net budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was £3.620m. This figure included the Public Health base budget of £41.618m which was fully funded by the ring-fenced Grant.

An underspend of £1.580m had been achieved against the ring-fenced Public Health budget; the underspend against the rest of the portfolio was £0.094m. As in previous financial years a large proportion of the 2017-18 underspend had been generated from activity-based contracts which had not met anticipated levels of service during the financial year.

The whole underspend had been transferred into the Public Health Reserve and would be used to help meet existing commitments such as pay protection costs following the Public Health re-structure and to support a comprehensive programme of sports and physical activity grant schemes being rolled out across the County in 2018-19.

Following the Public Health departmental restructure and the resulting savings, the recurrent Public Health budget would balance against the ring-fenced Grant by 2020-21. Central Government announced in December 2017 that the Ring-Fenced Grant would be reduced in 2018-19 by £1.070m and by £1.071m in 2019-20. Therefore it was intended to use the non-recurrent monies held in the Public Health reserve over 2018-19 and 2019-20 to enable the Department to mitigate the effect of the cuts on the budget over an extended period of time to reduce the immediate impact of more drastic reductions in Public Health Services.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**39/18      ACTION GRANTS PROGRAMME** At its meeting on 5 April 2018, Cabinet approved the establishment of a two year Action Grants Programme totalling £1.5 million, to provide support to champion local communities, encourage local groups to deliver community activity and to support the Council's priorities in relation to resilient and thriving communities. The report provided an update on the applications received and approved for the community activity and community safety grants under round one of the programme.

Community Activity Grants provide funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support the development of local community activities and

projects which help local people to come together to shape the future of their neighbourhood. Thirty one community small grants were approved to the value of £14,396 and three community medium and large applications were approved totalling £22,033.

Community Safety Grants provide funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support communities to be safe places to live and work. The small community safety grant applications were found to be ineligible however two large community safety grants applications were approved, totalling £20,000.

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

**RESOLVED** that (1) 31 small Grants for Community Activity be approved to the value of £14,396;

(2) One medium and two large Grants for Community Activity be approved to the value of £22,033; and

(3) Two large Grants for Community Safety be approved to the value of £20,000.

**40/18**      **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 consider the exempt report of the Director of Economy, Transport and Environment on Emergency Plan for Elected Members (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information)).