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To: Members of Cabinet Member meeting - Health and Communities

Wednesday 28 August 2019

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member meeting - Health and Communities** to be held at **11.00 am** on **Thursday 5 September 2019** in Committee Room 4, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Janie Berry'.

JANIE BERRY
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A G E N D A

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence (if any)
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of interest (if any)
3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)

To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Health and Communities held on 27 June 2019

4. To consider the joint non-exempt reports of the Executive Director for Economy, Transport and Environment, Executive Director for Adult Care, Executive Director for Commissioning, Communities and Policy, Director of Finance & ICT and Director of Public Health on:
 - 4 (a) Budget Monitoring 2019-20 - Period 3 (Pages 9 - 14)
 - 4 (b) Revenue Outturn 2018-19 (Pages 15 - 20)
5. To consider the non-exempt report of the Director of Health on the Derbyshire Food for Life Programme (Pages 21 - 26)

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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 27 June 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

24/19 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 23 May 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

25/19 **DERBYSHIRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAMME**

The Derbyshire School Holiday Food Programme was a very successful countywide programme addressing national concerns on the extent and causes of hunger amongst children during school holiday periods.

In summer 2016 Feeding Derbyshire established 19 projects in local communities experiencing high levels of deprivation, and with high levels of eligibility for Free School Meals. Working in partnership with schools, faith communities, children’s centres, big local grant-funded communities and district and borough councils, the projects aimed to ensure children benefited from nutritious food and enrichment activities during school holiday periods throughout the year.

Since 2016 the programme had gone from strength to strength and subsequently an additional 12 projects had been established - these were funded by FareShare, bringing the total number of projects in Derbyshire to 31.

FareShare was a UK charity ensuring surplus food reached vulnerable groups by redistributing good food to frontline services. Public Health at Derbyshire County Council funded the annual subscription fee to FareShare to supply 19 projects with healthy, nutritious, in-date food.

During the school holiday periods in the 2018/19 academic year, the projects funded through the Council had achieved the following:

- supplied 37,113 meals in total to 1,395 children per week during the Summer holidays
- supplied projects with enough food to give out 1,052 food parcels over the Christmas school holiday period
- supplied projects with 5,030 meals over the Easter school holidays. This included sufficient food for 440 cook and eat meals

Additional funding for a 12 month period would ensure continuation of the programme. The funding would support Rural Action Derbyshire to manage the School Holiday Food Programme from July 2019. This would include direct liaison with Fare Share and local project providers, and operational management of the programme to support the continuation of the existing 31 projects, and collection of information on numbers of young people and families accessing the projects.

In April 2019, the Feeding Derbyshire Partnership agreed to review the delivery and sustainability of the School Holiday Food Programme as part of the broader Feeding Derbyshire initiative. The review would allow the Feeding Derbyshire Partnership to identify alternative funding sources to secure future delivery of the existing programme, and reduce reliance on funding from Public Health, in light of continued year-on-year reductions to the Public Health grant.

RESOLVED to approve the proposed award of £20,000 from the Public Health budget to Rural Action Derbyshire.

23/19 GRANT FUNDING TO SHIFT TOGETHER TO DELIVER THE FIT4LIFE PROGRAMME IN WORKPLACES ACROSS DERBYSHIRE

Levels of overweight and obesity in Derbyshire were significantly higher than the England average. Overweight and obesity develops over time as a result of an imbalance between energy intake and energy usage. Whilst on average people in Derbyshire were more likely to be active than the England average (68% compared with 66%), our adult population were less likely to:

- Eat 5 portions or more of fruit and veg per day
- Do any walking in a week
- Cycle 3 times in a week (either for travel or leisure)

In addition to supporting people to maintain a healthy weight, regular physical activity was important for reducing the risk of cardiovascular disease, certain cancers, type 2 diabetes, falls and mental ill health. Physical activity could also improve health outcomes and quality of life of people who already had long-term conditions, for example it could lead to reduced weight and improved insulin sensitivity in people with type 2 diabetes.

The workplace had been identified as one setting in which efforts could be focused effectively to improve health and wellbeing, and reduce physical inactivity. In 2018 Derbyshire County Council funded a pilot of the Fit4Life programme at Chesterfield Royal Hospital and in Adult Care.

Interim evaluation of the pilot had been positive. Referrals began in Autumn 2018 and the programme coach was working on a 1:1 basis with participants to provide coaching, advice and signposting. The accelerometer was giving participants accurate and detailed information about their lifestyle behaviours, sleep patterns and time spent being active or sedentary. At the end of January

2019, 20 ActiveInsight accelerometers had been issued, and 27 participants had registered to join the next cohort in Spring 2019.

In addition, the programme coach was working with HR teams at the hospital and group managers in ASC to explore a variety of methods to promote a culture of physical activity in the workplace. The result of this work had been the development of new physical activity related opportunities.

They were seeking permission to fund an expansion of the programme over the next 2 years, to both support other work settings and to enable the development of a self-sustaining model for Fit4Life over time. It was considered that the programme should be tested in a number of different workplaces, beginning with Call Derbyshire. Given that the programme coach would need to build strong relationships with teams working in the locality (e.g. LLBD delivery staff, Health Workplaces Derbyshire and the Public Health Locality Teams) and develop a good understanding of opportunities available in the local area, it was proposed that the work should be focused in 2 and no more than 3 Derbyshire Districts and Boroughs. One would be Derbyshire Dales (given the location of Call Derbyshire), with the other site(s) to be agreed between Shift Together and the Public Health Physical Activity, Healthy Workplaces and Live Life Better Derbyshire Teams.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member approved the award of the grant of £100,000 to Shift Together for the delivery of the Fit4Life Programme in workplaces across Derbyshire. The expansion to the programme would begin in August 2019 and continue for 2 years.

24/19 REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN DERBYSHIRE Recovery Month took place in September each year and was a national event. It had been celebrated in Derbyshire for the past four years and was an opportunity to showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery was achievable.

Local activities had previously concentrated on large scale events which took considerable resources to organise and had tended to locate in Chesterfield as our largest town. Due to this, a number of smaller but active recovery organisations from other parts of the county had struggled to take part in a meaningful way, and recovery month in Derbyshire was starting lose momentum.

On 13 November 2018 the Strategic Director for Adult Care approved the allocation of £20,000 over a three year period to encourage individuals, treatment services and recovery organisations to undertake their own projects, events and activities in their own localities. This approach was more inclusive of the geographically diverse county, and had revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users. An annual showcase event, where achievements around recovery were recognised, had been planned for later in 2019.

Recovery Games applications

Four applications were submitted and considered by an evaluation team comprising the Public Health Lead and the Health Improvement Practitioner for substance misuse using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. All organisations successfully scored against the scoring criteria.

One organisation had duplicated costs in their application that were covered by another application and therefore were advised that their application would not be considered.

It was therefore proposed to provide grants to the following three organisations to enable them to engage in the Recovery Games for 2019:

	Organisation name	Location	Event	Service Provided	Cost
1.	Chesterfield FC Community Trust	Doncaster	Recovery Games	Coach hire, refreshments	£664
2.	Derbyshire Veterans HQ	Doncaster	Recovery Games	Fuel to pick participants up and take them to Proact Stadium for coach	£50
3	Stand To	Doncaster	Recovery Games	T Shirts and fuel to pick participants up and take them to Proact Stadium for coach	£260

Recovery Month applications

For Recovery Month, bids were welcomed for amounts to cover celebrating recovery locally. Innovation and creativity was encouraged.

Five applications were submitted from four organisations and were considered by the evaluation team using a pre-determined, objective scoring template. Four applications scored successfully against the scoring criteria with one further application on hold pending a more robust financing and delivery plan.

It was therefore proposed to provide grants to the following organisations to enable them to engage in the Recovery Month activities for 2019:

	Organisation name	Location	Event	Funding specifics	Cost
1.	Derbyshire Veterans HQ	County wide	Crooked Spire and Red Arrows modelling activity and display	Materials and display events	£266
2.	The Zink Project	High Peak	Community Café	Food, facility rent, publicity, expenses	£320
3	Stand To	County wide	Fly Fishing event at Ladybower	Fishing passes, travel costs, including mini bus	£1210
4	Derventio – Growing Lives Project	Erewash and Amber Valley	Recovery Garden establishment and open day	Garden materials and refreshments for open day	£630

All organisations currently delivered projects with people in recovery in Derbyshire.

RESOLVED that (1) the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities approved the award of grants as detailed in the report to support Recovery activities for 2019 in Derbyshire; and (2) the Cabinet Member agreed to accept further reports over the next two years relating to the award of other small grants to support Recovery Month in Derbyshire.

25/19 ACTION GRANTS PROGRAMME At its meeting on 5 April 2018, Cabinet approved the establishment of a two year Action Grants Programme totalling £1.5 million to provide support to champion local communities, encourage local groups to deliver community activity and to support the Council's priorities in relation to resilient and thriving communities.

The Action Grant Programme would run until May 2020 and enabled local groups to apply for three levels of funding across four grant areas covering youth activity, community safety, community activity and physical/sports activity as follows:

- **Small Grants (up to £500):** Provided funding for 2,000 small scale, one off projects delivering positive activities in local communities

- **Medium Grants (up to £5,000):** Provided funding for new projects in local communities which could demonstrate local support and which had a more significant local impact.
- **Large Grants (up to £10,000):** Provided funding for new projects which had longer term viability, would continue to impact local people into the future and may cover more than one programme theme.

Projects that met the selection criteria were reviewed by an officer panel. Strategic Directors had delegated responsibility for the approval of recommended projects that fell within their remit. Cabinet agreed at its meeting on 5 April 2018 that approvals would be reported to the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on a quarterly basis.

Round Four

The deadline for receipt of applications for rounds four of both the community activity grants and community safety grants was 31 March 2019. In round four applicants were only able to apply for a small grant as the medium and large grants were only available on an annual basis, with the next deadline being 30 June 2019.

Community Activity Grants provided funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support the development of local community activities and projects which helped local people to come together to shape the future of their neighbourhood. Funding was available to support 375 local projects which covered various types of activity.

124 small grant applications were received under round four requesting funding totalling £59,370. A small officer panel, comprising of representatives from Policy, Adult Care, Children's Services, the Library Service and the Voluntary and Community Sector met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. In total 105 applications, were approved to the value of £47,511.

Community Safety Grants provided funding to help local residents, groups and organisations support communities to be safe places to live and work. Funding was available to support 500 local projects which covered various types of activity.

Three small grant applications under round four of the grant programme, were received requesting funding totalling £1,500. The panel of Community Safety Officers met to assess the merits of each application against the required criteria. All three applications, were approved.

Moving Forward

Monitoring of the Programme, including take up of the different levels of grants as well as geographical coverage, would take place on a regular basis

to ensure equality of access across different communities in Derbyshire. This would ensure that there was some flexibility in the Programme as it moved forward and that spend was maximised. It would also help recognise those communities where more support may have been required to identify and promote relevant projects.

RESOLVED to note (1) 105 small Grants for Community Activity approved to the value of £47,511; and (2) three small Grants for Community Safety approved to the value of £1,500.

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

5 September 2019

Joint Report of the Acting Executive Director of Adult Care, Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy, Executive Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, Director of Public Health and Director of Finance & ICT

**BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 – PERIOD 3 (as at 30 June 2019)
(HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide the Cabinet Member with an update of the Revenue Budget position of the Health and Communities portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of 30 June 2019 (Period 3).

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 Forecast Summary

The net controllable budget for the Health and Communities portfolio is £4.217m. This figure includes the Public Health base budget of £39.477m which is fully funded by the ring-fenced Grant.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 3 indicates that there is a projected year-end underspend of £0.643m. Included in this figure is the projected year-end underspend against the ring-fenced Public Health Grant of £0.346m.

The significant areas which make up this projection are shown in the table below:

	Controllable Budget	Projected Actuals	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend
	£m	£m	£m
Public Health – Live Life Better Derbyshire service NRT Pharmacotherapy products	0.560	0.154	(0.406)
Trading Standards – reduced staffing costs following re-structure to deliver savings requirement for period 2019-22	1.327	1.129	(0.198)
Other minor balances	2.330	2.291	(0.039)
Total	Page 9 4.217	3.574	(0.643)

2.2 Key Variances

2.2.1. Public Health underspend £0.346m

The vast majority of the projected underspend for 2019-20 has been generated from activity-based contracts and services such as Sexual Health and Smoking Cessation.

Some of the underspend will be used to mitigate the effects of a cut of £1.071m to the ring-fenced Public Health Grant in 2019-20 and the continuing uncertainty over future levels of Public Health funding.

Plans are in place committing the whole of the Public Health reserve. These include £1m funding for the School Crossing Patrol service over 3 years from April 2019, £0.4m to Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS FT to support transition to the new 0-19 Public Health Nursing Section 75 agreement and further funding to continue to provide the Action Grants programme during 2019-20.

2.2.2. Trading Standards underspend £0.198m

The current Trading Standards underspend can be attributed to planning for the achievement of the future savings requirement for the period 2019-22, one off funding to support older people in relation to scams and doorstep crime, which is yet to be committed, vacancies and additional income.

2.3 Budget Savings Targets

	£m
Unachieved brought forward from previous year	0.000
Current Year Allocation	0.206
Total Target	0.206
Total Identified	0.206
(Shortfall)/Additional Identified Savings	0.206
Forecast to be Achieved by Financial Year End	0.206
Actual (Shortfall)/Additional Savings Target	0.000

The table below shows performance against each initiative.

Identified Savings Initiatives	Budget Reduction Amount £m	Forecast to be Achieved by the end of 2019-20 £m	(Shortfall)/Additional Savings Achieved £m
Emergency Planning	0.057	0.057	0.000
Registrars	0.050	0.050	0.000

Community Safety Projects	0.049	0.049	0.000
Trading Standards Restructuring	0.050	0.050	0.000
Total of Identified Savings Initiatives	0.206	0.206	0.000
Shortfall/(Surplus) of Identified Savings	0.000		
Total Savings Target	0.206	0.206	0.000

2.4 Growth Items and One-Off Funding

The portfolio received the following additional one-off budget allocations in 2019-20:

2.4.1 Trading Standards – Older People - £0.048m one-off

Provide a sustained Awareness raising programme over 3 years to reduce the number of instances of fraudulent activity against Older People.

2.4.2 Community Safety - Digital MOT funding from POCA - £0.014m one-off

Technical development of Digital MOT on-line risk assessment to be hosted by Safer Derbyshire website.

2.5 Risks

There is a risk that the following issue could negatively impact on the portfolio's forecast outturn position reported in the Forecast Summary above:

Service	Risk	Sensitivity* £m	Likelihood 1 = Low, 5 = High
Coroners	National shortage of Pathologists may impact by increasing fees	not known at present	2

*Sensitivity represents the potential negative impact on the outturn position should the event occur.

2.6 Earmarked Reserves

Earmarked reserves totalling £10.334m are currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves are as follows:

Reserve Description	Amount £m
Public Health Reserve	7.601
Public Health s256/Externally Funded Reserve	0.254
Community Safety – Domestic Violence	2.000
Community Safety	0.081
Syrian Refugee Project	0.079
Emergency Planning - Reservoirs	0.078
Proceeds of Crime	0.073
Trusted Trader	0.014
Trading Standards - Scams	0.057
Coroners – new accommodation at Derby	0.042
Coroners – new Case Load system	0.040
Registrars – high quality printer	0.015
Total Earmarked Reserves	10.334

2.7 Debt Position

Debt figures relating to Public Health are included in the Adult Social Care and Health Department's figures as reported in the Adult Care portfolio month 3 budget monitoring report. Figures for the remainder of the portfolio are included in the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department's figures as reported in the Council Services portfolio month 3 budget monitoring report.

3. Financial Considerations

As detailed in the report.

4. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; and environmental, health, human resources, property, social value 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. Background Papers

Held on file within the Adult Social Care and Health, Commissioning Communities and Policy and Economy Transport and Environment Departments. Officer contact details – Karen Howes extension 38730 (Emergency Planning), Paula Littlewood extension 38922 (Community Safety, Trading Standards, Coroners and Registrars) and David King extension 38758 (Public Health),

8. Officer Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member notes the report.

Simon Stevens
Acting Executive
Director – Adult Social
Care and Health

Emma Alexander
Executive Director – Commissioning,
Communities and Policy

Dean Wallace
Director of Public Health

Mike Ashworth
Executive Director – Economy,
Transport and Environment

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Director of Finance & ICT

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

5 September 2019

Joint Report of the Acting Executive Director of Adult Care, Executive Director of Commissioning, Communities and Policy, Executive Director of Economy, Transport and Environment, Director of Public Health and Director of Finance & ICT

REVENUE OUTTURN 2018-2019

1. Purpose of the Report

To report the final revenue outturn position for 2018-19 and to identify significant variations in expenditure from the budget.

To note the balance on earmarked reserves for the portfolio.

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 Summary

The 2018-19 controllable net budget for the Health and Communities portfolio was £1.933m. This figure includes the Public Health base budget of £40.548m which was fully funded by the ring-fenced Grant.

An underspend of £2.790m was achieved against the ring-fenced Public Health budget and following being transferred at year-end into the Public Health Reserve the resulting position is reflected in the table below. The controllable underspend against the rest of the portfolio was £0.280m.

The areas which make up this total underspend are shown in the table below:

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OUTTURN 2018-19			
DIVISION	CONTROLLABLE NET BUDGET	CONTROLLABLE ACTUAL	(UNDER)/OVER
	£m	£m	£m
PUBLIC HEALTH	(2.325)	(2.325)	0.000
COMMUNITIES			
Community Safety	0.939	0.789	(0.150)
Emergency Planning	0.316	0.242	(0.074)
Trading Standards	1.718	1.716	(0.002)
TOTAL COMMUNITIES	2.973	2.747	(0.226)
Coroners	1.769	1.817	0.048
Registrars	(0.484)	(0.586)	(0.102)
TOTAL FOR PORTFOLIO	1.933	1.653	(0.280)

2.2 Key variances

Public Health – underspend £2.790m

As in previous financial years a large proportion of the 2018-19 underspend has been generated from activity-based contracts and services.

During 2018-19 £2m has been transferred from the Public Health reserve into a Community Safety reserve to support Domestic Abuse Commissioning. The whole of this years' underspend has been transferred into the Public Health reserve for future use. Plans are in place to commit the whole of this reserve which include £1m funding for the School Crossing Patrol service over 3 years from April 2019, £0.5m to support Children's Centre service delivery from April 2019, £0.4m to Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS FT to support transition to the new 0-19 Public Health Nursing Section 75 agreement and further funding to continue to provide the Action Grants programme during 2019-20.

Some of the underspend will be used to mitigate the effects of a cut of £1.071m to the ring-fenced Public Health Grant in 2019-20 and the continuing uncertainty over future levels of Public Health funding.

Key areas of underspend are shown in the table below.

£m	reason
1.335	Live Life Better Derbyshire service - staffing vacancies and activity did not meet anticipated levels due to new in-house service not yet operating at full capacity
0.455	Sexual Health Contract - activity based elements did not meet anticipated levels and as a result costs were lower than budgeted for
0.342	Lower than anticipated costs on Substance Misuse budgets for Residential Rehab Treatment and Inpatient Detox services
0.314	staffing vacancies during the year
0.154	Smoking Cessation Prescribing costs - activity did not meet anticipated levels
0.148	Health Checks activity did not meet anticipated levels

Community Safety – underspend £0.150m

The underspend relates to staff vacancies, additional grant funding received and a reduction of expenditure on one off projects.

Registrars – underspend £0.102m

The underspend has arisen due to vacancy control and more revenue than anticipated generated from services provided. It is proposed that some of the underspend will be used to improve the appearance of the Registrars premises in order to generate more revenue and to fully staff the service according to the needs.

2.3 Growth Items

There were no budget growth items included in the 2018-19 budget.

2.4 Savings achieved in 2018-19

Savings of £0.147m were achieved in 2018-19 against a target of £0.182m. The table below shows performance against the target.

	Budget Reduction Amount £m	Achieved at year-end £m
Community Safety	0.052	0.052
Trading Standards	0.065	0.030
Registrars	0.065	0.065
Total	0.182	0.147

£30,000 savings were achieved by Trading Standards in this financial year following the implementation of a new structure in December 2018. The underachievement was accommodated by the Departmental underspend and the remaining saving will be achieved in 2019-20.

2.5 Transfers to/from Earmarked Reserves

A detailed analysis of the portfolio's earmarked reserves totaling £10.213m is shown below.

	Opening Balance £m	Additions £m	Used/ Returned £m	Closing Balance £m
Public Health Reserve	6.811	2.790	(2.000)	7.601
Public Health s256/Externally Funded Reserve	0.343	0.000	(0.089)	0.254
Public Health Food in the Community Reserve	0.049	0.000	(0.049)	0.000
Emergency Planning - Reservoirs	0.078	0.000	0.000	0.078
Community Safety	0.081	0.000	0.000	0.081
Community Safety - Domestic Violence	0.000	2.000	0.000	2.000
Trusted Trader	0.016	0.057	(0.002)	0.071
Proceeds of Crime	0.049	0.028	(0.004)	0.073
Coroners – new Case Load system	0.040	0.000	0.000	0.040
Registrars – high quality printer	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.015
TOTAL	7.482	4.875	(2.144)	10.213

3. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: financial, legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity; and environmental, health, human resources, property, social value and transport considerations.

4. Key Decision

No.

5. Call-in

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

6. Background Papers

Files and reports held by Economy, Transport and Environment, Adult Care and Corporate Accountancy sections.

7. OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the Cabinet Member notes the revenue outturn position for 2018-19 and the balance of earmarked reserves as at 31 March 2019.

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Acting Executive
Director – Adult Care

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING WITH CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

5 September 2019

Report of the Director of Public Health

DERBYSHIRE FOOD FOR LIFE PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of the report:

To seek approval of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities to agree an additional £70,000 grant funding to support Food for Life for the year of September 2019 to August 2020 as proposed in the Public Health Service Plan.

2. Information and Analysis:

Food for Life (FFL) is a national evidence-based programme bringing schools and their surrounding communities together around the core ethos of healthy, tasty and sustainable food. The programme is about more than just food on the plate, the intervention works to change food culture, by considering where food comes from, how it is grown, cooked and experienced, and contributing to a community-wide whole systems change that can impact on education, sustainability, inequalities, communities and health.

Across Derbyshire almost 3,000 children entering Reception and almost 4,000 children leaving Year 6 in 2016/17 were overweight or obese. At age 15 children are eating significantly fewer portions of fruit and vegetables than the average for England and many other local authorities in the East Midlands.

The latest independent evaluation portfolio of locally commissioned FFL programmes, such as Derbyshire's, has demonstrated how FFL gives every child the best start in life:

- Pupils in FFL schools were twice as likely to eat five or more portions of fruit and vegetables per day as those in comparison schools;
- Pupils in FFL schools were about 40% more likely to 'like' or 'really like' school meals, after adjusting for gender, free school meals eligibility and local authority differences';
- Pupils in FFL schools consume approximately a third more fruit and vegetables than those in comparison schools.

Latest research has shown that the social return on investment of FFL commissioned programmes exceeds £4 for every £1 invested. Additionally, one of the programme's key strengths has been recognised as its ability to work alongside local stakeholders to add value to existing programmes of work.

The FFL School Award supports schools to take a whole school approach that sees them grow their own food; organise trips to farms; source food from local

producers; set up school farmers' markets; hold community food events; provide cooking and growing clubs for pupils and their families; serve freshly prepared, well-sourced meals and provide an attractive and welcoming dining environment so lunchtimes are a positive, social feature of the school day. These activities enable a more innovative approach to children and young people's opportunity to learn and be more socially active at school.

The programme is delivered by staff from The Soil Association providing one to one support to schools, engaging the wider local community, Derbyshire-based food networks and groups, plus directly supporting school caterers. In addition, schools have access to the FFL Awards framework, resources and HQ support for 2-3 years, a full suite of training programmes for teaching staff in cooking, food growing, farm visits and schools farmers' markets, plus cooks' networks. The year culminates in a celebration event and also provides regular reporting and monitoring of impacts.

Cabinet member approval to grant fund FFL was given in 2017 and 2018, and provision of additional funding will enable FFL in Derbyshire to build on a proven programme of work already delivered across the county successfully over the last six years.

The programme aims to prevent ill health in the future by encouraging healthy habits in young people, using schools as a setting to have maximum impact.

Food for Life programme in Derbyshire

FFL programme has been working in Derbyshire since 2013 and has made significant impact across schools as well as across the DCC catering services. There is continued demand for the FFL programme in Derbyshire and desire from schools to create a positive change in "good food" culture at schools.

An additional £15,000 was agreed in February Cabinet to fund an additional 15 schools to be part of the programme as well as 4 specialist training sessions. However this does not support the continuation of the FFL coordinator to work with schools and therefore schools would not be supported from September onwards without additional funding.

This additional funding will fund 15 more schools to take part in the FFL programme but it will ensure that there is a continuation of the FFL coordinator who will support schools on a 1-1 basis as well as deliver training to support the programme.

Progress to date

School engagement and achievement of Awards

To date Derbyshire has 81 Schools enrolled on the FFL and over 50 schools expressed an interest in being part of the programme in October 2018 which has resulted in additional funding being released in Feb 2019 for 15 additional packages being available.

Awards

As part of the FFL programme schools work towards a range of award packages which helps them embed a positive and lasting food culture within their school and wider school community.

Currently there are 13 schools with Bronze Award, 4 Silver and 2 Gold schools. This is a rolling programme and therefore a number of schools are close to achieving award status.

“Food for life Served here” and Catering Quality

The FFL commission has been the catalyst and had significant impact on the school catering offer across Derbyshire. Derbyshire School Catering Service currently have the Silver award for all primary schools and the bronze award for secondary schools. This means that nearly 47,000 “Food for Life Served Here” standard meals are being served to over 350 primary schools in Derbyshire every day. This means that food is freshly prepared from scratch, is sustainable and includes locally sourced ingredients including 5% of total ingredients being organic produce.

FFL staff work closely with and support the DCC catering team to work towards these standards and promote the profile of the catering service.

Engagement events and Training

FFL offers a range of training to support schools achieve the awards including: Introduction to Food for Life Schools Award & the whole school approach to ‘good food’, Growing Food, Teaching Cooking Confidently, Farm Links training and Outdoor growing.

Proposal for September 2019 – August 2020

It is proposed that additional funding from September 2019 – August 2020 will support the following:

- 15 additional schools packages in targeted areas (link with Locality plans);
- 1-1 support of FFL coordinator and additional staff resource to work with minimum 30 schools (including existing schools);
- Increase the number and range of training sessions to support schools and hold two celebration events;
- To continue to support DCC catering services to maintain the Silver FFL Catering Mark across Primary Schools and Bronze across secondary schools, which is a nationally recognised standard, developed to reflect best practice in healthy and sustainable school meals;
- It is proposed to use part of the grant funding to promote and market the scheme to increase awareness of the brand which will benefit DCC Catering services and also encourage more schools to sign up.

It is envisaged that during this year we will work towards a wider sustainable model ready for 2020 - 2021. Discussions around a sustainable model have started and a proposal is being formulated

The project links to the council plan priorities to encourage healthy lifestyles, help children and young people get the best start in life and to champion local communities

3. Financial considerations:

The total project cost is £70,000, which will be funded via a grant from the Public Health Ring Fenced Grant.

4. Social Value considerations:

The process used to assess submissions to the panel included assessment of Social Return on Investment of each proposal as part of the efficiency / value for money criterion within the prioritisation tool. This project will impact upon social value through specifically targeting schools in more disadvantaged areas, thereby supporting the development of healthier communities and helping children, young people and families to thrive.

5. Legal /HR considerations:

The Council's standard grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made, which provides for clawback of funding in certain circumstances and shall also provide that the Council is not liable for any employment liabilities.

The conditions of the ring-fenced public health grant require the grant to be used to deliver public health outcomes, in line with the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

A grant agreement shall be used to set out the terms and conditions for which the grant is made. As a recipient of the grant, Food for Life are not contractually obliged to deliver the services, although the Council would seek to claw back the grant in appropriate circumstances were there to be significant non-performance.

6. Other considerations:

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

7. Background papers:

15 March 2016 Cabinet paper Prioritisation of Public Health Grant Investment
15 July 2014 Cabinet Paper Public Health Resource Fund

8. Key Decision:

No

9. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report? No

10. Officer's Recommendations:

That the Cabinet Member approves a grant of £70,000 to Food for Life for a period of 12 months, commencing in September 2019.

Dean Wallace Director of Public Health

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