

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 23 August 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Councillor D Allen – Cabinet Member

Also in Attendance – Councillor E Wilcox

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor C Hart

71/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 26 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

72/16 **IMPROVEMENTS AT BUXTON MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY**

It had previously been agreed that Buxton Museum and Art Gallery (BMAG) could pursue the redevelopment of the galleries and the development of a digital platform to improve public access to the collections and the records following the award of funding from the HLF. In January 2016, museum staff, supported by 20 volunteers, had relocated the old displays. Once the exhibits had been removed, Property Services were commissioned to remove the structures of the old exhibition, and this had revealed the original fabric of the galleries. Surveyors had assessed the building condition and works needed, and the designers had been able to develop the new gallery fit out with a clear idea of the gallery space. The fit out contract had been put out to tender, and it was anticipated that this contract would be awarded in autumn 2016. Fit out of the new galleries was expected to be completed by April 2017. Property Services was dealing with improvements to access at the museum.

The museum continued to pursue additional funds. An application to the Wolfson Foundation, which supported the capital development of museums – in this case for the Public Engagement with Science – had proved successful, with a grant of £150,000 being offered. This supplemented other awards from Arts Council England towards meeting the Government Indemnity Standard and the Paul Mellon Fund for the digital development of the collections relating to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

To enable much of the required building work to take place, it was proposed that BMAG closed from 5 September 2016. Although the museum would be closed, staff would still ensure the museum had a high profile social media presence. Museum staff would remain in the building working on a range of tasks relating to improvements to the collections. During the closure, the museum also intended to make improvements to the foyer to provide civic and retail space and new exhibitions.

The project had been awarded a grant of £868,100 from the HLF. A further £150,000 had been awarded by the Wolfson Foundation and £20,000 from Arts Council England. Cabinet had previously approved £231,000 from the Capital Contingency budget to fund access improvements.

RESOLVED to (1) note the progress on the project;

(2) agree that the Wolfson Foundation grant of £150,000 be accepted; and

(3) agree that the Buxton Museum and Art Gallery closes from 5 September 2016 to enable building improvements to commence.

73/16 ANIMAL HEALTH AND ANIMAL FEED ACTIVITY 2015/16 A summary was provided of activities undertaken during 2015/16 to ensure compliance with animal health and disease control requirements in Derbyshire. Animal health activities included complaints and requests for advice, complaints relating to animal by-products, animal health interactions, animal health visits and visits to Bakewell Livestock Market. The total number of visits and other interventions had fallen, reflecting the reduction in resources for this activity.

Animal Health officers attended Bakewell Livestock market on a regular basis to check that animal health and welfare legislation was being complied with. During 2015/16, 88 visits were carried out, and a range of issues had been dealt with. Animal Health Officers worked with farmers and market staff where possible to rectify infringements and prevent recurrence of issues in the future.

Bovine Tuberculosis was widely regarded as the most difficult animal disease problem currently facing Government, the veterinary profession and the farming industry. The Tuberculosis (England) Order 2014 set out requirements for pre-movement testing of cattle, and controlled the movements of tested and untested cattle. The legislation provided for 'exempt markets' that sold cattle which had not been pre-movement tested, and restricted movements from exempt markets to slaughter, an exempt finishing unit, an approved finishing unit, and the holding of origin. Bakewell Livestock market held an exempt market every Monday, and the movements of untested cattle had been checked over two separate periods during the year. From May-July 2015, 33 illegal movements were identified, and three farmers had been advised of the legislation's requirements. Between November 2015-January 2016, no further infringements had been found, but the Division would continue to monitor and check for any further breaches.

The purpose of the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013 was to prevent the spread of diseases by providing for the

proper disposal of carcasses. The Division had received 59 complaints during the year that dead livestock had not been disposed of appropriately, and details of three such instances were provided.

Details were also given of animal feed activities during the year. The Division had carried out a programme of farm and feeding establishment inspections and other interventions to ensure compliance. The number of scheduled feed inspections was determined by the Food Standards Agency and could vary from year to year. The top four non-compliant activities for the year related to record keeping, pest control, registration and storage. 151 of the inspections had been carried out at farms, and feed hygiene inspections had also been carried out at a range of organisations. Information was provided about advice given to a local business and action taken in response to a complaint received about a local feed provider.

RESOLVED to note the report.

74/16 FOOD AND FEED PRODUCTS ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY – FOURTH QUARTER 2015/16 Details were given of activity undertaken by the Division to ensure compliance with food and feed product composition labelling and safety requirements. The themes of the most recent food sampling projects had been Arabica coffee beans and Latte coffees.

In total, 36 food or feed products had been submitted for analysis, and of those 7 had been reported as being unsatisfactory in some way. A summary of each of the food projects and the results of analysis, together with the action taken, was provided. Details were given of the Latte coffee survey, and the conclusions arising from this.

RESOLVED to note the outcome of recent food and feed products sampling activity.

75/16 FUNDING FOR SEXUAL ABUSE AND INCEST LINE (SAIL) SAIL was a voluntary organisation that had been jointly funded by the County Council – Public Health and Hardwick CCG for a number of years, and offered specialist counselling and support to people living in the north of the county who had been affected by sexual abuse and/or incest. It received referrals from a variety of sources, and in 2015/16, it took 990 calls through the appointment line and offered 93 assessments for counselling.

In April 2016, the County Council and Hardwick CCG had agreed to extend funding for SAIL for a period of six months, up to 31 March 2017, whilst a review and needs assessment was undertaken across all sexual violence services. Statutory partners were currently discussing the sexual violence pathway for Derbyshire, but this was unlikely to be completed before 2017. CCGs were considering the commissioning of a therapeutic service to

meet the ongoing demand for services from 1 April 2017, but in the meantime, SAIL continued to submit bids to try and secure additional funding, but these were not likely to be finalised until the new year.

The County Council's Public Health department had recently undergone a prioritisation of the services that it funded to ensure that only services that were core to the work of public health were funded in the future. It therefore did not feel that, in this instance, it was appropriate to extend the funding to SAIL for a further six months. In order to ensure that the existing level of support remained available until the review of sexual violence pathways was complete, it was proposed that the County Council contribution - £12,937.50 – be met from the Communities budget.

RESOLVED that the sum of £12,937.50 be awarded from the Communities budget to Sexual Abuse and Incest Line (SAIL) for the ongoing provision of counselling services for victims of sexual assault and incest up to 31 March 2017.

76/16 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 confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 26 July 2016
2. To consider the exempt report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities on Unsafe Telescopic Ladders Project (contains information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)