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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 11 April 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

16/19 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 21 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

17/19 **PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE** At the meeting on 20 September 2016, Cabinet approved a programme of non-recurrent investment in prevention interventions in 2016-17 and 2017-18, to support the priorities within the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The commissioning arrangement for each intervention was also agreed. At the meeting on 14 March 2017, Cabinet approved an amendment to the funding mechanism in order to provide grant funding directly to Family Action. On 8 March 2018, Cabinet approved funding for 2018-19.

The Family Action perinatal mental health service was available throughout Derbyshire (excluding Derby City). The service was an early intervention, low intensity service for those with low to moderate mental health issues. It was delivered through peer support to families by volunteers, additional family support, and therapeutic group interventions.

Family Action worked closely with, and accepted referrals from midwives, health visitors, GPS, Children's Centre's and existing perinatal mental health services in order to support mothers with poor perinatal mental health and improve the life chances of infants and their parents. Interventions focused on supporting parents and promoting a secure attachment between parent/caregiver and infant before the baby is born and/or in the early weeks afterwards.

Family Action engaged with families in their local communities, in their own homes and/ or within venues they currently access, making the service easily accessible.

RESOLVED to approve a grant payment of £67,000 to Family Action as set out in the report to continue the delivery of the perinatal mental health support service until March 31 2020.

18/19 **REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN DERBYSHIRE** Recovery Month takes place in September each year and is a national event. It had been celebrated in Derbyshire for the past four

years and was an opportunity to showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery is achievable. Local activities had previously concentrated on large scale events which took considerable resources to organise and had tended to locate in Chesterfield as our largest town. Due to this, a number of smaller but active recovery organisations from other parts of the County had struggled to take part in a meaningful way, and Recovery Month in Derbyshire was starting to lose momentum. On 13 November 2018 the Strategic Director for Adult Care approved the allocation of £20,000 over a three year period to encourage individuals, treatment services and recovery organisations to undertake their own projects, events and activities in their own localities. This approach was more inclusive of our geographically diverse county, and had revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users. An annual showcase event, where achievements around recovery were recognised, had been planned for later in 2019.

This new approach had been welcomed by local organisations, and had generated a renewed energy and enthusiasm for collaborative working around recovery. In order to ensure that finance was not a barrier to delivering innovative and local recovery events, or engaging with larger organised recovery events, small grants had been offered to local organisations who supported people in recovery.

Applications had been received at this initial stage for a Recovery Football Festival organised by Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust to take place in May 2019 (due to pitch availability). Bids were welcomed for small amounts to cover costs of delivering the event. Two applications were submitted for this first round and considered by an evaluation team comprising the Public Health Lead and the Health Improvement Practitioner for substance misuse using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. Both organisations successfully scored against the scoring criteria.

It was therefore proposed to provide grants to the following organisations to enable them to engage in the recovery football festival:

	Name	Location	Event	Service Provided (including numbers)	Cost
1.	Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust	Proact Stadium, Chesterfield	Football Festival May 2019	A recovery football festival for up to 70 people – equipment, refreshments and referees	£400

2.	Stand To (veterans project)	Proact Stadium, Chesterfield (and three other locations across the county)	Football Festival May 2019 (and 3 additional events in September)	A “mocktails” stand to engage people to discuss reducing their alcohol consumption, and non-alcoholic alternatives.	£286
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Both organisations currently delivered projects with people in recovery in Derbyshire.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the award of two grants as detailed in the report to support Recovery Month 2019 in Derbyshire.

19/18 DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTYWIDE ROUGH SLEEPER SERVICE FOR DERBYSHIRE

Supporting vulnerable populations to live in well-planned and healthy homes, was priority area in the newly refreshed Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2018- 2023).

Rough sleepers were one of the most vulnerable population groups in society, many with high levels of complex and interrelated needs. The number of rough sleepers in England was increasing. In autumn 2017, there was an estimated 4,751 people sleeping rough - an increase of 169%, since 2010.

Table 1: Rough sleeping counts and estimates for England, 2010 to 2017

	England	% change on previous year
2010	1,768	
2011	2,181	23%
2012	2,309	6%
2013	2,414	5%
2014	2,744	14%
2015	3,569	30%
2016	4,134	16%
2017	4,751	15%

Statistics show that rough sleeper numbers have significantly increased in Derbyshire since 2010. The table below shows Derbyshire statistics compared with Derby City.

Street counts and estimates of rough sleeping by local authority district and region England, Autumn 2010 - 2017								
Local authority	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Derbyshire Dales	0	3	2	3	3	3	2	2
Amber Valley	2	3	2	6	6	4	4	4
Erewash	1	3	4	4	5	1	4	3
High Peak	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	3
South Derbyshire	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	2
Chesterfield	6	4	3	9	8	0	10	12
Bolsover	2	1	2	4	2	4	7	5
North East	0	1	5	0	2	3	2	3
Totals	13	17	21	28	30	19	32	34
Derby City	4	21	24	47	26	10	21	37

Source: MHCLG, Rough Sleeper Statistics Autumn 2017 (England Revised)

Many rough sleepers have high levels of complex needs, including mental health problems and drug and alcohol dependencies. The longer someone sleeps rough, the greater the risk that physical and mental health problems will worsen. Rough sleepers face particular health issues associated with homelessness and challenges in accessing health services. It had been estimated that homeless people consume around four times more acute hospital services than the general population.

One of the difficulties faced with identifying a rough sleeper in Derbyshire is the large geographical and often rural area.

Between February 2017 and March 2018, P3 (People Potential Possibilities) provided a Derbyshire Outreach Service (DOT) for rough sleepers at a cost of £0.085m/ year for 2 FTW workers. The team went out in the early hours of the morning responding to new referrals, as well as visiting known rough sleeping hotspots, in order to make contact with people who were sleeping on the streets of Derbyshire. DOT worked in partnership with multiple organisations, enabling people to access support services. The service was provided independently of local authorities. However, this service ended in March 2018, due to lack of funding.

Rough sleeping was on the increase at both the local and national level and although actual numbers within Derbyshire remained relatively low (with the exception of Chesterfield) any individual having to spend a night rough

sleeping is one too many. Whilst Chesterfield had an established winter night shelter, other areas did not have the same level of co-ordinated support. Derbyshire Dales, High Peak, Amber Valley, South Derbyshire and Erewash, have ad-hoc support arrangements in place usually provided by charities or faith groups, but not supported by core funding. Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire had continued to move pathways, but they were unable to provide a county-wide service due to geography and staffing issues.

New proposal

It was proposed to develop a new sustainable countywide model of support, provided by the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). Funding would enable volunteers to be recruited, trained and supported across the County. These volunteers would provide a basic outreach service to rough sleepers including liaison with local authorities and multiagency panels of specialists to assist with the multiple and complex needs of this cohort (mental health, alcohol, drugs & physical health etc.)

It was anticipated that the service would take 2 years to become established. The programme would start in the localities of highest need, and roll out to other areas over the first 2 years to achieve countywide coverage by the end of year 2.

Funding was required to pump prime development of this work. It was anticipated that by embedding the service into the Voluntary and Community Sector, the project would become sustainable by year 3, by working with partners to recruit and train a sustainable volunteer workforce across Derbyshire. This would be achieved by extending the reach of volunteers by linking to existing projects that already supported vulnerable clients to become more proactive around the outreach homelessness agenda. Each local authority would also set up a Pathway Panel that the volunteer outreach team could refer into. This would allow the local authorities to monitor and play an active role in providing ongoing housing provision and solutions through their existing Homelessness services.

District/Boroughs would work collaboratively and be responsible for contracting the service to a Voluntary Organisation. Public Health would support District/Borough Homelessness Officers to develop the Service Specification and identify key outputs and outcomes to be included in Service Level Agreements.

This project required a one-off investment of £0.060m to pump prime support costs in the first 2 years of delivery and development. Funding would be allocated to Derbyshire Dales District Council, who would host the money on behalf of the Derbyshire Homelessness Officers Group. This group would also provide governance for the project. From year 3, it was anticipated that the

VCS would lead on rough sleeper outreach provision in Derbyshire, supported by a pathway into statutory support services.

All Derbyshire District/Borough Councils supported this proposal.

RESOLVED that approval be given to award a Rough Sleeper Grant of £0.060m (as detailed in the above report) to develop a countywide rough sleeper service for a period of 2 years.

20/19 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 Action Grant Programme would run until May 2020 and enabled local groups to apply for three levels of funding across four grant areas covering youth activity, community safety, community activity and physical/sports activity as follows:

- **Small Grants (up to £500):** Provided funding for 2,000 small scale, one off projects delivering positive activities in local communities.
- **Medium Grants (up to £5,000):** Provided funding for new projects in local communities which could demonstrate local support and which had a more significant local impact.
- **Large Grants (up to £10,000):** Provided funding for new projects which had longer term viability, would continue to impact local people into the future and may cover more than one programme theme.

All projects needed to be able to meet the following criteria:

- Support activity benefiting a designated area or area of interest in Derbyshire (excluding Derby City).
- Be time limited and not require ongoing funding from the Council.
- Complement, not duplicate other funding sources such as the Public Health Locality Fund, the members Community Leadership Scheme etc.
- Show how activity can benefit the community beyond the life of the funding.
- Meet an identified need which can be evidenced.
- Be delivered promptly and within agreed timescales.
- Show how local people have helped in the identification of activity or have been consulted/engaged.
- Show what difference will be made.

Projects that met the selection criteria highlighted above were reviewed by an officer panel. Strategic Directors had delegated responsibility for the approval of recommended projects that fell within their remit. Cabinet agreed at its

meeting on 5 April 2018 that approvals would be reported to the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on a quarterly basis.

This report provided an update on the applications received, and approved, for the community activity and community safety grants under round three of the programme.

Round Three

The deadline for receipt of applications for rounds three of both the community activity grants and community safety grants was 31 December 2018. In round three 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.

- **Community Activity Grants** - Community Activity Grants provided funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support the development of local community activities and projects which helped local people to come together to shape the future of their neighbourhood. Funding was available to support 375 local projects which covered the following types of activity:
 - Setting up a community group, local fair or festival
 - Developing a community space
 - Protecting the local environment
 - Supporting vulnerable groups, for example setting up a club for carers
 - Promoting a community website etc.

68 small grant applications, were received under round two requesting funding totalling £33,042. A small officer panel, comprising of representatives from Policy, Adult Care, Children's Services, the Library Service and the Voluntary and Community Sector met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. In total 54 applications, were approved to the value of £25,529.

- **Community Safety Grants** - Community Safety Grants provided funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support communities to be safe places to live and work. Funding was available to support 500 local projects which covered the following types of activity:
 - Address local needs to combat crime, disorder and Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Tackle harm caused by alcohol, drugs and violence
 - Reduce the fear of crime in communities
 - Help build cohesive communities and encourage diversionary activities
 - Help raise awareness of scams and online fraud

Three small grant applications under round two of the grant programme, were received requesting funding totalling £1,500. A small panel comprising of Community Safety Officers met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. All three applications, were approved.

Moving Forward

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. 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 might be required to identify and promote relevant projects.

RESOLVED to note the approval of (1) 54 small Grants for Community Activity approved to the value of £25,529; and (2) Three small Grants for Community Safety approved to the value of £1,500.