

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

22 December 2014

Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities

CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS IN CHESTERFIELD LIBRARY

1. Purpose of the report:

To inform the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities about the plans for Chesterfield Library to host part of the centenary commemoration of the unveiling of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) statues in Chesterfield.

2. Information and analysis:

2.1 Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Labour History Society (NDLHS) are planning to celebrate the centenary of the unveiling of the two NUM statues in Chesterfield. The statues stand outside the former NUM offices on Saltergate, and are of James Haslam and William Harvey, local miners who became MPs. A plaque to celebrate the centenary will be added to the wall of the offices and this will be unveiled on Friday 26 June 2015.

2.3 It is proposed that Chesterfield Library will host a specific part of the centenary commemoration on Saturday 27 June 2015. This will comprise:

- A discussion panel of three invited guests, facilitated by John Halstead (Vice President of the Society for the study of Labour History). It is planned that this will take place in the library theatre and be open to the general public.
- A talk about James Haslam and William Harvey by former North East Derbyshire MP Harry Barnes, and Dennis Skinner MP for Bolsover to take place in the library theatre.
- Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be arranged by NDLHS at a charge to be set by them.

2.3 Throughout June 2015 there will be an exhibition in Chesterfield library, assembled by Local Studies Librarians in collaboration

with NDLHS, to commemorate the statues and the planned events.

3. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Background papers:

None

5. Key Decision:

No

6. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

7. Officer's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities, notes the plans for Chesterfield Library to host part of the commemoration for the centenary of the unveiling of the NUM statues in Chesterfield.

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