

Agenda Item 7 (c)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

15 December 2015

Report of the Chief Executive

**DERBYSHIRE TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE AWARD
DISABLED FACILITIES GRANT REVIEW
DEVELOPMENT OF A YOUNG PERSONS PATHWAY
(STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET)**

1 Purpose of Report

To inform Cabinet of recent allocations made from the Transformation Challenge Award (TCA) to support two partnership projects considering the Disabled Facilities Grant and the Development of a Young Person's Pathway.

2 Information and Analysis

The Transformation Challenge Award 2015-2016 is funded by a grant from the Department of Communities and Local Government to support local authorities to transform their operations, make changes to their business processes and work with the wider public sector to improve services for local people. It is intended to help implement new ways of working and new approaches rather than to supplement existing practices. Key objectives include:

- Encouraging councils to re-engineer their business processes through sharing all or some of their corporate services, workforces, information technology systems and assets.
- Encouraging and supporting councils and places to re-design the way that services are delivered.
- Supporting transformative projects.

The ten Derbyshire Local Authorities were allocated £0.745m in revenue grant to support transformation projects which are delivered in partnership. As the holders of the grant DCC, is responsible for coordination, delivery and evaluation of this transformation programme on behalf of the partners.

Individual projects are required to produce a business case that is assessed according to set criteria, prior to any recommendations for support being made to the Derbyshire Chief Executives' Group who act as the governance group for this programme.

Business cases for the Disabled Facilities Grant and the Development of a Young Person's Pathway have been assessed and the Derbyshire Chief Executive's Group have allocated £120,000 and £104,618 respectively to these two projects.

The Disabled Facilities Grant Project will consider what actions need to be taken by Derbyshire Authorities to meet the future housing needs of disabled residents. The funding allocated to support the Development of a Young Person's Pathway will be utilised to strengthen and consolidate the countywide approach to preventing and tackling youth homelessness.

The balance of the Derbyshire Transformation Challenge Award remains at £165,382 to support transformation projects in the current financial year. Further updates will be brought to Cabinet as the programme develops.

3 Financial Considerations

Contained within the body of the report.

4 Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: Legal and Human Rights, equality of opportunity, health, environmental, transport, property and crime and disorder considerations.

5 Background Papers

Business Cases are held on file.

6 Key Decision

No.

7 Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

No.

8 Officer's Recommendation

That Cabinet note the allocations made to the Disabled Facilities Grant and the Young Person's Pathway projects.

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