

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 26 July 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

61/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 5 July 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

62/16 **TRADING STANDARDS WORK TO TACKLE UNFAIR TRADING PRACTICES 2015/16** Details were provided of a number of interventions that had been carried out by the Trading Standards Team in response to complaints from local residents, and also requests from local businesses for advice on Trading Standard legislation. Although it was difficult to quantify the financial benefit of interventions, the application of a Government assessment tool had calculated the potential benefit as being approximately £900,000. Another calculation relating to interventions, with regard to 14 individual complaints, had suggested that some £50,000 worth of consumer detriment had been prevented.

RESOLVED to note the steps taken by the Trading Standards Division to tackle unfair trading practices during 2015/16.

63/16 **TRADING STANDARDS WORK ON TOBACCO CONTROL 2015/16** The Trading Standards Division had enforcement responsibility for a range of legislation which regulated the sale of tobacco and tobacco products. The Trading Standards Division was an active member of the Derbyshire Tobacco Alliance and worked with other agencies to seek to reduce the harm from tobacco and associated products. As well as core funding, the Trading Standards Division also received funding from Derbyshire Public Health and had a Service Level Agreement to deliver tobacco control measures. The Division continued to make a contribution to tackling the sale of illicit tobacco and to prevent the sale of tobacco and other products to young people under the minimum legal age. Whilst the majority of tobacco retailers were generally compliant, there remained an issue with retail staff failing to seek proof of age, and there was less awareness with the new age restrictions on the sale of nicotine inhaling products. Details of performance by the Division towards achieving the targets, together with a breakdown of the advisory visits and test purchase checks carried out by the Division in 2015/16 were provided.

Section 5 of the Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991 placed a duty on the County Council to give annual consideration to carrying out a programme of enforcement action to ensure that tobacco was not sold to persons under the age of 18 and that statutory warning notices were displayed on retail premises. A similar duty existed under Section 54A of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 in relation to aerosol paints. Details of the proposed enforcement programme for 2016/17 for both tobacco and aerosol products were presented.

RESOLVED to (1) note the steps taken by the Trading Standards Division to reduce smoking prevalence during the previous financial year; and

(2) approve the annual programme of enforcement to prevent under age sales of tobacco and aerosol paints.

64/16 DERBYSHIRE FOOD FOR LIFE PROGRAMME Approval was sought to provide a grant of £70,000 to Food for Life (FFL) in 2016/17. FFL was a national evidence based programme bringing schools and their surrounding communities together around the core ethos of healthy, tasty and sustainable food. The intervention worked to change food culture by considering where food came from, how it was grown, cooked and experienced, and contributing to a community-wide whole systems change that could impact on education, sustainability, inequalities, communities and health. The programme would target a minimum of 20 schools per year, and would achieve change within the whole school setting.

FFL in Derbyshire built on a proven programme of work already delivered across the county in Erewash, Chesterfield and Bolsover, with the aim of extending the benefits to target further areas of high multiple deprivation. The programme had demonstrated sustainability, and schools understood the value of paying for their awards support packages - £780 per school for 2-3 years. One of the programme's key strengths had been its ability to work alongside local stakeholders to add value to existing programmes of work.

Delivery of FFL aligned with the academic year, and schools needed to be identified prior to the start of the academic year to enable them to have the optimum amount of time to achieve the award standard and to commence training and support from the first term. The process to enable schools to achieve the minimum award standard usually took a full academic year. The programme was currently delivered by a part-time member of FFL staff. The total project cost was £70,000, and would be funded via a grant from the Public Health reserve.

RESOLVED to approve a grant of £70,000 to Food for Life in 2016/17, to support the children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing priority within the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

65/16 GRANT FOR THE PROVISION OF FOOTCARE SERVICES (TOOTSIES) Approval was sought to provide a grant of £25,000 for 2016/17 to Age UK Derby and Derbyshire (AUKDD) for the delivery of basic footcare services for older people.

Cabinet had previously approved a grant to Age UK Derby and Derbyshire for the provision of footcare services for older people. The provision of the grant funding had enabled the service to be expanded across Derbyshire, and the most recent annual report had showed that there were 758 registered users with around 600 using the service regularly, customer feedback was very positive, and the service was meeting most of its service development, delivery and quality objectives. The one key objective that the service had not met was that two-thirds of the venues should be self-sustaining within two years. Sustainability of the venues was influenced by a variety of factors, one of which was volunteer recruitment. The social model for the service was based on a paid supervisor with volunteers to undertake most of the service. AUKDD had struggled to recruit volunteers to undertake the footcare, and so had had to use paid members of staff.

The available funding for a footcare service had been reduced to £25,000 in 2016/17. AUKDD had confirmed that the objective of two thirds of venues being self-sustaining would not be achieved and that the service would continue to require an element of financial subsidy. Discussions had been ongoing with AUKDD to agree further efficiencies in service delivery, including reducing the number of venues that the service was provided from, and reducing the frequency of the service from monthly to six weekly. Details were provided of the proposed future locations of the services, based on consideration of a number of factors, including geographical coverage and social deprivation.

The current price for the footcare service was £12 per session. The price had not altered since 2011, but the price of consumables and venue hire had increased, so AUKDD had proposed that the price for users was increased to £13 to help with future sustainability of the service. To further improve the sustainability of the service, Public Health was exploring with Adult Care the possibility of service delivery within Adult Care premises to reduce the costs of venue hire.

Provision had been made within the Public Health budget of £25,000 to fund the footcare service in 2016/17.

RESOLVED (1) to approve a grant of £25,000 for 2016/17 to Age UK Derby and Derbyshire for the delivery of basic footcare services for older people in line with the proposals detailed in the report; and

(2) that the cost to users of the footcare service be increased from £12 to £13 with effect from 1 September 2016.

66/16 REVENUE OUTTURN 2015/16 The statement setting out the final outturn position for 2015/16 was presented. The gross controllable budget had been £57.551m, and the controllable underspend had been £4.029m. This included an underspend of £3,788m against the Ring-Fenced Public Health budget. After transferring this to the Public Health Reserve, the portfolio's net underspend was £0.240m. The key areas of underspend were Community Safety (£0.108m), Trading Standards (£0.185m) and Public Health (£3.788m).

The proposals for the use of underspends were reported, and it was the intention that these would be used to mitigate the impact of budget cuts in 2016/17, and other budgetary pressures. Budget reductions totalling £1.291m had been agreed by Full Council as part of the approval of the 2015/16 budget, and a table showing performance against the target was detailed.

RESOLVED to (1) note the revenue outturn position for 2015/16; and

(2) approve bids requested for the use of underspends.

67/16 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 5 July 2016
2. To consider the exempt reports of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Communities on:-
 - a) Operation Schooner – East Midlands Scambuster Investigation (contains information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)
 - b) Animal Welfare Operation (TIFFIN) (contains information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)