

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 30 July 2013 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor D Allen

Also in Attendance – Councillors C A Hart, P J Smith and E S Wilcox

**15/13** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 18 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**16/13** **REQUEST TO SEEK TO ENGAGE A PROFESSIONAL TRADING STANDARDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY** Following a recent report on Feed Hygiene, the Trading Standards Division now had further information about a regional bid to enforce the provisions of the farm feed and feed hygiene controls in Derbyshire and a forthcoming Food Standards Agency (FSA) audit of the measures taken to seek compliance. The authority had a duty to enforce the provisions of the legislation introduced following animal disease outbreaks to ensure that animal feed and farm food products were produced in a hygienic environment to minimise the risk of animal disease as a consequence of contaminated feed.

The FSA had invited regional bids for funding to support additional feed hygiene and farm hygiene sampling and inspection. A bid had been submitted which, if successful, would enable the Division to undertake additional feed hygiene inspections. To ensure that the Trading Standards Division had sufficient staffing capacity to deliver the additional inspections, approval was sought to go to a specialist recruitment agency to secure short-term support. Any such agreement would be dependent on a successful regional bid and would be for a period not exceeding 31 March 2014.

The FSA had also confirmed its intentions to undertake a two day audit of Derbyshire to ensure that adequate measures were in place to enforce the provisions of the feed hygiene legislation. This was scheduled for 17-18 September 2013.

The cost of any agency officer engaged would be from the grant funding, should the bid be agreed by the FSA. The report was in respect of the contract to provide professional and technical staff, and so the requirements of tender procedures were excluded.

**RESOLVED** to approve the appointment of a professional Trading Standards enforcement officer from an Employment Agency – subject to a

successful FSA grant application – on a fixed term contract to terminate by 31 March 2014, and to agree the revised inspection programme, subject to a successful bid.

**17/13      TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BELPER AND NEWBOLD LIBRARIES** Approval was sought for the temporary closure of Belper Library from 16-23 September 2013 and Newbold Library from 30 September – 7 October 2013.

Property Services had identified the need for essential maintenance work at Belper and Newbold Libraries. The lighting in both buildings was considered inadequate and needed to be replaced and upgraded. The upgrade would ensure that the lighting met statutory requirements both in terms of safety and the levels of lighting provided in public buildings. In addition, the new lighting would be more energy efficient.

The maintenance work would require some working at height and the cessation of the electricity supply to the building. In the interest of health and safety, the work could only be undertaken if the libraries were closed to the public. During the period of closure, staff would be redeployed to other libraries in the area, undertake training or development activities, or take annual leave for all or part of the period of closure.

**RESOLVED** to approve the temporary closure of Belper Library from 16-23 September 2013 and Newbold Library from 30 September – 7 October 2013.

**18/13      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 exempt 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 18 July 2013

**19/13      EXEMPT MINUTES RESOLVED** that the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 18 July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.