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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET** held on 10 January 2017 at County Hall, Matlock

**PRESENT**

Cabinet Member – Councillor Ms A Western

Also in attendance – Councillor B Lewis

**1/17** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**2/17** **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR DERBYSHIRE UNEMPLOYED WORKERS CENTRES – EREWASH** An application for funding under the Community Priorities Programme had been submitted by Councillors Glennice Birkin, Michelle Booth and John Frudd for a grant of £27,000 for Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (DUWC) to create a bespoke pilot project within targeted wards in Erewash. This would raise awareness of crisis prevention and offer specific advice to clients in receipt of benefits. The project would specifically:

- Contact clients in receipt of Universal Credit and Job Seekers Allowance and other key benefits.
- Aim to prevent sanctions by ensuring clients knew their rights and ensured they were maximising their benefits.
- Give advice on what to do if sanctioned.
- Raise awareness of Hardship Payments and other crisis services e.g. the foodbank, the Derbyshire Discretionary Fund.
- Contact people again periodically (after 3 and then 6 months), to see what long term improvements had resulted from the work.

Another key aim of the project would be to provide statistics and information to develop a baseline and to support long term provision of the service in Ilkeston. The targeted areas were all areas where anti-poverty indicators for example child poverty, unemployment, fuel poverty and pension credits were higher than county/national averages.

**RESOLVED** to approve the application for £27,000 for the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre pilot project in Erewash as set out in the report.

**3/17      COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ALFRETON**

An application for funding under the Community Priorities Programme had been submitted by Councillor Steve Marshall-Clarke for a grant of £29,000 to support a Dementia Friendly Town Centre scheme to support individuals with Dementia, their carers' and other members of the community in Alfreton.

The project would be co-ordinated by the Amber Valley Dementia Action Alliance, a coalition of different local agencies and charitable organisations. The funding for the scheme would be held by Amber Valley Borough Council. The scheme would also receive a contribution of £7,500 from Alfreton Town Council in addition to the funding amount outlined in the report, bringing the total cost of the project to £37,400.

The project would provide the following:

- A new community garden in the heart of the town centre at Severn Square.
- A new seating area outside the library.
- Training on 'Dementia friendly' skills for employees from local businesses by the Alzheimer's Society.
- A display and information area in Alfreton Library.

In addition, new signage would also be installed by Amber Valley Borough Council in Severn Square to help individuals who were living with Dementia to find their way around easily, which would also be of benefit in terms of making the town centre more accessible for other members of the community. This would be funded via Councillor Marshall-Clarke's Members Community Leadership Scheme allocation.

Alfreton would aim to become Derbyshire's first 'Dementia friendly' high street and would hopefully set a blueprint for other towns to follow if further one-off funding opportunities were identified.

**RESOLVED** to approve the application for £29,000 for the Alfreton Dementia Friendly Town Centre scheme as set out in the report.

**4/17      COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR LANGER FIELD PARK PLAY SPACE**

An application for funding under the Community Priorities Programme had been submitted by Councillor David Allen for a grant of £24,000 towards a new play space at Langer Field Park. Langer Field Park Community Group (LFPCG) was a constituted group of Rother residents committed to improving health and wellbeing by providing and developing a green space. The project aimed to provide an accessible and inclusive equipped play area for children of all ages. It was intended that the facilities were educational, active and fun and

the area would be landscaped, safe and be open all year round. There was no current provision of accessible play equipment in the Rother Electoral Ward. In addition 42% of households which equated to 1263 households in the area did not have access to either a car or a van, which was significantly higher than Chesterfield at 27.1%. They were unable to easily travel to play areas elsewhere as the cost of fares and or admission prices prohibited this.

The total project costs were £69,947.57 and Viridor Credits had approved funding of £47,439.25. Viridor required a third party contribution of £4,743.93 and this would be met from the grant from the Communities Priorities Programme. This third party contribution would be used to lever out monies from the Landfill Communities Fund. The remaining £19,256.07 of the Community Priorities grant would contribute to the play equipment. The facility would consist of an inclusive oyster roundabout, activity play panels, swings for all, trim trail and crawl tunnel, two storey mutli-play, twin view multi-play and seating areas made of recycled materials. LFPCG would provide the shortfall of £3,252.25.

It was estimated that approximately 250 people currently used the park and this was anticipated to increase to 2000 following installation of the equipment. The current annual footfall for the park was 4,360 and this was anticipated to increase to 44,360 following the installation of the equipment.

**RESOLVED** to approve the application for £24,000 for Langer Field Park Play Space as set out in the report.