

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES****30 September 2014****Report of the Director of Public Health****PROPOSAL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES APPROACH IN DERBYSHIRE****1. Purpose of the Report:**

To consider the proposed approach to the submission of an application to join the UK Healthy Cities Network.

2. Information and Analysis:

- 2.1 In December 2013 Cabinet approved the proposal to progress with submitting an application to join the UK Healthy Cities Network (UKHCN). During the first part of 2014 the Healthy Cities co-ordinator has met with colleagues in the authority and District and Borough councils to explain the rationale for joining the network and ascertain their commitment to participating in developing the model across the county. Responses have been positive with the Districts and Boroughs indicating a willingness to be partners in the development and implementation of the Healthy Communities approach. The first draft of the application is currently being developed.
- 2.3 The UKHCN has only recently opened membership to county councils with Lancashire and Cumbria being the first two authorities to join. The county-wide model is therefore still relatively new and implementation will be varied across the country according to local partnership arrangements.
- 2.4 The healthy communities approach would entail developing a framework that links the core themes and priority issues of Phase VI of the Healthy Cities programme with current priorities and initiatives. Developing the approach on a county-wide basis is complex not least because the authority does not have responsibility for delivery of some of the key priority issues such as housing that are integral to Phase VI of the Healthy Cities initiative. It is therefore necessary to formulate a model of working that enables co-ordination and implementation across the authority and second tier authorities.

- 2.5 Following discussions with current network members it would seem appropriate for Derbyshire to adopt a model similar to Lancashire's. This approach would entail the authority submitting an overall county-wide application to join the network with the District and Borough councils submitting individual applications as affiliated members. Evidence of activity at a local level could then be included as part of the county-wide application. Affiliation to the county-wide submission would enable individual councils (or partnerships) to join the UK Healthy Cities network and benefit from the support available to members. This model would align with the Public Health locality plans which would be a key mechanism for implementation of the Healthy Communities approach.
- 2.6 The Healthy Communities approach would link to the Health and Wellbeing strategy and provide an overall framework for making Derbyshire a healthy place in which to live and work. This includes creating opportunities for healthy activity, encouraging positive mental wellbeing, developing healthy workplaces, supporting sustainable transport and creating and supporting resilient communities. All of which are integral to the delivery of the authorities five key pledges: A Derbyshire that works; A Healthy Derbyshire; A Safer Derbyshire; A Derbyshire that cares and A Local Derbyshire.

3. Financial Considerations:

There would be an annual subscription fee which is negotiable but is expected to be in the region of £6,000. The cost of the subscription fee will be met from the existing DCC 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 and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

5. Key Decision:

No

6. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No

7. Officer's Recommendation:

That Cabinet Member, Health and Communities approves the proposed approach to Derbyshire's application to join the Healthy Cities network.

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