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To: Members of Cabinet Member meeting - Health and Communities

Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member meeting - Health and Communities** to be held at **11.00 am** on **Thursday, 26 March 2020** in Committee Room 4, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Hobbs', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Simon Hobbs
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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 - 4)

To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Health and Communities held on 3 February 2020.

4. To consider the non-exempt reports of the Executive Director - Commissioning, Communities and Policy on:
 - 4 (a) Appointment of Public Analysts and Agricultural Analysts (Pages 5 - 8)
 - 4 (b) Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme for Derbyshire (Pages 9 - 12)

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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES** held on 3 February 2020 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Hart – Cabinet Member

Also in attendance: Councillors Stuart Swann and Dave Allen

01/20 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 5 December 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

02/20 **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 PERIOD 9** The joint report outlined the revenue budget position of the health and Communities portfolio for 2019-20 up to the end of 31 December 2019. There was a projected year-end underspend of £230,000; this included the projected year-end overspend against the ring-fenced Public Health Grant of £22,382. The significant areas that made up the projection were detailed in the table within the report. The portfolio had incurred additional costs of almost £19,000 due to the Toddbrook reservoir Whaley Bridge incident, which had been funded from the Council's General Reserve.

The Trading Standards underspend of £196,000 was 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, vacancies and additional income.

A risk level of five had been identified around the national shortage of Pathologists and the impact by increasing fees, with the coroner's service. The total Earmarked Reserves were listed within the report, totalling £10.411m to support future expenditure.

RESOLVED to note the report.

03/20 **RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCE GRANT** The Cabinet Member was asked to approve the award of £147,388 for five organisations from the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant.

Evidence showed that individuals in receipt of drug and alcohol treatment were more likely to recover from addiction if they could access supportive arrangements alongside treatment, which encouraged and improved employability, settled accommodation, strong relationships, self-esteem, purposeful activities and healthy diet/nutrition. The grant programme had been

running for the last four years to fund projects that provided recovery activities across Derbyshire.

In September 2019 organisations were invited to apply for the next round of funding in which organisations could apply for a maximum of £40,000 for their recovery projects. Five of the ten applications received from organisations across Derbyshire for the 12 month grant to run from 1 April 2020, were recommended for funding. Details of these organisations were detailed within the report.

In addition to the support these projects provided, Derby County Community Trust was grant-funded by Public Health to deliver activities for people in recovery from substance misuse issues in South Derbyshire, Erewash and Amber Valley. In areas not covered by the recovery projects, the Commissioning Team would work with locality leads to identify community projects which offered activities which may support recovery.

This round of grant funding would end on 31 March 2021. Future requirements for recovery activity would be procured by undertaking a competitive process in line with the Council's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. In preparation for this, current projects would be reviewed and evaluated to inform requirements for the procurement process and ensure equitable coverage was available for all who require support across the county.

RESOLVED to approve (1) the award to five organisations who meet the Recovery from Alcohol and Drug Dependence Grant funding criteria; and

(2) to further develop the Recovery Communities in Derbyshire from 2021.

04/20 REDUCING THE HARM OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN DERBYSHIRE The Cabinet Member was approval for the award of a Recovery Month grant to the value of £770 to Derventio Housing Trust.

Recovery Month was an annual national event where participants showcase recovery from substance misuse, to reduce stigma and to highlight that recovery was achievable. Local activities took considerable resources to organise and tended to locate in Chesterfield. 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 to 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 our geographically diverse county and had revitalised the efforts of both local and countywide organisations and their service users.

The first year, 2019, saw grant funding for nine organisations and sixteen separate events/activities which saw over 300 people taking part. An annual showcase event recognising achievements around recovery was held at County Hall in November 2019 and feedback from the event and the first year of this new approach in general had been very positive.

For year 2 there would be two deadlines: an early deadline (Friday 06 December 2019) for events that cannot take place in Recovery Month, and a later deadline (Friday 19 March 2020) for events in Recovery Month itself. An application was received for the first deadline and was proposed to provide a grant to Derventio Housing Trust for £770;

RESOLVED to (1) approve the award of a grant to Derventio Housing Trust to the value of £770 as detailed in the report t; and

(2) agree to accept further reports relating to the award of other small grants to support Recovery Month in Derbyshire.

05/20 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 information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC HAD BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To consider the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities held on 5 December 2019.

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

26 March 2020

**Report of the Executive Director
Commissioning, Communities and Policy**

Appointment of Public Analysts and Agricultural Analysts

1 Purpose of Report

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for the appointment of Public Analysts and Agricultural Analysts pursuant to the award of a contract for the provision of Public Analyst Services to the Authority.

2 Information and Analysis

The Trading Standards Division has a statutory duty to enforce food composition and labelling requirements to ensure that food and animal feed in Derbyshire is safe and complies with the law. To monitor compliance, Trading Standards Officers carry out a range of activities including visiting local businesses and taking samples for laboratory analysis.

The analysis of samples is undertaken by laboratory that are designated as Public Analysts. Following a recent tender process a two year contract (with the option of two further one year extensions) has been entered into with Public Analyst Scientific Services Ltd (formerly Eurofins Laboratories Ltd), to commence on 1st April 2020. After the contract was awarded a list of individual analysts has been provided by the organisation so that appropriate individual appointments could be made through a subsequent report. These analysts are employed by the organisation and are not direct employees of the County Council.

We have been asked to appoint pursuant to the following legislation -

Food Safety Act 1990, Food Safety (Sampling and Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2013, Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013

Agriculture Act 1970, Animal Feed (Hygiene, Sampling etc. and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2015

Fertilisers (Sampling and Analysis) Regulations 1996, EC Fertiliser (England and Wales) Regulations 2006

the following persons to act as Public Analysts and Agricultural or Deputy Agricultural Analysts under the provisions of the above mentioned Acts and Regulations -

Public Analysts

Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, MBA, CChem, FRSC
Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Michelle Evans BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Donna Hanks BSc, MChemA, MRSC

Agricultural Analyst

Donna Hanks BSc, MChemA, MRSC

Deputy Agricultural Analyst

Watney Elizabeth Moran MSc, MChemA, MBA, CChem, FRSC
Duncan Kenelm Arthur BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Nigel Kenneth Payne MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Joanne Hubbard BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Lilian Emma Jane Downie MChem, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Michelle Evans BSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC
Kevin Wardle MSc, MChemA, CChem, MRSC

3 Financial Considerations

None

4 Legal Considerations

As outlined in the body of the report.

5 Other considerations

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

6 Key Decision

No

7 Call-In

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

8 Background Papers Held on file within the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department. Officer contact details – Steve Allen, extension 39837

9 OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member Health and Communities approves the appointment of the Public Analysts and Agricultural Analysts as detailed in this report.

**Emma Alexander Executive Director
Commissioning, Communities and Policy**

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

26 March 2020

**Report of the Executive Director for Commissioning,
Communities and Policy**

VULNERABLE PERSONS RESETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR DERBYSHIRE

(1) Purpose of the Report

To update the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities on the delivery of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement (SVPR) Scheme in Derbyshire.

To seek support to make a commitment to the new UK Resettlement Scheme, and for a continuation of the partnership approach under which Derbyshire County Council acts as the single point of contact and lead partner, including responsibility for financial arrangements.

(2) Information and Analysis

In September 2015 the Prime Minister announced that the UK would accept 20,000 Syrian refugees under the SVPR scheme, by the end of March 2020, in response to the crisis unfolding across Syria and Europe. Like many local authorities in the UK, Derbyshire agencies responded positively to the crisis forming a SVPR Partnership to look at the viability and implementation of a scheme for Derbyshire.

On 24 May 2016 the meeting of the Cabinet Member, Health and Communities approved Derbyshire's participation in the scheme. Since 2016 Derbyshire have pledged to welcome up to 130 refugees. A total of 108 refugees, in 25 family groups have resettled in Derbyshire and additional families are due to arrive prior to the end of March 2020.

Since 2015, the international migration climate has changed with more schemes being put in place by the Government to help the most vulnerable people in crisis across the world. In June 2019, the UK Resettlement Scheme was announced to commence in April 2020. This, in effect extends the current SVPR scheme. Many details remain the same, including the financial arrangements, however the new scheme will be open to all refugees identified by UNHCR to be in need of resettlement, and does not have a specific geographic focus. It is anticipated that for at least the first year of the scheme, the caseloads of refugees will continue to be similar to those resettled under the current scheme.

East Midlands Councils (EMC) will remain the lead organisation for the East

Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership. It will continue to provide support to local authorities to help to deliver resettlement, including coordinating offers of places and planning for the arrival of refugees. They will also continue to coordinate activities regarding asylum seekers in the region.

The Coordination of the SVPR is currently undertaken by Derbyshire County Council, but supported by the SVPR Partnership. It is proposed that the Partnership Group will continue to meet regularly to oversee, shape and develop the operation of the scheme in Derbyshire. This is a genuine partnership approach and will succeed by all agencies and key stakeholders working together in collaboration.

Caseworker support is currently provided by Upbeat Communities, a Derby based charity who specialise in working with refugees and asylum seekers. Their role is to work with the families directly and deal with the day to day issues which arise. Experience to date has identified that most families continue to require some level of case worker support until at least the end of their second year of resettlement, depending on their needs and how integrated and self-sufficient they are. Families with more complex needs are likely to take longer to achieve independence.

Communities within Derbyshire have been very welcoming, and families that have been resettled have integrated well. When asked *to what extent do you feel that your local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well?* All families answered positively. Individuals within five of the families have found paid employment since their arrival and the majority of families have one or more members of their household who regularly volunteer in their communities. All families attend English language lessons and many of those who arrived in 2016 and 2017 are now at Entry Level 3. All children aged 2 and above are in school or nursery. It is proposed to hold an event in the Spring to bring the families and partners together to celebrate the success of the scheme to date.

Under any future scheme we would seek to build on the successful delivery model we have developed under the current scheme. As is the case now, the County Council would be responsible for the financial arrangements of the scheme and would claim the funding from the Home Office. All costs associated with the co-ordination and delivery of the scheme are met from the funding provided.

The delivery of the scheme is dependent on district and borough councils providing support to secure housing. Approval is currently being sought from each of the district and borough councils that, once confirmed, would allow Derbyshire to make a formal commitment to participate in the new UK Resettlement scheme.

(3) Social Value Considerations

The Syrian VPR scheme will continue to provide a focused programme of support to fully integrate the refugees into their local communities, which will continue to foster positive relationships. Experience in the first 3 years has resulted in improved

outcomes for the refugee families and positive experiences for the local communities themselves.

(4) Financial Considerations

The refugee's resettlement costs, including co-ordination of the scheme, are fully funded by Central Government. For the first 12 months, an amount of £8,520 per refugee will be payable to the Council, received at regular intervals throughout the year. Funding will then be provided on a sliding scale, with the provision of £5,000 per refugee in year 2, reducing to £1,000 per refugee in year 5.

(5) Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, legal and human rights, equal opportunities, environmental, health and property considerations.

(6) Key Decision No

(7) Call-in The waiver of call in provisions is not required.

(8) Background papers

Held on file within the Commissioning, Communities and Policy Department.
Officer contact details Christine Flinton ext 38271.

(9) OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Notes the achievement of the SVPR scheme to date.
2. Agrees the commitment for Derbyshire to participate in the UK Resettlement Scheme from April 2020, subject to the support from district and borough councils.
3. Supports the continuation of the partnership approach outlined above and agrees that Derbyshire County Council will continue to act as the single point of contact and lead partner for the scheme, including responsibility for the financial arrangements.

Emma Alexander
Executive Director – Commissioning, Communities & Policy

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