

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

26 May 2015

Report of the Director of Public Health

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND HOUSING GROUP – PROPOSED GRANTS

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities for grant funding to four local organisations to deliver housing related projects which have a positive impact on health.

2. Information and analysis:

2.1 The Derbyshire Health and Housing Group was established in 1995 to develop a partnership approach to reducing health inequalities through improved housing standards.

2.2 The group administers the grants funded from the Public Health budget, to housing and health related projects which are designed to reduce health inequalities.

2.3 A Public Health officer chairs the group and following the transfer of the public health function to Derbyshire County Council, it was agreed by Cabinet at its meeting on 4 March 2014 that the Derbyshire Health and Housing Group should continue to make recommendations for the allocation of the budget.

2.4 The current budget from the Public Health Ring Fenced grant is £35,608. There was an underspend of £8,600 due to Derbyshire Domestic Violence Sexual Abuse Service declining the funding allocated due to a successful bid elsewhere. Approval is sought to carry over this underspend making a grant of £44,208 for 2015/2016. It is proposed that this will be allocated to new or innovative health and housing projects which enhance existing programmes, reduce inequalities or add value.

2.5 Following an application and prioritisation screening procedure conducted during March 2015 the Group propose the following allocation for consideration and approval.

| Projects for Approval | | | | |
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| Organisation | Area | Project Scheme | Total Funding 15/16 requested | Total Funding 15/16 proposed |
| Riverside – English Churches Housing Group | Whole of Derbyshire | No Second night out - To support finding appropriate accommodation to prevent a second night out on the street. | £10,000 | £10,000 Meets current guidelines, and will compliment and fill the service gap identified when looking at the homelessness services across Derbyshire. |
| South Derbyshire District Council | South Derbyshire | Community Food Hub - Working with the tenancy sustainability officer this project will identify vulnerable tenants at risk of losing their homes, due to low income, rent arrears, bedroom tax etc. Part of the project is to establish a community Food Hub, to work with vulnerable families, to support income maximisation, balancing budgets, healthy eating on a budget, signposting to appropriate organisations for advice and support. | £10,000 | £10,000 Meets current guidelines |
| North East Derbyshire District Council | North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover | Vulnerable Young People Mediation and Support Project - A service for people aged between 16 and 25 yrs. to resolve | £10,000 | £10,000 Meets current guidelines |

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| | | conflict and prevent homelessness Supporting the development of the single point of access. | | |
| Local Authority Energy Partnership (LEAP) - Derbyshire Healthy Homes project | Whole of Derbyshire | Provision of health educational material - Evidence and advice about the impact on long term health conditions when living in cold damp homes | £4,200 | £4,200 Meets current guidelines |
| Vulnerable Adults Risk Management - North East Derbyshire District Council on behalf of the Derbyshire Local Authorities. | Whole of Derbyshire | To enable provision of multi-agency support to vulnerable households, to assist with costs incurred to enable these households to live in a safe environment without posing a risk to themselves and others. To support those who hoard on a long term basis, where the enforcement process is not applicable. There is currently no funding for the VARM to support this client group, and is currently either not dealt with / inappropriately by enforcement/ or ad hoc voluntary staff time. | £10,000 | Meets Guidelines No other dedicated service available across the county to assist with issues faced by hoarders. The Vulnerable Adults Risk Management (VARM) can support these people and the project meets the costs incurred to remove and clean up properties. and links vulnerable people to appropriate services. Agreed to fund across the county as a whole. |
| | | | TOTAL | £44,200.00 |
| Projects not meeting funding guidelines | | | | |
| Spark - Derventio Housing Trust | Erewash, with referrals from | Provide a route into work for those who are experiencing homelessness, | £9,980 | Does not meet the guidelines. The group have previously |

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| | Derbyshire | volunteering, coaching and mentoring | | funded this project, this also covers Derby City. Derventio will fund 50% of the project, No links made with homelessness teams regarding links to new funding. |
| Eat Well - South Yorkshire Housing Association | Chesterfield /Dronfield | Project to tackle poor diet for 20 homeless people | £10,000 | Does not meet the guidelines. Housing link is not clear, PH locality teams willing to meet to discuss. |
| Derbyshire Domestic Violence Sexual Abuse Service | Bolsover/ North East Derbyshire/ Chesterfield | Funding for specialist Drug and Alcohol Lead | £9,195 | Does not meet guidelines, much of the project is duplicated by the Drug and Alcohol Team |
| Enhancing Lives for People with Dementia - Futures Homescape Ltd | Amber Valley | Support people living with dementia providing the right environment, use technology to improve independence, support to maintain independent living. | £10,000 | Does not fully meet guidelines. Assistive Technology funded by adult social care, with care packages covers a large proportion of the project. |
| Readycall - Voluntary and Community Services, Peaks and Dales. | South Derbyshire Dales | Reaching out with befriending and practical support – extension of existing service in South Derbyshire Dales | £10,000 | Does not meet guidelines. Adult care commission befriending services, Telecare support packages. Macmillan Cancer support has granted |

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| | | | | £290,000 to this project. |
| Excess Cold Calculator - Amber Valley Borough Council on behalf of Derbyshire District and Borough Councils | Derbyshire | To purchase the licence fee for the Building Research Establishment Excess Cold Calculator. A tool to support enforcement officers with a greater level of confidence | £10,000 | Does not meet the guidelines. Core Business of Local Authorities Feedback from the members of Local Authority Energy Partnership, (LAEP) very few would like the tool, and have no capacity to use or operate it, the LAEP also declined to fund, as they support DCC Healthy Homes Project approach. |
| Move on Support for householder - Amber Valley Borough Council | Amber Valley | Assistance to de clutter properties where this is a benefit to health. Funds to be made available via the Voluntary Sector Single point of Access (Vspa), Age UK etc. | £3,500 | This project does meet the criteria, however the group agreed to support the above Vulnerable Adults Risk Management project for Hoarders across the whole of Derbyshire. |

The funding is allocated for one year only, and the award process requires the organisation to sign Grant Agreement, provide outcomes monitoring data quarterly and to produce an evaluation report to enable effectiveness of the grant spend to be considered.

3. Financial considerations

If the carry forward of the underspend is approved The Housing and Health grant applications totalling £44,208 will be funded from the existing public health ring fenced budget.

4. Other considerations:

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

5. Background papers:

None

6. Key Decision:

No

7. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?
No

8. Officer's recommendation:

That the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities approves the allocation of the grant budget for four health and housing projects at a cost of £44,200 as set out in the report.

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